THE COMPLEXITY OF STUDENTS

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Albert Einstein, the Father of Modern Physics, believed that everybody is a genius in their own right, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid. It is one of his strongest argument that the modern school setting should not be limiting and stereotyping. Different students have different needs and wants, different motivations and drive. Albert Einstein himself was a school dropout, it is a known fact that he did not thrived well at school and have problems keeping up with other students. But that does not mean he is stupid, in fact he is one of the greatest mind that ever lived. It just so happens that he has problems with being in a school setting.

In modern times, the best example is the CEO of Microsoft, Bill Gates, he once said that when he was in college he did not pass all the exams, in fact he failed in some of it, his friend on the other hand passed all of it. Now his friend is an engineer working for Microsoft, he owns Microsoft. He is not a straight A’s student, but he has a business mind which led to him to building one of larges company in the world. Then there’s the founder of and creator of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, he too was a College dropout, but he did not let that get in his way. Now he owns Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat, which basically mean that he owns all the huge player in the social media game. Both Gates and Zuckerberg earns billions a day. Mark even finished his doctorate recently. These people did not do excellently in school, they were regarded as odd and outcasts. But they proved everyone who ever doubted them wrong and created history.

It only shows how the performance at school is not only basis on whether someone will succeed or not. There are complex variations of students. It is not just black and white,
smart and stupid. Every child has something that is above the rest, a particular strength or special skill that set them apart. It is a matter of discovering. In a way Teachers are like miners, they dig up all the raw diamonds and polish them to become something brilliant. Every piece is different, no cut of angle is similar. Learning and education should not be just confined in a classroom or a book. In real life nothing goes accordingly as planned. And uniformity is an imaginary concept that promotes unrealistic expectations for children. Let them be the shape they want to be; be the difference they are meant to be.

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