

**Clay from the past —
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The discovery of clay and pottery played a major role in the settlement of the human population. Fire transforms clay into ceramic, a discovery that made cooking and storing food possible.

Did pottery boost the birth of agriculture or was it the other way around?

Different theories support both theses. This discovery could not have been based on pure luck, because one must combine too many factors in order to succeed.

For French speakers interested in the topic - I recommend this episode of the incredible podcast "sur les épaules de Darwin."

I think about the lost worlds that engendered us and the countless people that made objects with clay over thousands years.

I feel like there is a lineage, something very personal, that runs through my reptilian being and somehow guides and influences my practice. Something that makes me want to bring the ancient to the now and to the future.

Symbols and symbolic meanings are an extended part of this interest.

Twyla Tharp put into words the importance of symbols and metaphors in human interactions and creative endeavors. She talks about the metaphor quotient: "Part of the human intelligence is the ability to transform the meaning of one thing into something else. Without symbols and the ability to understand them, there would be no writing, no numbers, no drama, no art. Everything we create is a representation of something else, enriched by me."