

DAY 28 | Motif: Brain

TITLE | "Most Valuable Asset"

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Every human, especially Deaf humans, only need a brain and a language to become astronauts, scientists, teachers, meteorologists, lawyers, musicians, filmmakers, accountants, editors, publishers, politicians, you name it. That's right, only need a brain and a language. That's it. Nothing else, nothing more. The marvel of the brain's ability to learn a language knows no boundaries. It's only people that force boundaries, barriers and limitations on a human brain to acquire a language to gain knowledge. As famously quoted by Dr. Laura Ann Petitto "The human brain does not discriminate between the hands and the tongue. People discriminate, but not our biological human brain." Hence, the critical period for all humans to acquire a language is from birth to 5, if a human misses this window their cognitive development is detrimentally and severely impacted, which in turn detrimentally impacts everything else in their lives going forward. For Deaf babies, acquiring a language is a human birthright that should always begin at birth (root), and grow through the visual spectrum of their eyes, using what comes naturally to them - American Sign Language (or other countries' respective sign languages), which then ignites the most valuable asset/ organ/machine of a human being –the brain. Once the brain has full access to a language – then its trove of knowledge starts to grow and expand. Point is, depriving or restricting the brain's access to a language, is a silent form of holocaust of destroying minds rather than bodies. Sadly, this is very common among Deaf people due to Oralism.