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## *To Claude Lévi-Strauss*

*La Science ayant dans le Langage trouvé une confirmation  
d'elle-même, doit maintenant devenir une CONFIRMATION  
du Langage.*

Stéphane Mallarmé (1869)

*I believe that as the scope of science broadens further and with  
increasing speed, confrontations between disciplines become  
more than ever necessary.*

Jacques Monod (1969)