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Yes, the curse of having our way of transcending nature double crossed by her. She lets us make up and then come to rely on a self-constructed reality, and then keeps on changing the one we made ours from when we're not looking...! That's part of what I'm referring to when I mention the experience of finding we've been studying the wrong text book the week before the exam, and having to decide... whether to curse the instructor, and obstinately take the exam on the text we studied or not anyway... If you think of time as a process of change and the lag times we experience in mapping and accumulating associations, then remapping, the glitch between what we've studied and what we have to deal with is bound to be the normal condition. She's always changing the exam, even during the exam.

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Phil --

I think the distinguishing characteristic is that we relate to an imaginary rather than directly to a real world. We require a substitute construct for reality that is highly invested with our cultural and emotional values and designs. It was first thought that that was the same thing as intelligence, but now it appears to be just another mode of perception and full of all sorts of self-deceptions. Perhaps the more appropriate name would be Homo Fanticist, Homo Delerius or just Homo Dreamer. Vonnegut wanted Homo Loquax, for "the talker".

We sure have a major aversion to letting our cultural meanings and values shape themselves around the physical relationships of things on earth that exist.

Possibly because these are inconvenient for us. We transcend them because we represent them and then play with the representations. When we are forced to realize that the transcendence is less than all powerful, we curse them. This cursing itself is a declaration of transcendence.

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This is Stupid, I vote to change our scientific name to *Homo the sap*

We are as far as you can get from being wise!!

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Comments?

RPA's Petition To Change Human Beings' Zoological Name, submitted to the **International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN)** in London, aims to promote humane treatment of animals - an end to using and owning animals and destroying them and their natural homes and ecosystems.

The **Petition To Change Human Beings' Zoological Name** appears below and includes ICZN's mailing address. ICZN's e-mail address is iczn@nhm.ac.uk. Support of the Petition is welcome.

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**Petition To Change
Human Beings' Zoological Name**

WHEREAS "complex" describes human beings far more comprehensively than does "sapient" and so the Latin *complexus* describes human beings and

differentiates our species from others more accurately than does *sapiens*;

Whereas human beings act based on names and descriptors, accurate or not, at least as much as on demonstrated reality;

Whereas calling themselves by the inaccurate name *Homo sapiens* promotes and perpetuates an attitude in human beings of their own exceptionalism & superiority;

Whereas Carolus Linnaeus acted non-scientifically when he invented the name *Homo sapiens* - deferring to a belief in human exceptionalism & superiority based on established religion, to avoid persecution due to the lack of legal protection for free speech & thought in his time;

Whereas calling themselves by the inaccurate name *Homo sapiens* and deeming themselves inherently superior to and more worthy of consideration than other beings is a factor in human behavior that unjustly and to humans' and all other beings' disadvantage destroys other beings and disrupts Earth's ecosystems & biosphere;

Whereas, as long as the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature and the scientific community generally sanctions use of *Homo sapiens* for human beings, those who strive to teach ecology and ethics and to reverse ecologically destructive behavior and its consequences will be in the untenable position of referring to the beings perpetuating such behavior as sapient;

Whereas recognizing hyper-complexity rather than sapience as their distinguishing trait, human beings will be more likely to establish a less-unjust and less-destructive relationship to other beings and the rest of nature than

they have wrought to date;

Whereas the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is accepted worldwide as the authority on species names and therefore is in a position to change human thought and behavior for the better by giving our species a more accurate name;

THEREFORE, Responsible Policies for Animals, Inc., located in Glenside, Pennsylvania, USA, with members and supporters throughout the human world, urges the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, UK, to change human beings' species name to *Homo complexus* and to announce this change to the scientific community and to the human world generally.

Respectfully submitted this 5th Day of August, 2008.

Signed: _____

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Executive Director
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