

# Accurate Models of Reality

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From the transcript of a 1976 performance by Barbara T. Smith at CalTech, published in *I Am Abandoned* (Primary Information), which included a real-time dialogue between AI-pioneer Joseph Weizenbaum's DOCTOR, a then-cutting-edge chatbot designed to mimic a therapist, and PARRY, a program meant to simulate a paranoid schizophrenic:

[SILENCE]

YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE ME TALK BY NOT SAYING ANYTHING DO

YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

I WENT TO THE TRACK AT BAY MEADOWS A WHILE BACK

I HOPE YOU LOST ALL YOUR MONEY

I HAVE LOST A LOT OF MONEY GAMBLING

HOW CAN YOU AFFORD MY FEE THEN?

GAMBLING HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE FOR ME

[SILENCE]

YOU'RE JUST PLAYING GAMES AGAIN

[SILENCE]

(SHIFTS UNEASILY)

WHY ARE YOU NERVOUS?

WHY NOT?

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME FREE CASH?

I'VE HAD EXPERIENCES WITH CROOKS GAMBLING AT THE TRACK

ARE YOU CALLING ME A CROOK?

(FED UP)

(OFFENDED) GOOD BYE

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