Unleashing the Power of Education

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The Power of Education

- What is the power of education?
- What does it mean to unleash the power of education?
- How do we unleash this power?
- It all begins with what we expect from education.
Expectation and Education

- It is hard to get more from an education than you expect to get from it.
- Pygmalion Effect: people perform better when you expect them to succeed.
- To get much from education we must expect much.
- Dr. Mihai Nadin of U. T. Dallas promotes “Anticipation Theory.”
Expectations and Anticipation Theory

- “Expectations influence results.”
- “Beliefs shape possibilities.”
- “Events fulfill intentions.”
- “Anticipation creates realities.”
- T.S. Elliot: “The end is where we start from.”
- M. Nadin: Anticipation creates the present from a future. “The cause lies in the future.”
A View of Education

- What you expect from education affects how you perceive an educational system.
- How you perceive the success of an educational system depends on your beliefs about education.
- Expectation & education are a feedback loop.
  - Education shapes your world view.
  - Your world view shapes education.
The Power of the Process

- Education is the key to the Good Life.
- This is the power of education.
- As the power of a spring comes from winding it, so the power of education comes from its process.
- The full power of education lies in a broad view of education in the process of life.
Winding the Spring – The Broad View

1. Education must have leadership
2. A supportive society
3. Nurturing & guidance within a good home
4. Teaching self-control

Society’s Contribution

The Family’s Contribution
Winding the Spring

5. Teaching thinking and reasoning
6. Teaching facts
7. Teaching the art of inquiry
8. Developing & refining sincerity

Foundations for Thinking
Critical Thinking
The Unity Principle

There is unity between learning and action.

- Why Socrates said, “Virtue is knowledge.”
- Learning is the beginning of action.
  - Winding the spring
- Action is the completion of learning
  - Unleashing the power

Education is power
A. Sincerity is the foundation of our humanity.
B. Sincere inquiry leads to successful investigation.
C. Successful investigation adds to our knowledge.
D. New knowledge tests our reasoning and improves our minds.
E. A perceptive mind supports self-cultivation through introspection

F. Adults create orderly families by first cultivating themselves.

G. An orderly society is made up of orderly families.

H. Harmony between orderly societies leads to world peace.
The Process of Education

- Highest goals in the path for youth:
  - Independent inquiry
  - A sincere heart
- These come from the wellspring, or root, of a good home.
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- Highest goals in the mature path:
  - A good family
  - A harmonious society
  - A world at peace

- These come from the wellspring, or root, of sincerity.
Unleashing the Power

- We must have the right goals for education:
  - For the young the goal is a sincere heart
  - For the mature the goal is a harmonious world.

- Education must be rooted in the right soil:
  - For the young – the good home
  - For the mature – the sincere heart
The Process Summarized

- Human nature shapes society.
- So shape human nature.
Education Leads to Action

- We should expect education to develop self-actualizing individuals.
- We should expect self-actualizing people to transform society.
- We must anticipate education leading to a better society and a better world.
- Self-transformation leads to world transformation.
Real education transforms the human heart.
The transformed heart transforms the world.
Education is a Process

- Life is a process of learning and growth.
- Education is a part of the process of life.
- We get the full power of education when it fulfills its true role in the process of life.
Expectations for Education

- People are important.
- We must expect education to develop:
  - Good people
  - Successful people
  - Self-actualizing people
- We must view education as a never ending process for the individual and the community.
The Power of Education

- Education fulfills our humanity by refining our human nature.
- Our human nature will carry us to our destiny.
- Character is destiny.
- Shape character to claim your destiny.
- Choose your destiny!
Conclusion: a Paradigm Shift

- Education goes beyond schooling.
- Education is rooted in the family.
- Education empowers people.
- Education is the true wealth of the community.
- Education is hope for the future.
- Education is destiny.
- We can shape our destiny with the Winding Spring Process of Education.