

EXPLORE YOUR SELF

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Youth are bounded with an inertia regarding their individual as well as their social responsibilities. The basic problem lies with the youth is that they are lagging behind with the awareness about their innate talents, choosing a career matching their talents and having a clear vision about their career prospects. Despite this, they are being influenced by friends, family and media in choosing their careers.

According to Prof. Sponder, a teacher of our former President Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam, “one should never worry about one’s foundations, but have a sufficient amount of aptitude and passion for one’s chosen field of study. The trouble with many students, Prof. Sponder observed, was not necessarily a lack of educational opportunities or industrial infrastructure- the trouble was in their failure to choose their field of study with sufficient care”.

Later, when they meet with failures, they fall into chaos and depression. And in such disturbed psychological conditions, they resort to hasty decisions. (Or) they continue their profession with utmost dissatisfaction. As a result, they are unable contribute the best to their profession. A recent statistic states that majority of people employed in the U.S. are not much satisfied with their work. Many of them are after another profession.

When one is not using one’s innate talents to run his/her life and do one’s work, he/she is under stress. The individual cannot be happy and make his/her life full-fledged; unless his/her profession is not consistent with his/her natural abilities and skills. This stress can cause their psychic immune system undergo unanticipated changes, finally resulting in a misery that cannot be recovered.

“If you are a writer who would secretly prefer to be a lawyer or a doctor, your written words will feed only half the hunger of your readers; if you are a

teacher who would rather be working a business, your teaching will meet only half the need for knowledge of your students; if you are a scientist who hates science, your performance will satisfy only half the needs of your mission. It is critical to become emotionally involved with one's work, such that any obstruction to the success of that work fills one with grief".

That is why we are not getting much production in various fields resulting in under development and people are unable to get individual recognition. If the parents and individuals try to explore their innate talents and harness these talents towards establishing their individual careers, no doubt, they will emerge into successful personalities. If vocation and avocation lies in the same field, they certainly have fruitful careers. A majority of artists, sportsmen, politicians, businessmen etc. stand as icons of success as they strived hard in this direction. Otherwise, we may not have the fortune of visualizing the careers of Sachin Tendulker, Vishwanathan Anand, Swamy Vivekananda, Indira Gandhi, A.R.Rahman, J.R.D.Tata et.al.

As a young cartoonist, Walt Disney faced many rejections from newspaper editors, who said he had no talent. One day a minister of church hired him to draw some cartoons. Disney was working out of a small mouse infested shed near the church. After seeing a small mouse he was inspired. That was the start of the Mickey Mouse.

If we observe the world history, the developments in all the fields happened just because of the strivings of the people with innate talents. Starting from Wright Brothers invention to latest developments, every scientist, technocrat, doctor, player, artist, administrator etc. have realized their potentials, refined and empowered them into successful careers to make the progress happen. But, they are very few in number. If this attitude is initiated and cultivated among every individual, we can witness many amazing events and much advancement in every sector.

Shiv Khera opines that, we all have hidden treasures. All we need to do is to bring them to the surface and use them.

The responsibility of recognizing and nurturing such talents and competencies at an early age lies with both the parents and the teachers. They have to shower attention towards such gifted talents and provide them the necessary facilities in

order to let them excel in their careers. It is not only necessary to improve the performance of the lowest performers but also to ensure that those with inherent talents are allowed to flourish. When such talented children are allowed to prove their unique talents, they will explode their talents to ever greater achievements.