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The End of Conversation?

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Communicating isn't talking.

Communication introduces the interposition of a screen in our relationships with others, creating distance and physical absence. Useful and efficient, it calls for an immediate response and demands absolute availability. Conversation, on the other hand, is spontaneous; a shared form of speech that is more akin to a leisurely stroll. David Le Breton draws our attention to the dangers of this new absence in the world and the suffering it provokes. He encourages us to continue to smile at strangers and to talk about the rain and weather. Just to stay human.
