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The Journey called WHY!

Amidst several questions that we have to struggle and juggle through, in our lives; one of the most important and powerful questions is – Why. This is the very question which led to many of the world's most important discoveries and inventions that mankind has ever witnessed. However; the people who choose to be why-driven in their lives, have to go through a very different kind of the journey all-together. This has nothing to do with what careers or lifestyles people opt. This is indeed about the type of psyche which people themselves choose for looking towards the rest of the world.



Here are some main phases that a 'whyer' typically undergoes in his life...

The Curiosity

The hunger for knowledge initiates the most initial as well as interesting phase of the why-journey; the curiosity. This is the time when the whyer starts questioning himself and to the people around him; about the reasons behind the existence of the most fundamental things. Questions like "Why is my name so?", "Why do people gather?", "Why does my pet have a tail and I don't?" etc. appear. After solving the most basic of the questions, the mind shifts to a more advanced level of whying. More mature and serious questions like "Why am I living?", "Why does everyone die?", "Why did God create humans?" etc. start emerging. Soon the questions meet their answers and data-bank starts getting bigger. This phase often passes with the feeling of the hugeness and amazingness of the world and people that we live with.

The Learning

Eventually, the data accumulated in the curiosity phase; starts converting into solid opinions. The mind starts arranging and compartmentalizing the scattered bits and pieces of information into a larger chunk of knowledge. This establishes a clearer and better understanding about the world and adds a lot of substance into the opinions. Moreover; this knowledge enables the solving and simplification of even more complex problems which could otherwise, not be solved. The mind also manages to develop an intellectual-virtual laboratory, where many questions and issues can be non-physically resolved with the help of strong visualization and understanding. This also tends to make the student-life (if in), more brilliant. However; the grades don't show much improvement, as they seem to be a too cheap battle to be fought. The ideas of making some uniquely great contribution to the mankind

start solidifying in the mind; making whyers, a very philanthropically idealistic personality. But, it is later realised that the explorations have not yet revealed the other side of reality.

Melancholy

This is the time when all the gathered knowledge and understanding starts to take a disappointing turn. The mind which had created a utopian image of the world starts witnessing its darker side. The dreams of doing something great for the ideal world start getting blurred. The mind often stays into a personal debate of trying to justify the world's goodness and suggesting possible adjustments between the ideologies and the harsh realities. However, the problems never seem to solve, as unlike the mental laboratory; things don't change and improve that easily in the real world. Lot of depressive and heart-breaking experiences occur during this phase, while the mind is busy trying to blend the differences between the two worlds.

The Meaninglessness

Gradually, after a lot of disappointments; the understanding, finally reaches a more holistic stage. Things that appeared very disturbing during the melancholy phase, start becoming acceptable. The mind attains a very peculiar type of depression and even the routine activities and their associated reasoning start appearing meaningless. Faith over many things vanishes and that on the close ones starts being questioned. Relationships start appearing to be nothing, but a fake agreement. The very purpose of anything and everything seems irrelevant. Passing each day becomes a boring and tiresome activity. The same knowledge and understanding which the whyer once craved for; appears to be the biggest reason for this condition. But as the life has to go on; the mind generates a very obvious solution for the problem...

The Unlearning

In order to keep the spirit motivated and enthusiastic enough to live; the process of unlearning the previously gathered understanding begins. The mind ultimately settles for an optimum balance between knowledge and ignorance; ultimately going back to the learning stage. This creates enough space for the whyer to at least feel good and excited about everything around him. However, the journey is never the same for the second time!