

EDUCATE YOURSELF

The great Kundalini Yoga master, Yogi Bajan, once said, 'We don't teach Kundalini Yoga to everyone. We teach it to only those who initiate themselves. We can't initiate them; they themselves have to initiate themselves for themselves.'

I feel and understand same for 'education'. I can't educate you and you can't educate me unless the seeker has the desire to seek 'education'. Until and unless you are not going to initiate yourself for getting educated, no government policy will come to your rescue. This is the essence of life. You take it, obey it or leave it - it is all up to you but it is there.

The idea of education is to make you learn to think for yourself. How many times have you asked yourself, 'Why do I study? What is the need to study?' We don't read and write out of fun. We read and write because we are the members of human race and human race is filled with passion. Just plough yourself and find out where in you lies the passion to teach yourself, the art of learning to think for yourself.

Before you put into your mind what's written in your text-books, enquire; why is it there? It's not that somebody was playing ludo with a dice having names of stories; the ones that appeared were put in. You cannot even imagine to live your tomorrow, if today you don't know your yesterday. History is the key to unlock the door of better tomorrow. The essence of that history lies in your text-books. Don't engulf the text-book so that you can vomit it out on exam day. Interpret it in to yourself. Show out the text-book is in you. Don't be a carrier of text-book, be the text-book.

Millions of people have walked on the face of earth carrying loads of knowledge and have walked from womb to grave. Only they lived the life who rubbed their sticks to produce light. The word is - *work*. Do something. At least you will move from the place you are at. Something will show up. But initiation will be yours alone. Initiate and initiate. Nobody is going to initiate your lungs to suck in air. You do it for yourself and I do it for my-self.

I thank Mark Twain for telling me, "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do, then by the things you did do. So throw away the bowlines and sail away from the harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, dream, discover." I thank him today for telling me this and you will thank me for telling you, "The choice is yours. Wear white and be a saint or wear dozen colors and be a joker."

My teacher told me about this battle and yours tell you. Everything has a moral but only if you can find it. Educate yourself and be yourself. Don't ever try to be someone else. Be what you are and keep on educating yourself. If you try to be someone else, you lose yourself to yourself and in the process you will lose everything else. Because you will lose your character and they say this; once character is lost, everything is lost.

This message remains incomplete if I won't reveal to you the solutions of the problems that come once you initiate yourself to educate yourself. Margaret Thatcher solved it by saying, "If my critic saw me walking over the Thames, they would say it is because I couldn't swim." I tell you, you may have to fight a battle more than once to win it. There are times when you need to dare and there are times when you need to get back. Wise men know - When is what?

Initiate yourself, educate yourself and be wise; of course, yourself.

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