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A series of the lectures, "The Essential Review of the Two, Knowledge and Culture"

The essential review of the two, knowledge and culture I

Have you ever thought about the concept of culture? Is it possession you can obtain just by memorization?

It goes without saying that knowledge is different from culture. Knowledge is a tool to use. Knowledge is a tool to do some concrete activities which you need.

You can use knowledge you got to do many daily tasks on your business. Likewise, you can use knowledge you got in your daily life every day every night in private.

Fundamentally, you will know the genuine meaning of culture on the condition that you understand the aforesaid interpretation of the concept of knowledge.

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Culture is not a simply culture itself. Culture shall be profoundly interpreted as the meaning of wisdom for the purpose of using a deluge of pieces of knowledge you got.

To begin with, you need to gradually cultivate your culture "as your own wisdom" in order to do something wonderful and meaningful for the sake of happiness of other people who dwell in your community and society.

This means that you should make the most of your wisdom to use a deluge of pieces of knowledge you got as a tool in order to diffuse a sense of happiness to other people inch by inch.

In most of the cases in our human society, the people simply attempt to memorize a lot of matters for their own sake. In addition, those people wish to parade their knowledge they got in the presence of other people as a stereotypical way to satisfy their "self-greed and indulgence."

If you attempt to obtain knowledge to show and prove that "how you have various kinds of knowledge in the presence of other people," such knowledge is unfortunately interpreted just as poor and meaningless knowledge absolutely.

Apparently, such knowledge doesn't make any sense at all. This means that such knowledge is simply the one as "useless and tasteless information." There is nothing intellectual there you can taste lusciously.

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If you wish to obtain knowledge to prove how you are smart, it doesn't make any sense at all. Apparently, you unreasonably deviate from the right direction to study what you need for your future in terms of doing so.

Now, I ask you to think the following: why you need to study?, and what you'd like to do in the future through your continuous study?

Systematically, I shall reconfirm that knowledge is a tool to use. Hence, you need culture "as the embodiment of your wisdom" in order to reasonably use it.

The decisive process to cultivate yourself is as follows:

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You are required to be sensitive to feel the daily matters you experience every day.

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You try to think some chosen matters deeply at your discretion through feeling a lot of matters every day.

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You are required to continue feeling and thinking, or thinking and feeling at all times in your 24 hours every day every night.

In terms of doing the aforesaid process, you shall be all set to produce something original and gradually develop it on your own based upon the spirit of humanity. Such a piece produced and developed on your own will be one of a deluge of pieces of your culture by degrees.

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Above all, the desideratum for your graceful cultivation is the "experience of feeling" all the time to sensitively cultivate your culture.

How you sensitively feel the things every day is absolutely commensurable to how you meaningfully ameliorate the quality of living. Eventually, the quality of living inevitably affects the quality of process to cultivate your culture crucially.

I'd like you to be valorous enough to broaden your culture as one of the sapient beings standing upon this planet from the standpoint of what is called "humankind."

Consciously or unconsciously, you are one of sapient beings who make some part of the history of humankind.

Culture should not be used for the sake of realization of self-dramatization in the state

of imbroglio. Obviously, genuine culture shall gracefully exist for the sake of meaningful embodiment of the ideal humanity in the history of humankind.

You have a decisive bifurcation whether you are cultured or not as one of the organizers of the human society. Quintessentially, this is not a matter of individual culture simply. This is a matter of ideal humanity we human beings have been pursuing from time immemorial which has been embodied by the whole of comprehensive and intellectual culture in our human history.