COMPUTER AGE EDUCATION VS. OLD-SCHOOL APPROACH: WHICH IS MORE EFFECTIVE?

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Albert Einstein didn’t use computer when he came-up with the Theory of Relativity. Likewise, Newton never experience travelling in outer space yet he formulated the Law of gravity. It probably took them some great deal of study, research and some stroke of genius.

Back then, only limited facilities are available in order for them to discover the things which eventually made great impact in many people’s lives then and now. In retrospect, because of the limitations of facilities in regard to education in the early days, there are also some fallacies on certain ideas which are corrected later. Like for an instance, people of long ago believed that the earth is flat, at the farthest end of the earth, you might fall down. Obcourse, this belief is absurd and it was proven that the earth is round. Some historians made reference from the travels of Ferdinand Magellan. Other example is the inaccurate details among the maps depicted on some parts of the world in the earlier days. Certainly, it was corrected later as the education system advances like when the more sophisticated navigational instruments are invented. What is very distinct in education in the earlier times is that there are no significant distractions as far as the students are concern. Because of this, students concentrated fully on their studies alone specially the gifted ones. Noticeable also is the strick standard of old-school teachers who are passionate and professional in teaching their students.

Today, education can no longer be confide only in the classroom. There are institutions that offer non-formal, in the house or cyber education. (But majority can agree to the fact that formal education is still the best institution for a student’s full educational
development.) One can study or research via Google, Wikipedia, facebook and other existing network or websites. Studying in these modern times maybe beneficial to many students since all logistics are available everywhere. What appears to be distractions to students are the excessive inflow of so many tech gadgets and emergence of “Social Media” phenomenon in the entire planet. This phenomenon is now considered not just a social status but a “must have” to everyone. It can very well be a great friend or can be a worst enemy if it is not properly use.

Limited means enabled old-school approach to limit its full potential towards achieving advancement to human development and perfection in the quality of life yet there are great minds who contributed very well in old school approach, became the birth of technologies which is being enjoyed today.

On the other hand, computer age education is superior to its truest sense. There are notable breakthroughs in Science, Engineering, Architecture, Business, Social services etc. But these are one also downsides to the inflow of too much technology. Advance technology should only reach it full positive potential so that the lives of the next generation will be greater than of their predecessors.

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