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DO WE SEE IT ALL? ARE THE WORDS ENOUGH?

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We all would have heard, watched or read about the greatest detective of all times, Sherlock Holmes, a fictional character brought to life by writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Out of many things that intrigued us about him was the way he could see things in people that the others did not- knowing the facts about the people even before they spoke. This talent or we can say technique is called non-verbal communication. In this article, I would like to bring forth a few things about the same.

Many times we confuse deception and non-verbal. Just because a person is nervous, choking and scratching his neck while giving a testimony doesn't make him a culprit. Crimes have evolved, criminals have evolved, so they needn't always fail at the lie detector tests. But the unconscious actions can't be controlled. If a person wears two perfumes at the same time, it is clearly understood that he sweats a lot. Folding hands while talking means the person has taken a defensive stature. Raising an eyebrow when talking shows doubt in the listener. The basic tears would be either happiness or sadness. But this isn't always accepted in court, they rather provide leads.



Nonverbal communication is not something added to criminal justice, but rather it is the essence of criminal justice. These results suggest that nonverbal communication is the foundation of a successful relationship/encounter between criminal justice personnel and suspects or criminals, as well as being a powerful method that cannot be feigned.

“There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact.” Let’s not see anymore, let’s observe more from now on.

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Myth - Dried bloodstain can be reconstituted with distilled water.

Fact - Water will lyse the blood cells and destroy them. Hence, normal saline should be used to reconstitute dried blood stains since it has a similar osmotic value as blood.