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Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 1:23 AM
To: Noam Chomsky
Subject: Re: Re:

the chemicals and their actions storage, transmission, can=ot be sliced away. they are the ultimate source of language. the grammar of the cellular signals. , or shapes , i= protein folding. are the tinker toys . the =bject that they produce is your digital infinity

On Mon, Oct 19, 2015 at 8:05 PM, Noam Chomsky [REDACTED] > wrote:

I don't see where that gets u=. Everything is generated, ultimately, by the same sources. Bu= we still want to understand the nature of the visual, immune, enteric nervous, linguistic, etc., systems.

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but the words are generated by chemical electrical=C2 actions. . nothing more. there is no make believe force.=C2 . go to the source.

On Mon, Oct 19, 2015 at 7:06 PM, Noam Chomsky [REDACTED] > wrote:

She is great, great, great. But=for the moment, roles reversed. Valeria [REDACTED]
Had to call off our trip. Last=one was called off [REDACTED] Maybe the next one
because=our dog will have a nervous breakdown.

It's certainly true that ther= are all kinds of information transfer. Human language, a particular biological object, can also be used for this purpose (though it is hard to=comprehend the common claim that this is its "function").=C2 Suppose, however, that we limit ourselves to organ-to-organ signalin=. Would it be appropriate to ask why chemical signals are not "merely a signal for internal use", just like elec=rical, linguistic, other? I don't think so. We would w=nt to know what chemical signals are and how they work, and the same for e=electrical, linguistic, etc. They are all radically different, and their particular nature is the object of inquiry into them.<=>

And again, linguistic systems are radically different from the others in that signaling is only one of many uses of language, statistically speaking (for what that's worth, probably not much) a very minor one. And crucially, investigation of the nature of language has, I think, yielded mounting and significant evidence that in the design of language externalization altogether is a peripheral property, largely a reflex of whatever sensory modality is used, hence special uses such as communication even more so.

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cells signal each other by various means. =A0 . chemical gas . electrical, . , multicellular=C2 other chemicals. wider range of signals.

some sigals internal some external. =A0 . why is not " language merely a signal for internal use . organ to organ, sense to sense. the eyes telling nose where to turn. etc. . and then it gets vocalized for external signalling as part of a repertoire. gesture prosody etc. is there a universal vocalization , OW for example, when pain sensors engage? =C2 and vocalize as a by product of the info transfer. . =A0 I love to see how your wife takes care of you. great great great

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