

A Little is a Lot

Adolf Hitler, Napoleon Bonaparte, and George W. Bush all have one thing in common besides the amount of power they possess: each of their actions were based on learning one thing from separate ideals such as war tactics, expansion strategies, and economic disasters. Not to mention, it starts at a young age, right when a baby is born. Learning allows for being able to walk and eating with a spoon, but at a more drastic level learning can allow for virtually any thought in this world. It is all a matter of who I have learned from, what kind of content it was, the validity it had, and the real truth about the topic. When even a little, tiny bit of this is performed, I am turning myself into a potentially dangerous mind at work. Hitler, Bonaparte, and Bush did not all know that they would turn out as distinct men, but slowly, as they learned more and more, they acted accordingly and now look where they are at. Learning is a never-ending process where a mind takes in account what other minds do, see, and act, and in turn always allows the learner to be able to take it however way they want, positively or negatively, not for the sake of it, but for the chance to make or break this world.

Learning is what moves this world forward because without it, common methods of doing simple tasks like going to the bathroom and driving a car will not be able to be passed on. When I turned sixteen, I was happy out of my mind because I learned earlier that I would be able drive anywhere I wished to whenever I wanted. This also supports the idea that learning is dangerous because I can now run away from home easily or get in a car accident on purpose, and although very extreme, it still supports the dangers of learning.

There is also the Virginia Tech incident, which was definitely on an extreme level. It was the incident about a South Korean student attending Virginia Tech who killed thirty three students with armed guns. He did not become the way he was over a short period of time, but

constantly learned things about his classmates and himself, that although may not have been true, eventually leading to the biggest school shooting since the Columbine High School incident. The Virginia Tech student simply became more aware of his ability to learn and learned too many things that triggered depression, anger, and hatred. Had he not learned anything, relating to the idea of school shooting or his classmates' attitudes towards him, there would be no way this incident would have occurred.

In every book in this world, there is a point being developed. By the end, the author hopes to trigger something, similar to this essay. The story is filled with any possible way to help the author get to the reader, and this is through the reader learning. As one reads, they are learning more about the subject the book is describing, up until the point at the end where they either fill their satisfaction of reading a very fun and interesting book or fully understand the hardest math concepts this world has to offer. However, this is dangerous as well, because as a twenty two year old graduate from UC Santa Barbara was reading a documentary about rape cases in the United States, soon became a rapist himself. It is a very rare case that this kind of unfortunate twist would happen, but he became that way through learning more and more about rape, gaining more and more knowledge, and realizing more and more about the ease of rape.

Pete Maravich, also known as Pistol Pete, is one of the greatest point guards to ever play basketball in the history of the game, but also committed suicide at a very young age. He was living the dream of millions of boys across the world, playing in the NBA with girls, money, a physical superiority, and a set future, but once again had the dangers of learning strike into his mind and lead him to his death. He learned that he was living the life of just a superficial celebrity that was not known for his personality but for his skills on the court. He

did not want to be known as that, but as a player who had sportsmanship and loved to play the game for the good aspects it offered, such as sportsmanship and teamwork. He grew as an icon rather than a role model, which only occurred through him learning by reading newspapers, periodicals, and listening to the radio. Similar to the Virginia Tech student, if he had not learned about any of these things, he would have been content with where he was at because it would be in a completely true yet satisfying state of mind. There would be no need to commit suicide because he would simply be unaware of the troubles that surrounded him.

Personally, learning has been dangerous for me. Most boys my age would love to be able to tell when girls liked them or how popular they are, and by learning the truth about the dreams of a sixteen year old boy, it has been difficult. By being able to tell a girl likes you would mean that not every girl in this world is going to like you, lowering self esteem and confidence, which would be much better off without being aware of it. By being more popular than another person would be perfect until you learn and realize that half or even all of your friends are not your true friends but just people you know and people that like you for a talent or skill. It is obviously much better to not have to learn anything related to causing a person sadness or a loss of confidence, which proves that learning is a potentially dangerous and hurtful thing.

With every benefit that comes in this world, there will always be a downside to it, and the fact is learning has taken a negative effect on almost every single person who has used learning to an advantage. All celebrities have used it as well, which allows for even more unhappiness they have concerning their looks as a star, the relationships they have with other celebrities, whether or not they are liked or wanted, and the success of their future. Celebrities are constantly learning more and more about themselves, about the way their nose is

awkwardly shaped, or the way their hips are curved, or how fat they are getting. This is the cause for plastic surgery and beautification, to hide or eliminate these kinds of cosmetic problems. If they are not aware of these, how would they be able to feel any kind of unhappiness or sadness? Also, they are constantly concerned with the idea of them not being liked anymore by the public because of them dying out or getting old. Once again, if they are not aware of these kinds of things and do their job because they love it and not for what it offers, there is no way they can come out of those things miserable and unhappy.

It is all just a case of whether or not one has learned to a point where the decisions and choices they make are unreasonable or uncalled for. They are learning, which is dangerous because it opens the eyes of humans. It is like the story Adam and Eve, the first story in the bible besides the creation of Earth, where they opened their eyes after eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge. They found out that they were naked, and wanted to cover themselves to hide it. Before they ate from the tree of knowledge, they had no idea and lived perfectly happy without clothes, and never even thought about it. It goes for everything else in this world that gives false temptations or short-lived happiness. They are all sprinkled with truth, but the truth can be completely avoided if one does not learn or is not aware of them. This is why people commit suicide or call their doctors for plastic surgery. They have learned about what they look like and what they are to the community. Without them learning, they have no need to change or progress.

Michael Jackson is also a very good example of why learning is dangerous. He learned that his skin was black and that people did not treat black people the same as they would do to white. He was fed up of it, and went as so far as to bleach his skin and basically turn into one of the most hideous humans in this world. He had a perfect life as well, being known as the

King of Pop, but was completely ruined by the fact that he was black. Now, it is not a big deal at all, as plenty of musical stars are African American, and now Michael Jackson probably regrets it. And due to his lack of being able to get girls, he has resorted to being a pedophile and has molested and maybe raped some kids. It is a very serious case for Michael Jackson as well as many other celebrities, as they are the most aware people on this planet because of the resources they have that can tell them what is wrong with them.

All in all, learning is one of the most dangerous, if not the most dangerous thing on this planet. It gives potential to problems, potential to dying, disease, skin color change, and suicide. The brightest things of life can be ruined by learning more about it. Due to the negatives that life has in every aspect of it, it is always better to not try and learn more about things but to be content with the way things are as it is.

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