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ALL OF OUR FUTURES

16.1 MY FUTURE

16.2 YOUR FUTURE

16.3 A DETOUR INTO SEX

16.4 THEIR FUTURES

*So often times it happens that we live our lives in chains
And we never even know we have the key.*

The Eagles

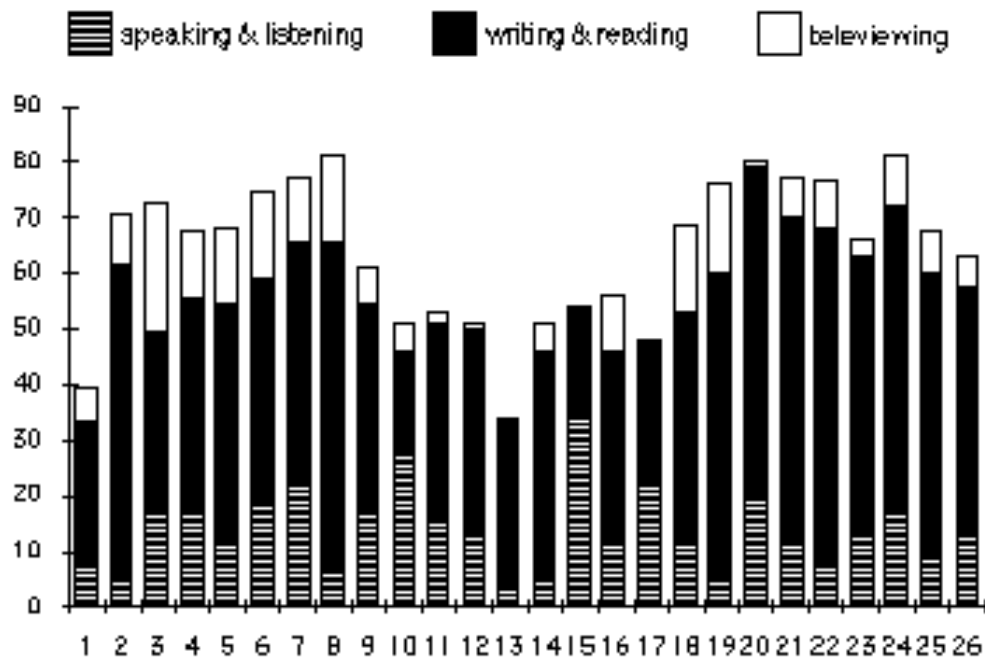
It's very hard to predict things - especially the future.

Yogi Berra

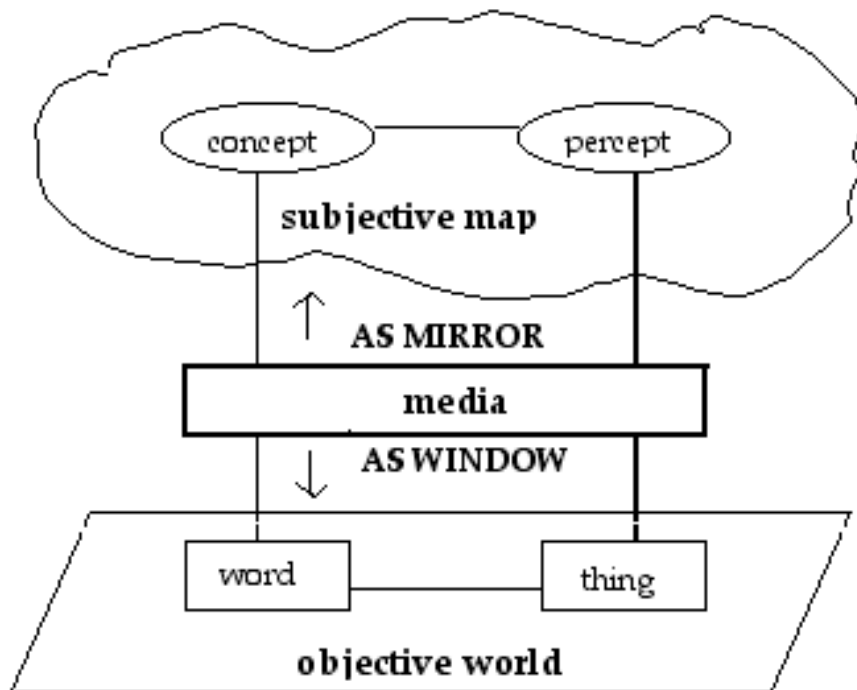
Only now are we beginning to sense a hinge in history, a time when the earth is beginning to move beneath our feet. In the near term (of an exponential increase in technology affecting human capabilities), the world could divide up into three types of humans. One would be enhanced, who embrace those opportunities. A second would be the naturals, who have the technology available but who, like today's vegetarians, choose not to indulge for moral or aesthetic reasons. Finally, there would be The Rest - those without access to those technologies for financial or geographical reasons, lagging behind, envying or despising those with ever-increasing choices. Especially if the Enhanced can easily be recognized because of the way they look, or what they can do, this is a recipe for conflict that would make racial or religious differences quaintly obsolete.

Joel Garreau, 2003

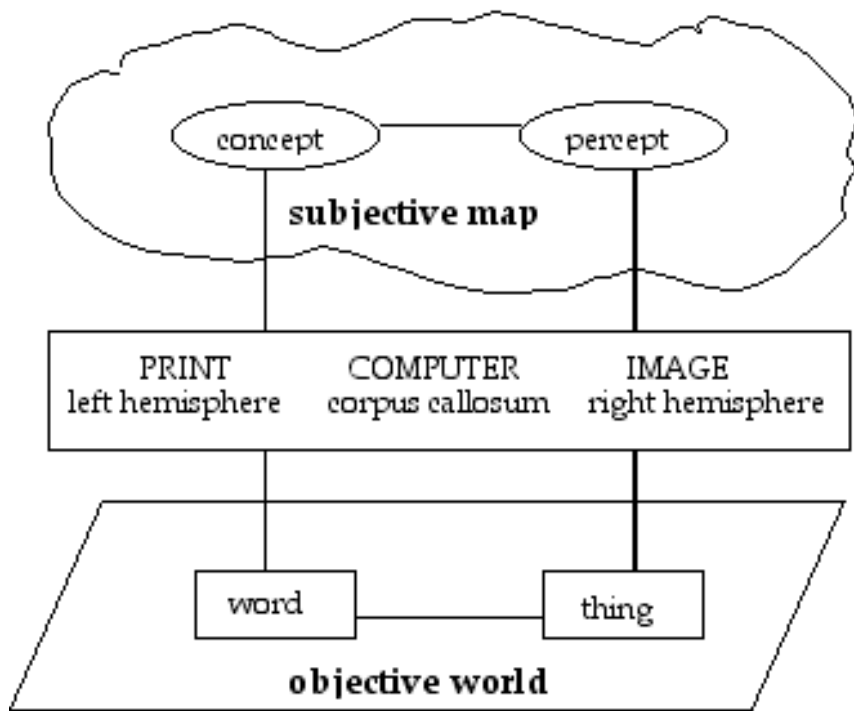
Most current computer users do not realize that they have more computer power at their fingertips than NASA had to send a man to the moon.



TIME SPENT COMMUNICATING



MEDIA AS WINDOW AND AS MIRROR



COMPUTER AS CORPUS CALLOSUM

1	00 - 20	Growing up in Scotland
2	20 - 25	Studying in Canada
3	25 - 30	Studying in United States
4	30 - 35	Teaching in Canada (Psychology)
5	35 - 45	Wandering around the planet
6	45 - 50	Thinking in Canada
7	50 - 70	Teaching in Canada (Media Studies)
8	70 - ??	Creating Simulations

A LIFE LIVED IN VOLUME-SIZED EPISODES



There's one thing computing teaches us and that's that there is no point to remembering everything. Being able to find things is what's important.

Douglas Coupland
Microserfs, Page 303

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