EDUCATION, ENLIGHTENMENT AND AUTHENTIC LIFE

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We become what we choose to be. A lot depends on the decisions we make, which should be consciously and carefully examined before undertaken. Most of the time however, we just spontaneously decide. Nevertheless, all our decisions proceed from whether through thinking or spontaneously; our consciousness which is the reservoir of all our experiences, memories knowledge, insights, principles, attitudes, desires, fears, dreams and illusions.

As we aim to choose and become the best we can be, we need to consciously choose to act based on truth. Therefore, the kind of life we live depends on how we see the truth about things and people. But what helps us see and understand the truth about things around us? Our perception of truth depends on our education and experiences.

We look at the truth throughout the lens of our consciousness. With a clear lens we perceive the truth and we attain what philosophers call “Enlightenment”. But with the lens cloud by our fears, insecurities, evil desires, selfish attitudes, wrong principles, empty illusions and negative memories, we perceive as true what in reality is falsehood. We choose, we act and we live according to what we consider is the truth.

I consider education as the process of arriving at the truth or of attaining enlightenment so as to enable one to live authentically. It is, therefore, the function of education to enable each one of us to analyze and reflect, in the light of the truth, not only on the present contents of our consciousness. Such is the noble role of education.
As a teacher, I hope that students could honestly say that they have become enlightened and they are living the way they consciously choose to live to become what they choose to be.

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