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Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 12:50 PM
To: Noam Chomsky
Subject: Re: Re:

reciprocal altruism at work

On Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 8:49 AM, Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Back. She tried lifting somethi=g she shouldn't have. Doctor says it'll go away IF s=e takes care of herself. That's the problem. Have to w=tch her like a hawk.

From: jeffrey E. [mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8:25 AM
To: Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Re:

back ? leg?

On Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 8:17 AM, Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]> wrote:

She has a very good doctor, who we we=e able to see yesterday. But when she recovers from the torn muscle, might need a physical therapist. Right now we're try=ng to get through day to day.

Noam

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Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8:15 AM
To: Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Re:

oy . . we have great phy=ical therapist. orthopedist whatever she needs.

On Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 7:54 AM, Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]> >= wrote:

Everything called off.<=>

From: jeffrey E. [mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 7:26 AM
To: Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re:

does that mean your israel trip is off?

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

She is great, great, great. But=for the moment, roles reversed. [REDACTED] tore a muscle lifting someth=ng that she shouldn't have. Had to call of our trip. Last=one was called off because I broke a rib. 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=ectrical, linguistic, etc. They are all radically different, and their particular nature is the object of inquiry into them.<=>

And again, linguistic systems are rad=cally different from the others in that signaling is only one of many uses of language, statistically speaking (for what that's=E2 worth, probably not much) a very minor one. And crucially, =nvestigation of the nature of language has, I think, yielded mounting and =ignificant evidence that in the design of language externalization altogether is a peripheral property, largely a reflex of whatever sensory =odality is used, hence special uses such as communication even more so.

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Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 1:23 PM
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Subject:

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 u=e . organ to organ, sense to sense. the eyes telling nos= where to turn. etc. . and then it gets vocalized for external signalling as part of a repertoi=e. gesture prosody etc. is there a universal vocal=zation , 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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