

Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.

“He who knows, knows he knows not, He who knows not, knows not he knows not.”
 The essence of this proverb is that, a knowledgeable person is aware that his knowledge is limited & there is an abundance of knowledge which he hasn't acquired yet. On the other hand, a person who is not knowledgeable, never fully understands the expanse of knowledge present and thus doesn't realise that there is so much beyond his understanding.

According to a scientific study, intelligent people are said to be more competent than their less intelligent counterparts, because they are fully aware of their lack of understanding or performance. Education is the tool or the beacon of light that guides us in the path of understanding the world around us and within us. On the same note, here is a story about a turtle and a fish.

In a huge sea, there lived a fish and turtle amongst several other aquatic creatures. The turtle and fish were friends. The fish knew nothing outside the sea for it never left the sea. The turtle on the other hand, The fish noticed that once every few days the turtle goes missing and is puzzled by this.

after being confused over this for a very long time, the fish asks the turtle where she had gone. The turtle replied that she had gone for a walk on the 'land', ~~and~~ The fish had never in her life heard of anything called 'land'. So the fish asked, 'What's land? Is that some word you made up to avoid telling me the truth? I have never seen any land in this sea!'. The turtle replies, "The land is not in this sea, it is outside this sea". This reply confuses the fish even more because it doesn't make sense to her that there can be something beyond the sea. So she decides to test her friend and learn the truth. So the fish ~~questions~~ ^{asks} the turtle, "Is this land that you talk about, form bubbly waves along which I could swim and flow?". The turtle says "No, there are no waves on land". Fish asks, "Is this land, soft & gentle ^{enough} for me to swim through ~~as~~ with my fins & ~~stroke~~ ^{stroke} my tail sideways?". The turtle replies, "No, land is not gentle". The fish then asks, "Does this land move through my gills and come out, so I can breathe?". The turtle says "No". The fish then says, "See, there is no such thing as a land, how can it exist without any of these things that I asked?". The turtle replies to this and says, "If you think there is no land you may continue to think so.". Having said this, the turtle gently swims away to the shore and takes a slow stroll on the beach. & a ~~fish~~

The point here is that, a person who is unaware of the existence of a particular thing, ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~the~~

either stays ignorant about its existence or denies it altogether.

Similarly in our lives too, we ~~are~~ tend to never think about certain possibilities only because we haven't come across it in ~~our~~ ^{our} life. Education is the process of ridding ourselves from this ignorant & incompetent mentality. By education, I don't just mean formal, school oriented education. Education encompasses all methods by which we gain some form of knowledge and learn something we were unaware of.

It is only when we learn about the various complexities and dependencies in agricultural yield and a profitable price, do we stop being ignorant to the hardships faced by our farmers. It is when we educate ourselves about the hardships & perils ~~at~~ and the inhuman conditions at the borders, do we stop being ignorant about the lost lives of the soldiers. When we understand how much effort goes into managing various aspects of the house and a family, we then ~~stop ourselves of~~ ^{stop} stop being ignorant about our mother's efforts. If we understand the present environmental condition, the depletion of forest reserves, the imbalance in the ecosphere, we ~~would~~ ^{would} not be ignorant about the endangered birds and animal species or the incessant felling of trees.

Like I mentioned previously, Education is like a beacon of light that helps us discover and understand the perils & possibilities of the outer world and the awareness of our