
Each day is special

Posted by chenlelongji - 2009/06/15 18:10

A friend of mine opened his wife's underwear drawer and picked up a silk paper wrapped package:

"This, - he said - isn't any ordinary package." He unwrapped the box and stared at both the silk paper and the box.

"She got this the first time we went to New York, 8 or 9 years ago. She has never put it on. Was saving it for a special occasion.

Well, wow power leveling, I guess this is it. He got near the bed and placed the gift box next to the other clothings he was taking to the funeral house, his wife had just died. He turned to me and said:

"Never save something for a special occasion. Every day in your life is a special occasion".

I still think those words changed my life. Now I read more and clean less. I sit on the porch without worrying about anything. I spend more time with my family, and less at work. I understood that life should be a source of experience to be lived up to, not survived through. I no longer keep anything. I use crystal glasses every day. I'll wear new clothes to go to the supermarket, if i feel like it. I don't save my special perfume for special occasions, I use it whenever I want to. The words "Someday..." and "One Day..." are fading away from my dictionary. If it's worth seeing, listening or doing, I want to see, listen or do it now.

I don't know what my friend's wife would have done if she knew she wouldn't be there the next morning, this nobody can tell. I think she might have called her relatives and closest friends.

She might call old friends to make peace over past quarrels. I'd like to think she would go out for Chinese, her favourite food. It's these small things that I would regret not doing, if I knew my time had come. I would regret it, world of warcraft power leveling, because I would no longer see the friends I would meet, letters... letters that i wanted to write "One of this days". I would regret and feel sad, because I didn't say to my brothers and sons, not times enough at least, how much I love them.

Now, I try not to delay, postpone or keep anything that could bring laughter and joy into our lives. And, on each morning, I say to myself that this could be a special day. Each day, each hour, eachminute, is special.

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Posted by lmaomao - 2009/07/02 19:09

With the development of the time and the society, china's higher education system is becoming more and more flawless, and China has benefited much from this. But, we can't deny, there are also many problems still exist in china's higher education.

In china, the higher education over focus on the knowledge itself, but ignore to cultivate students' abilities, qualities, and even more important, the sense of responsibility to the society. Maybe this is because Chinese people reverence knowledge, love knowledge more than other things. This is not bad, but it must be under the precondition of not ignoring other things. We must admit, in the past ten years, with the development of china's higher education system, this phenomenon has changed a lot, but this is still a very common problem in today's higher education.

In my mind, the aim of university education should not confine its views in knowledge teaching, but it should help the students to increase their abilities, qualities, and the sense of responsibility to the society. That's to say, it is training the good members of society.

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In the article "The Aim of a University Education" the famous English educationist John Henry Newman expresses his opinion about the higher education: "it aims at raising the intellectual tone of society, at cultivating the public mind, at purifying the national tasteand refining the intercourse of private life." "It prepare him to fill any post with credit, and to master any subject with facility." Here, John Henry Newman raises the abilities, qualities, and the sense of responsibility to the society to more important position.

In the reality, after graduation the students will become the average members of the society. At that time, the importance of their abilities, qualities, and the sense of responsibility to the society will be all shown. No matter how much knowledge one owns, if he can't adapt the society, and contribute to the society, he will be washed out by the society. It is a waste of education recourses.

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In our life, we can see a lot of examples. Every year, we can hear news that many university students or the persons who have higher academic qualification kill themselves. They have accepted the high education and have a lot of

knowledge, but their qualities and the sense of responsibility to the society may not reach the level which they should have. At the same time, many university campuses in China are so dirty that makes people feel they are not in the campus but in the street outside, and we can see many students throw rubbish to everywhere they want. This may indicate there is something wrong with students' qualities.

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There must be a lot of other problems exist in china's higher education, for example, the high tuition fee, the improper system, the ruleless manage, and so on. But because china's higher education is in the process of change from "elite education" to "popular education", the cultivation of students' abilities, qualities, and even more important, the sense of responsibility to the society is becoming more and more important. This will affect china's future society in a large extent. So we must do our best, and overcome all the difficulties to solve this problem firstly.

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