
From: Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 12:29 AM
To: jeffrey E.
Subject: RE: Re:

My own life and ways are so idiosyncratic that I doubt that could mean anything to anyone else.

I've never had any problem staying busy. Rather, the opposite. Can't get to the thousand things I want to devote thought and effort to. I have friends who, as they got older, lost ambition and interests. It's very sad, and you can see the effects. But that's one problem I haven't faced.

I've always been pretty much a loner – in work, in ideas, in social life. Apart from just acquaintances, have very few friends. Some I almost never see. Just gave a memorial lecture for an old friend, an Israeli logician. We were quite close, and met four or five times over 25 years, after the first few years when we lived and worked close by.

On pitfalls. Not enough insight even to take a stab at it.

From: jeffrey E. [mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 6:56 PM
To: Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Re:

how important do you think it is to stay busy? were true friends hard to come by or keep? as a human naturalist . what are the major pitfalls that you think i should beware of?

On Tue, Dec 29, 2015 at 6:52 PM, Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED]> wrote:

A very telling image. Exactly what it's like.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 6:51 PM

To: Noam Chomsky [REDACTED]
Subject: Re:

its almost like phantom limb syndrome. Im sure you look over expecting her to be there. and voila . not

On Tue, Dec 29, 2015 at 6:47 PM, Noam Chomsky [REDACTED] wrote:

Not as well as I thought I would. As I guess you know, I lived alone for years after my first wife died, and was pretty much alone for the previous two years of very intensive care at home. So being alone is not new to me – and I never had more than a very minimal social life. But it's strangely harder after the time I've been able to spend with Valeria.

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how you holding up without the little one by your side?

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