

## **First: Are schools good for our children?**

Leaving our financial interest aside, Is our school good for our children? All that we hear students talking about is who likes who in the class, favorite movies, sports etc. Emerson said, “We are shut-up in schools and college recitation rooms for 10-15 years and come out at last with a belly full of word and do not know a thing. Oscar Wilde added, Education is admirable thing but nothing worth knowing can be taught?”

Parents pay schools to forcefully train their children on what is practically useless to everyone. Children probably learn what they do not want to learn. Further, All children do not need to learn same stuff. Teachers take great pain & time to teach children what is not natural to them.

School Education is becoming a business. Why should the Businessmen decide what children should know and then test them constantly to see if they can recite the spoon-fed and grow up to become their obedient slaves or perhaps missionaries of consumerism, capitalism?

Schools should be re-creation centers. Given the opportunity, I would design Vidya Sanskar School like a Disney Land. Where children came everyday to learn and play what they are interested in. School should be an attractive place where children can be themselves. Purveyors of education must let children grow according to their God gifted or natural abilities and interest?

Further, why don't we let our children grow according to their early indications, interest and abilities? Why do we always want to kill their curiosity? Curiosity is the very basis of education. Millions saw the apple fall, only Newton asked why!

School culture is so much focused on students pleasing teachers and seniors? Why is so much violence permitted on the name of discipline? Every doctor's first lesson is “First is to do no harm.” I think it is also good for teachers. These children are not ours and therefore we shouldn't do any irreparable harm to their personality by our actions and words.

School has a social and psychological setting in which children learn sense of community, behavior and usefulness to society. Teachers are strongest impact on children. How good are our teachers?

Students of Vidya Sanskar are not from poor and under privileged ones but the fortunate ones from creamy layer who can afford to follow their dreams. It is important for future generation to learn what they want to learn. They must also be educated on how to live life, like an evangelist of goodness and nobility. Because a life with a noble purpose, is definitely a successful life!

Schools effectiveness is about a great deal more than maximizing academic achievement. Stress should be to synergize physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual energy/abilities. We are totally missing spiritual part in our school. What happened to making them their own light?

## **Second: Are Globalization, Government, Nationalistic and International Education and Spiritualism inter related?**

How did Languages, Cultures, Education Methodologies came about? Because of Government? Government facilitates growth, speed and direction of the nation. Does this permits them also to decide on the school/education? Why?

I think, Government is the problem itself of education and not the solution. Countries, Corporate, Political parties are working overtime to create people who are well trained and loyal for their self interest and not what is in best interest of the world as a unit. Education should be well left for entrepreneurs.

Theories of Capitalism are deciding the speed and direction of cultures world wide. Should not national and international systematizers and great renouncers like Gandhi, free thinkers and probing scholars put their say in school education?

Is it better to bet on Individuals or Institutions? Is economy everything? Should we protect the weak or fight wars? Should we impose profiteering and consumerism ideologies on human life and nature?

Human brain is a cultural artifact. Child learns more at school than home, through social situations, watches vocalization, preferences and choices made by elders. The culture software is loaded into brain, like an operating system, social programming or impression of young minds, is done through pandits of modern era—TV and Internet. How do we change/challenge such deep rooted mental habits of society?

Globalization is bringing in Inter-racial marriages. Interplay of genes and culture has produced a formidable range of abilities and intelligences in our society. Those who benefit from social engineering and modeling are calling it dangerous. Usefulness of such children is that they will become enhanced citizens of future. These new child brains also have identity crises and their own new set of problems.

Nationalistic Goals Collide with Globalization. Conflict between India First, India focused Internationalism and truly global India can only be solved through a unique system of education. One of the most important element and inseparable constituent of which is Spiritualism!

Spiritualism is globally unifying factor. Senses teach us selfishness but spiritualism teaches psychic unity of mankind is universal and natural approach for global unity. Without which, education is incomplete. Study of God is the highest subject, as believed by Swami Vivekananda.

What do you think?

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