ENLIVEN WISDOM

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Normally, when we look around we see things, people and situations that have nothing to do with our lives. Most of the situations we encounter are simply the situations that belong to us. Each gives us a lesson to ponder our personality, our beliefs and our philosophies in life. In education, philosophy is very much needed. It is the first subject that is being taught to pre-service teachers. Philosophy is the study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality and existence. A core subject that needs to be installed and internalized to an aspiring teacher as he walks through the path of being an educator.

As a teacher, we barely ask ourselves if we have a guiding principle; a structured viewpoint in which we use in teaching young minds. Definitely, we are used to the system of education ‘just to teach’, maybe, there are still other motivating components such as loving the students, good companionship with colleagues, goals in the career path chosen, etc. However, these are good indicators of having a positive philosophical outlook that makes a competitive educator. Yet, is it sufficient? Academically speaking, philosophy is the study of fundamental nature of knowledge, but, when is knowledge being taken into an end? Is it after you have graduate college? Or after successfully defended a thesis write-up? Or is it a never ending story of hows and whys?

The world have shown only a pinch of what it can give – these are the thing we see, we want to see, and we never expected to see. Then, eventually, it becomes us. A person honed by different obstacles, circumstances and impediments just to actualize those pictures we captured with our minds. Somehow, as a teacher we enable to convey these attributes, attitudes and beliefs to our students. We become someone else’s ideal
self. It is not through the books we have read or the computations we have made inside our mathematics class but these are the outlook we chose live with. A piece of the picture we used to play in our minds. A philosophical view that turns knowledge into wisdom. A reality to live in and an existence to celebrate with. A philosophy that holds true by saying, “A teacher affects eternity; through a process called philosophy and a product known as Wisdom.”

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