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The official name of our species is Homo Sapiens; but there are many anthropologists who prefer to think of man as Homo Faber – the smith, the maker of tools. It would be possible, I think, to reconcile these two definitions in a third. If man is a knower and an efficient doer, it is only because he is also a talker. In order to be Faber and Sapien, Homo must first be loquax, the loquacious one. Without language we should merely be hairless chimpanzees. Indeed we should be something much worse. Possessed of a high IQ but no language, we should be like the Yahoos of Gulliver's Travels – creatures too clever to be guided by instinct, too self-centered to live in a state of animal grace, and, therefore, condemned forever, frustrated and malignant, between contented ape-hood and aspiring humanity. It was language that made possible the accumulation of knowledge and the broadcasting of information. It was language that permitted the expression of religious insight, the formulation of ethical ideals and the codification of laws. It was language, in a word, that turned us into human beings and gave birth to civilization.

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Traditionally humans are called Homo sapiens. And language can distinguish between a ^{man} human and an animal. An intelligent man without language is selfish and between ape-hood and humanity. Moreover, knowledge, information, religious insight, ethical ideals and laws are given by language. It has also transformed human beings and gave birth to civilization.

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