VALUES

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During my childhood days, me and my cousins are scolded and punish due to not giving respect to our parents and elders by not replying with respectful words of “Yes or No”, in Filipino language it was “PO and OPO”. The same way we are corrected or amended of the tradition of respect in elderly of taking their hands and touch it in our foreheads or “Mano” in Filipino language.

It has been a wonderful decade of working in the Department of Education as a teacher, it has ups and downs, but nothing was cannot be overcome, surpassing all trials and short comings. For a decade I have experience and observe that respectful trait of a Filipino child by means of those traditions I mention before was fading away. A very simple tradition of respect that was easy to remember and done by heart and mind, why? It is an argument of the education sectors the same with different professionals with the Filipino children’s behavior. Teenager hurt themselves or others, being disrespectful to their parents, elderly and other people as well to authorities.

Are this triggered by Nature or Nurture? For me it was both. We cannot disregard Nurture for the reason of we are entering a total computer age. Social media was a very big influenced in a very fragile mind of a child. As an educator it is the main purpose of letting them learn as much as information we can give to them thru their subject and school activities but it was in a constructive and objective way compare to those things that they have been learning in the internet most likely to those social media platform visually and verbally. They are exposed to those blog, short film, video clips; audio feeds that are free from regulation. The internet and social media platform are so wide to regulate and monitor. Now, if we are talking about Nature, a certain 3 years old child
was free any outside influences unless the parents itself feed the child with correct behavioral traits. It was said that the moment a child reach his or her age of 3, it was the right age to feed all basic information of thoughts, behavior and conduct for it was the stage wherein all can be easily absorb and learned. It was now the question of how a parent will do that. Can it be successful if the family is broken, if the child was a result of early pregnancy, if the child was an orphan, if the child was left alone and thrown anywhere after birth or if the child lived a not ideal or not conducive environment? These are the several factors that can answer the nature of a child, because a child nature was innocent and can be only altered if how does he lived thru his or her life and how he or she was raised by the family they belong. So we may conclude that in both Nature and Nurture, the guidance of the parents and guardian plays a big role in inculcating behavioral traits and values of the child, their interest and wellbeing.

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