



An over view on the role of a teacher

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Abstract:

In every eon, teacher has a vital and prominent role as a variety of weapon to society modulator and reformer. A teacher is supposed to be a friend, philosopher and guide to his students in a parental vein. The failure of a student lies on the failure of a teacher in observing his duties at any stage, either at school level, or at college level, or at university level. Because the student was taken into the hands of a teacher from earlier days of his life and till to his youthful days. It is the responsibility of a teacher to see his students to be useful vessels to the society. Unless he takes utmost responsibility and care while moulding him as an useful citizen to the society

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“Train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Bible).

Narration

The Role of a teacher plays an important role in building up of a great nation. He is like an architect who carves a beautiful picture from a raw stone and also like a potter who moulds the shape of clay in to a beautiful pot on his potter's wheel and gives it to the world. A teacher is supposed to be a friend, philosopher and guide to his students in a parental vein. The failure of a student lies on the failure of a teacher in observing his duties at any stage, either at school level, or at college level, or at university level. Because the student was taken into the hands of a teacher from earlier days of his life and till to his youthful days. It is the responsibility of a teacher to see his students to be useful vessels to the society. Unless he takes utmost responsibility and care while moulding him as a useful citizen to the society, he will be a useless tool for the society and to him forever like the pot or sculpture which can be useless after being burnt up in the fire or carved wrongly. The clay

used for the vessel will not mix in the soil again and the sculpture as well.

A teacher needs to be an example and model for his students. He should set himself in such a way that his students should follow him consciously or unconsciously. A teacher will have the greatest influence and impact on the minds of the students that they would imitate him. In ancient times, the teacher used to speak out when occasion smiles. The duty of a student was simply to follow him. Where as in the present days, the things became entirely different. The teachers do not have more responsibility than the set of rules prescribed by the Government. Ethics, morals and values cannot be found anywhere because they are not being prescribed in the syllabus.

The students, unaware of the morals, values and Ethics, are going to complete their studies and have number of degrees after their name. Education became an earning course rather than learning tool. Because the teachers will not have scope



for teaching those statutes, precepts and morals to the students sometimes it is the reason that the teacher also did not learn them during their student life it is because the Government is not prescribing this kind of syllabus in the education system.

Chakravarthi Rajagopalachari insists in his saying students are like good bricks which supports a building is true. We cannot climb great heights when the very ground is shaky. Likewise the students if they are not good and properly trained up, we cannot build India as a great nation. The unfortunate thing in this connection is that the teachers always worry for the enhancement of their salaries and the students and parents are for their marks only.

As long as this kind of tempo is continued, we cannot see glorious things in our lives.

Dr. S. Radha Krishna says 'one should have the character and the character is destiny. Character is gold out of which everything else is made. Men of small character cannot make a great nation. It is with the character one can build their nation in to a great one.

Character plays a vital role in the society. A teacher is supposed to have it at first. Because the students will have him as a mirror. He must be like a touchstone to test the inward personality of his students. If the character is lost, everything is lost. It is the duty of a teacher to make his students with the men of great character. Srinivasa Sastri says "learned men are always revered; a random talk with them will be rich with learning and guidance". A teacher is expected to teach his students truths rather than facts. Facts are related to

materialistic world, where as the truths are for universal approach and will teach us morals, laws, ethics, values and precepts.

In the modern society, there are no morals, ethics and values in teachers and students as well.

It became a commercial centre where the trade goes for earning money. Curriculum prescribed through education is baseless because nobody is going to the beginning i.e., Man is not aware of his origin or what to be in future. He is struggling with the things which are related to present. Even education also gives him nothing in this connection. He has to learn it from nature. As words worth said "Nature is our preacher and from the holy books we can learn a lot of things".

We can found the following in teacher

1. Teacher as a 'spiritual preceptor' in the Vedic period.
2. Teacher as a 'communicator and provider of knowledge'
3. Teacher as a 'learning facilitator'
4. Teacher as a 'Gardner or Directress' of learning in naturalism in education
5. Teacher as a 'Manager' of learning activity in the pragmatic philosophy of education
6. Teacher as an 'Ideal Person' in the Philosophy of Idealism
7. Teacher as a 'Soldier' and 'Weapon' in Nazism and Communism
8. Teacher as an 'Agent of social change' in the Democratic Philosophy
9. Teacher as a 'Mediator' between the learner and the subject-matter
10. Teacher as a 'Transmitter' of cultural heritage
11. Teacher as the 'Educational Media User'
12. Teacher as the 'Spearhead' of change in the society



13. Teacher as die 'Harbinger' of social change.

Conclusion

To conclude, a teacher should have an excellent character and he must be abreast of the movements around him. He must be centre of education and excellence, not the centre of commerce and business. He must know what Michelangelo once said " A stone which already has a beautiful figure in it and my duty is to draw it carefully from the stone"

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