

How Humans Learn to Communicate With Their Eyes

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The eyes are windows to the soul. What could be more obvious? I look through my eyes onto the world, and I look through the eyes of others into their minds.

We immediately see the tenderness and passion in a loving gaze, the fear and malice in a hostile glance. In a lecture room, with hundreds of students, I can pick out exactly who is, and isn't, paying attention. And, of course, there is the electricity of meeting a stranger's glance across a crowded room.

But wait a minute, eyes aren't windows at all. They're inch-long white and black and colored balls of jelly set in holes at the top of a skull. How could those glistening little marbles possibly tell me about love or fear or attention?

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