

INTELLIGENCE

While discussing intelligence, what to make of it and *what is it*, we must be aware of the different aspects and properties of it. Accepting society's typical 'high IQ' intelligence as the only truthful version would not make it just boring, but also incorrect. Since intelligence doesn't *only* lay in complex math problems or high grades, we should also understand that there may be showcases of intelligence that we do not understand or find very smart. Some scientists might not understand the thing with art and artists might not get math and that is alright. Intelligence is not being good at everything, which seems impossible for most anyway.

Throughout millions of years of evolving, Homo sapiens showed us their capability for learning and solving complex problems. Humans have been existing for approximately 200,000 years and have gone from inventing fire to traveling across space. Just like how none of these could have been done without science, especially psychics and math, it also wouldn't happen without creative intelligence and art's help. Every single information we learn, whether it is specifically from our interest area or something we are going to use in daily life, feeds our brain and expands our capacity. Dismissing education because it's not relative to the job you are hoping to do one day is unfair, since the human brain is always starving for information as a natural desire. While the failed education systems around the world kill the creativity and hunger for learning in a child's brain, we should put our best efforts to still continue our education journey despite it.

The definition of intelligence is the ability to acquire and apply knowledge, therefore it has to do with your full capacity as much as how you use your capabilities. Sadly the hierarchy of our world doesn't let everyone get the same level of education that they deserve, and germs get lost in the crowd. Blaming someone for not getting ahead in life or becoming "successful" as they say, is ignoring the circumstances that brought them there. It is hard to be able to focus on your education and getting sophisticated when you can barely pay your rent or don't have the money to buy textbooks. There are more than seven billion people living on earth, all going through different things and each unique. While the jobs these people do, "basic" service jobs like a waiter at a restaurant or a retail worker, their intelligence lies in their ability to solve the daily problems their jobs bring to them. They all obviously have the capability to learn more, we all do, however a textbook definition of a complex math theory or a psychics equation don't have much importance if you can't deal with human problems.

And there comes the issue of emotional intelligence. Human relations, kindness and manners matter as much as raw scientific information. Homo sapiens are social animals and to stay alive we have to cooperate. As we are biologically weaker than many other animals, surviving for a 200,000 years and counting was only possible with communication. Humans have a very important weapon: language. Someone who knows how to use language is more dangerous than a pair of sharp claws.

Intelligence is an all combined skill: the natural capability to learn, the skill to apply the knowledge and the language to communicate the knowledge.

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