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Sent: Friday, June 5, 2015 11:40 AM
To: Noam Chomsky
Subject: Re: language of the blind

Im only a few hours into her work, and strange=y enough . much of her evidence (cognizant of my bias)=br> oddly enough , seems to be in support of my naive conjectur= that the mapping from external light (an ordered set) =to coherent mental image is homologous to the mapping from mec=anical wave (an ordered set) to coherent sound image. (I thought =ou to suggest that neither are necessarily required for thought =A0 functions ie language does not need sound nor light It is possibl=e that .thought units and their relationships can be represented by = space of the homologous maps .this is what i believe you have called=language. she has great examples of blind pe=sons representations of verticals , horizontals stronger than she understa=ds. many many useful but clearly not dispositive exampl=s. Also unclear whether some of her " blind" shared = deficient map from light to image or deficient from image to represenatio= (sight blind). I "smell" elegant theo=ies ahead)::

On Fri, Jun 5, 2015 at 12:33 AM, Noam Chomsky [REDACTED] wrote:

Quite a few. Will have to give =t some thought, to winnow it down.

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who else do you respect. (not limited to field).=C2 . that we might find each other amusing

On Thu, Jun 4, 2015 at 2:10 PM, Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]>=wrote:

Very good to have a chance to talk today, as always.=C2 And enjoyed the follow-up conversation too. Interesting people= Especially Martin.

The study on acquisition of language by the blind th=t I mentioned is: Barbara Landau and Lila Gleitman, Language and Experience: Evidence from the Blind Child. From a=out 25 years ago. A real breakthrough at the time. There =99s been work since, much of it by Lila Gleitman and her students. L=la, incidentally, is someone you might want to get to know. An old friend, and a really outstanding psycholinguist-cognitive scientist= one of the best.

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Noam

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