

Letter to the Editor

Passion Leads to Professionalism

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ABSTRACT

In this essay, I would like to present a collection of my observations and views about passion which leads to professionalism in one's life.

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1. Passion

During the last Teacher's Day Celebrations of the Indian School Salalah, Mr. Cyril Samuel, President of the School Management Committee (SMC) said "**Singing is my passion**". What struck my mind was the potential of this remark to motivate the audience. The word 'passion' attracted me deeply. It perturbed me enough to study the word "Passion" of persons.

If singing is the passion of SMC's President Cyril, what is my passion? What is our passion? What are the passions of others who cannot sing? What do they do and what are their activities? What are the intrinsic interests, talents and skills of our students and how to identify them?

The hidden talents and skills of students reveal themselves as a passion if they are identified during the early stages. Their continuous efforts in honing their skills will enable them to become professionals. Some may have hobbies and some may have passions. When any hobby is continuously practiced it eventually converts into a passion which in turn leads to professionalism. The talents and skills in the human body characterize a person.

This thought made me analyze my own passion. If singing is Cyril's passion, then thinking is my passion. Since my childhood I have been a deep thinker. Over the years, this hobby has made me passionate about Physics and this has pushed me to become a professional in Physics.

**Thinking is my Passion,
The Passion is for Physics,
The Physics is Philosophy.**

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In physics, we have one principle called the ‘**Pauli’s Exclusion Principle**’ which states that, **in an atom, no two electrons can have the same quantum numbers**. No two particles, no two bodies and no two human beings can have exactly the same properties and same characters.

What I am emphasizing here is the significance of Passion. Passion determines your likes and dislikes and your inclination towards a particular field. In this process you eventually explore your talents. You can only be professional if you nurture these talents, polish them and fine-tuning them in your desired field.

It is important to discover your talents during early stages of your life. In case you fail to identify your skills by yourself, then approach your parents, teachers, experts and counsellors and participate in Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) in your school and other social organizations.

Mr. Richard Branson, Founder of the Virgin Group says “**Passion can sell an idea**” and writes “I deeply believed in my idea and I learned then that having confidence in yourself breeds confidence in others.”

2. Thinking

The present world needs great thinkers to make a vision and convert it into reality through an organized mission. Critical thinking and analysis of your vision make you successful in your respective fields. You may become a great philosopher, a poet, a scientist or any professional if this is applied properly for the development of the society.

Well-known Telugu (a South Indian language) Satakam goes thus: “**Tiviri isumambuna tailamu theeya vachhu**”. It means “One can extract oil from a fistful of sand, by effort”. The thoughts and interpretations of great philosophers and writers force the scientists and technologists to convert thoughts into a reality.

Now the present technology is completely dependent on the results of such great thinking. For example, the electronics is fabricated on Sand, i.e., Silicon chips.

Many people thought Albert Einstein and Isaac Newton had crazy ideas in their time. But the fact is that passionate and tenacious thinkers like them tend to change the world for the better. We humans are God-gifted thinking creatures. The vision of great thinkers, philosophers and rulers will establish moral and spiritual values. Without these the modern society can never achieve true freedom, communal peace, unity and development.