

A Coding Error

she said what she meant
in well-chosen word-symbols
perfectly clear, eh?

he heard what he chose
“I know her intent,” he thought
“I read her script”

he replied with care
in same language (so it seemed)
“I get it,” she thought

but something went wrong
unseen filters warped our view?
or coding error?

neither of us knew:
what I heard’s not what you meant
‘round and ‘round and ‘round

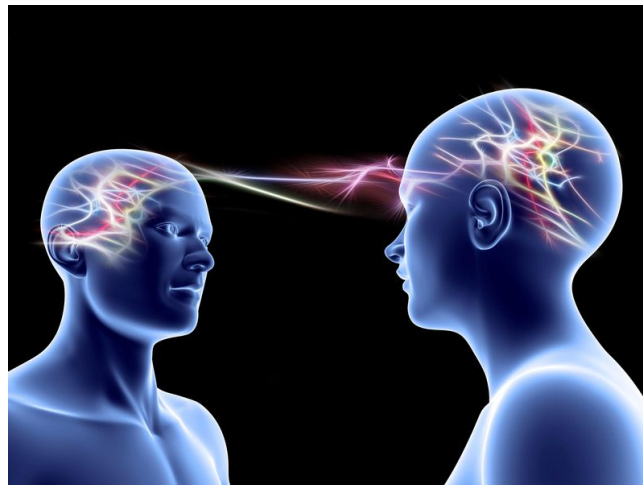


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