



fig 2. Homo sapiens

The relationship that humans share with the world around us is so valuable—our cultural and biological evolution has long depended on it.

The agricultural revolution enabled the establishment of settled communities, giving us an environment in which families could thrive. We've learned to nurture plant life on farms and in backyard gardens, and rely on these natural resources for use in food, clothing, and essential products.

We—since the first 'handy man'—have used materials found in the world around us to create, from cobbling the first Oldowan tool to building supercomputers. We form bonds with the animals around us; we let our cats and dogs sleep in our beds, while we use whale calls to fall asleep and bird songs as alarms in the morning.

We are just one tiny corner of the grand Tree of Life, and it is that interconnectedness that makes the Tree, and us, so special.