

Memory Loss

Let's suppose you've had a severe brain injury, losing all visual and auditory memory while retaining muscle memory and memory of tastes, touches, and smells. The appearance, voice, and bearing of every person you met would be unrecognizable. It would be as if you'd met them for the first time. The appearance and sounds of each place you found yourself in would be similarly new to you.

What would your life now be like? Would you know who you are? Would you have any comprehension of "I" or "me" or "mine"? Being visual and auditory, could you receive or produce language? Could you even think and meaningfully perceive? Could you ever learn to do new things? If your injury had been less severe, would changes in your life be different only in degree or is there a qualitative threshold.

Appreciate you memories,
even some of the bad ones.