"The essence of man as a rational being is that he develops his potential capacities by accommodating the experience of past generations. Modern man may have no larger a brain, and no greater innate capacity of thought than his ancestor 5000 years ago, but the effectiveness of his thinking has been multiplied many times by learning and incorporating in his experience, the experience of the intervening generations. The transmission of acquired characteristics, which is rejected by biologists, is the very foundation of social progress. History is progress through the transmission of acquired skills from one generation to another."

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