

What Is Education

What is education? Well I am sure we all have asked ourselves this question. However how many of us have ever gone on to search for an answer? Not too many of us. I too was intrigued by this question but only delved into its analysis once my twelve years of formal education was completed.

The question “what is education?” can be answered in many different levels. The simplest answer can be obtained with the help of a dictionary, however it can only satisfy the etymological requirement. Then again we move on to question great scholars about education, who each have their own views about it. Then again the question is merely answered through the views of others, which can be often prejudiced or perhaps seen in a way in which the world seems to them. Just as when we wear sunglasses we see the world through a filter, each and every one of us wear a filter through which we view the world.

Hence I was convinced, there is no “correct” answer to this question, and however there are stages of understanding in which the question may be answered in various ways. As a young child, I always thought education was the process through which an individual prepares oneself to face the outside world, get a job and be independent. However as I grew up, I began to see that there is more to education than just learning self-preservation and skills. I saw that there is education beyond the books. Education now felt like the process through which one learns how to learn not just what to learn. Education meant how to relate to others, to sensitize oneself to the happenings of the world, the pains of others, the problems and prejudices of the world and myself. **Education slowly began to seem like laser, which extracted the cataract in my view of the world.**

Therefore I can conclude, education now seems to me to be a process of sensitization, a process of self-realization, understanding and learning. It is a process through which one learns how to learn and how to use this acquired knowledge. Education helps us relate to other humans, to understand them and gives us the capacity to question others and ourselves. Education to me as a definition will always change as I grow as a person. However education itself through my point of view can be boiled down to one thing, The Valley School.

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