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Starting from a premise that a child is born with an innate curiosity which is part of his survival mechanism, he has to find out about the world around him. I believe that the purpose of education should be to increase these experiences and provide plenty of opportunity for his curiosity to be developed. Ultimately he should be able to make up his own mind and follow his own beliefs.

The main danger in the education process is that the child will be pre-conditioned to fit into a convenient slot in society depending on his ability to carry out certain tasks.

The truth is, it is easier to do this than to help him pursue his own individual outlook.

In the primary school, I believe a certain amount has been achieved to allow the child to experiment with and to have experience of his environment but later on it has to be admitted that success depends on the capacity to pass exams by rote learning. Many students reject this and fail.

The best that can be hoped for is that individual teachers can help a few students to gain some self-awareness and ability to express their feelings and ideas sufficiently to want them to continue to learn and understand more when school is all over.