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Reasoning about self and others

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Propositions

1. Something as complex as higher-order theory of mind can benefit from something as seemingly simple as a visual cue. (Chapter 2)

2. Decision making on the basis of mental states is a flexible skill that can be improved. (Chapter 2)

3. Solving a particular problem is not as difficult as predicting how someone else would solve that very same problem. (Chapter 3)

4. Theory of mind is a specialized cognitive function. (Chapter 3)

5. People do not consider rational minds to be the same as mechanical devices. (Chapters 3 and 6)

6. Mental state inference is as simple as possible, as complex as necessary. (Chapter 6)

7. Theory of mind is too slow for traffic.

8. Music improvisations are better when theory of mind is applied.

9. The brain is a hierarchical pattern recognition machine. (Michael Wilkinson)

10. A good scientific writer has excellent theory of mind.