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markets work imperfectly, or not at all for some people: for many workers who lack bargaining power, for members of marginalized groups who lack skills or are denied opportunities, for people who are sick, injured or retired. Like all good scholars, sensible economists acknowledge the limits to their own expertise and look elsewhere for constructive ideas.

One place they would do well to look is to what I've called the introspective sciences: literature, linguistics, philosophy and cognitive science. These are very different disciplines, but they do teach us how to think. Literature heightens our aesthetic and emotional intelligence; philosophy our capacity for rational and normative analysis; and cognitive science and linguistics our understanding of how we gain function