THE PROPER GUIDANCE: ON WALKING EXTRA MILES IN THE GARDEN OF BLOOMING DREAMS

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“We are so happy to advise others that occasionally we even do it in their interest.”
Jules Renard (1864 - 1910)

Have we not tried to be the best teacher our students ever love? Have we not deal with all their concerns whether academic, financial, or even love life? Have we not, all of us, create a world that reflects our students’ ideal of a good and model teacher? If they were plants, is this enough sunshine, water, and a nutritive soil? Today’s education is child-centered, which means that the learners’ holistic individuality should be carried over the teachers’ wealth of knowledge. There is no place for a teachers’ high degrees and achievements – these were used primarily to supplant ranking needs and promotions. But inside the classroom, the focus of the teachers is for the learners to exhibit their ideas, let them speak, explain, and recreate the world through the beauty of their perspective.. On the other hand, if these ideas are not evident because of various factors like the students are not able to express themselves, were shy, and they were afraid if their answers were right, the teacher must emphasize two things – that, for one, there is no wrong or right opinion, unless it transgresses laws of God, nature, and man.

I can stand in front of my students thinking they were kings and queens whose answers must be respected, and they as well seated down and silent with respect that the person in front of them serves them their good future. Secondly, have we given our best every night writing the lesson and every day delivering the lessons. While all professions were done except for the night shifts, teachers becomes the night owl working throughout the night. Is this not the sunshine that scintillates in the night sky?
Is this not the water that keeps the students’ frail bodies stand firm just like a stem from a sprout of a mung bean? Thirdly, we have, all of us, create a world that reflects our students’ ideal of a good and model teacher. Future doctors, lawyers and other professions congest themselves in a room, crowding their dreams into existence, and vanishing doubts away through the guidance of a teacher. Indeed, through a teacher, and through a teacher alone can we supplant a better future in our society. And yes, indeed, they were plants – there is enough sunshine, water, and a nutritive soil in the world of teaching.

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