



Education, a Continuous Process for Perpetual Students

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The word education is derived from "edu-care" which means to nurture. In the words of Herbert Spencer it is "a preparation for complete living." By way of contrast, consider the young student of today as saying: "Once I finish this course I shall never go for any other studies". Probably, the psychological trauma and the physical strain experienced during the studies makes them to express such ironical ideas. Partly it may be due to the system of education or due to the attitude of educators that are involved in the education of the younger generation. Many a times, it is not the load of work that is responsible for the students to get into frustrations, but it is the attitude and lack of insight of the teaching staff to understand the students and their difficulties. The faculty should stimulate the students to future challenges in an exciting manner. The students also should not go with the idea that studies are just a bed of roses but also should think of the thorns in them. Hence, any study is difficult and strenuous and the outcome of their difficulties and strains are greatly rewarded immediately after the result is out. Success should be achieved only after hard work and this only will give greater satisfaction and joy to one's life. Hence students should think and pre-determine that they will have an uphill task for greater achievements. Once one has set one's mind to such an ordeal, everything appears good and easy going.

Another important consideration is to endeavour for education for self-improvement, self culture and not for financial or prestige gains

primarily. No doubt, selfish motives overpower the human aspirations, but a lot of training of one's own mind would relieve one of the egocenteredness in him/her. Perhaps all this could be achieved only through higher education for self. We should think that we are perpetual students of life and age should not be barrier for learning. As age and education advances, our behaviour also should get moulded and become more sophisticated and enriched with original thinking. This is the need for the day particularly in our country rather than developing oneself into a carbon copy of some other nation. Creative ideas are ample in our people but little or no encouragement is given to such people because of vested interests, lack of ideas or rigidity to adapt themselves to innovations. Every other discipline is gaining a lot of scientific advancement at a very rapid pace but it is lacking in nursing particularly in our country. The leaders of nursing in India should accept change and imbibe in right thinking and creative ideas and also include the same in the budding students of our profession.

It is for the student themselves to play an important role in their personal development, as one of the principle of teaching or learning is "Self Activity" and the teacher's role is just guidance. Hence, it is my appeal to every student to really think and work hard in order to enrich their own selves and march ahead towards progress.

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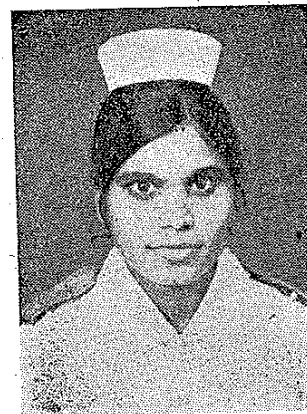
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