With respect to the way I converse with people, I believe that being clear is crucial. Clarity beings in understanding. Without it, we would be no better than animals. Language being a symbolic structure, a simple dialect or a way of talking can easily be mis interrupted to something that was not intended. In my case, I not only have the issue of having been misunderstood just because I am not clear enough, but my way of talking and the accent also play a significant hinderance to my communication.

Now, whenever this happens, that is people don’t understand me or aren’t able to comprehend how I am talking or my manner of talking, it makes me feel less confident in myself. Yes, there are most of the times where I subconsciously overlook this part, but in retrospect or when talking to a friend, to an extent it makes me feel like I am not good enough to be heard or understood. I have realized by this, that language plays a vital role in ones identity as it solidifies who they are and how they want to be. Not being heard when want to speck, to an extent, is equivalent to being forced to remain quite. Just, in this case, the oppressor happens to be your own subconsciousness. I remember one time, when I had newly been acquainted with now a good and old friend of mine, his original dialect was different and thus was a bit difficult to talk to. This was back in India, so he was in the minority. I remember meeting him and he didn’t speak much. As we communicated more, there would be times that I genuinely not understand what he is saying. Those times, when I would tell him to repeat it, he would either refrain from talking or just give the most brief explanation of what he was talking about. He later told me that during these times, he felt inferior and that resonated in me. I would then force him to talk out as much as he can irrespective of what other people heard or not. Eventually he became more confident of what he was saying and how he was saying. I believe that I am in a similar boat and I need that kind of a support to get out of the subconscious bubble I have built up.

The normal functions of conversation do occur. I am able to relay the general idea, however its after more than the time I would want it to take. I do hope to improve on this ability of mine to ensure that I am more clear in my manner of speaking. I do love to talk and it would be very unfortunate if I were to not do something I cherish naturally and instinctively.