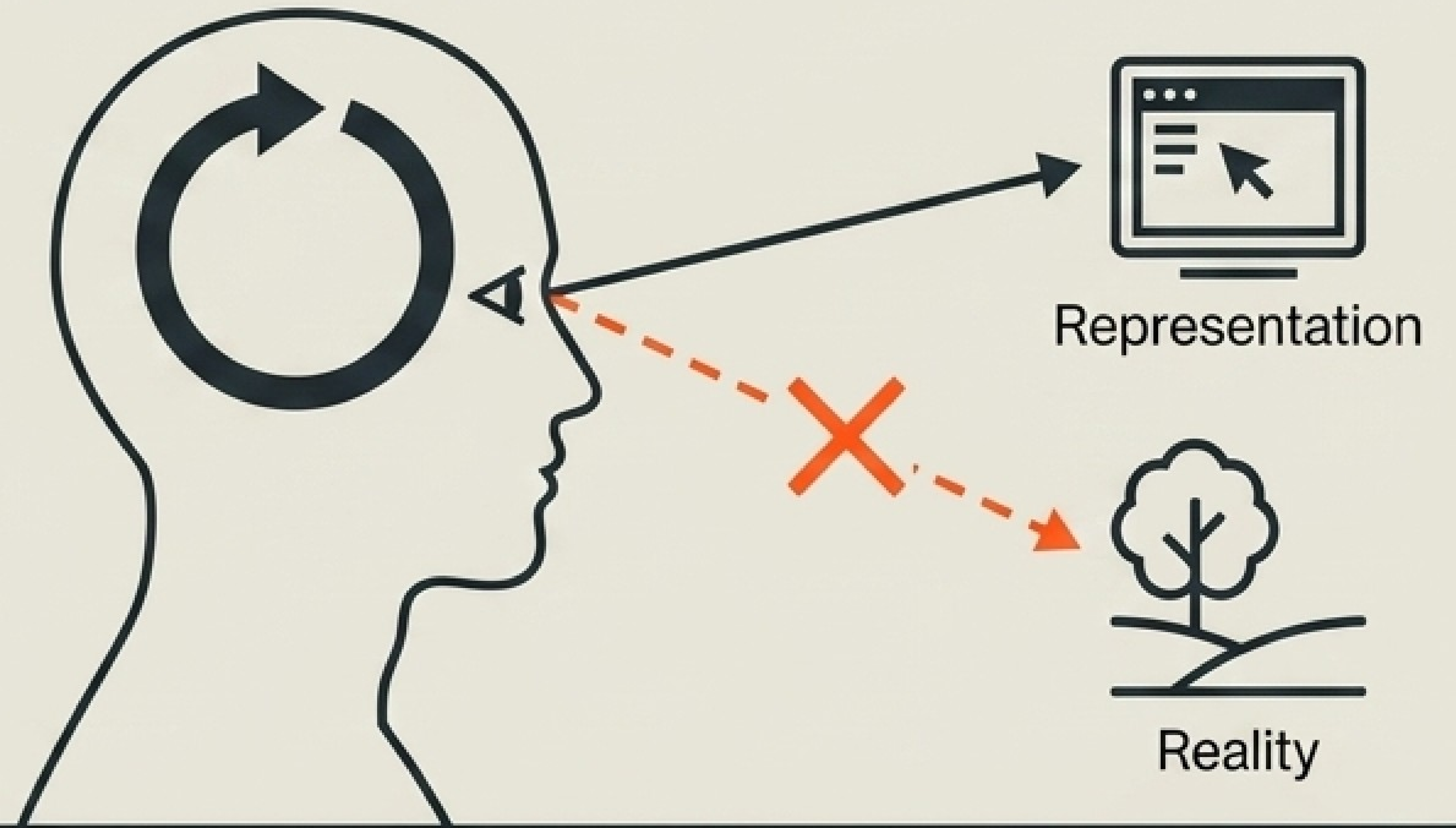


## Concept 07: Cognitive Drift

Human cognition remains active but disconnects from reality, increasingly relying on mediated representations rather than direct grounding.



## Observation Pattern

Interpretations build on prior interpretations rather than direct evidence. People feel informed but unable to act effectively.

"Thought can remain coherent and internally consistent, yet become increasingly self-referential."