

DATE: 28th September 2023 [Week 7, Day 2]

The Making of a Scientist!

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'The Making of a Scientist' is an descriptive essay written by V.S. Ramachandran in which he describes his own opinion of how scientists are made with his own personal experience. He mentions ~~curiosity~~ and the feeling of curiosity and wonder as important element to become a scientist and one must also be ready to tolerate physical discomfort.

In the essay, the author mentions that science is love affair of one with nature but one needs to be deeply in love with nature to understand its romantic love. He also says that a person needs to be hungry for knowledge and inspired to become a scientist. The author mentions being inspired to be a scientist by his teachers in school and family members at home. His uncle, mother and father motivated him ~~th~~ by feeding him with topics for research like studying shells, providing a microscope, etc. His mother brought him seashells whereas his father brought him a microscope to conduct the necessary research at his home. The author

also mentions the different aspects one has to focus upon to become a scientist. One has to be able to isolate themselves from the mundane world along with being studios regarding his one's subject matter along with knowledge in various fields. The author himself claims that his knowledge of civilization and anthropology helped him to become a better scientist.

The essay also includes the fact that one must have different from normal interests, hobbies and environment to become a scientist. A person must be obsessively, passionately and pathologically curious to become a scientist. # The author also mentions that a scientist should ^{be} ready to endure difficulties and hardship and not be afraid of failures. For a scientist to explore new ideas in the field of science, he/she must have the feeling of complete freedom in his/her heart.

Thus, the author explains the nature and behaviour one must have to become a scientist with clarifying the meaning of a scientist. In the essay He explains the life of a scientists to some extent with his life experience and incidents.

(*) : Steps of writing Project Proposal

(i) : Title

(ii) : Introduction

→ Review and approval of the plan

→ What

→ Why

→ People involved.

Discussion on:

→ How

→ When

→ Budget

(iii) Background

(iv) Problem study

(v) Objective

(vi) Methodology

(vii) Expected outcome

(viii) Gantt chart

(ix) Budget

DATE: 30th November 2023 {Week 8, Day 2} [Day 1: internal]

The Myth of Sisyphus

- Written by Albert Camus.
- It is a ~~my~~ philosophical content.

(*) Topics content contemplates on:

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| (i) absurdity | (vii) optimism |
| (ii) consciousness | |
| (iii) fate | |
| (iv) tragedy | |
| (v) class conflict | |
| (vi) sorrow/joy | |

(*) Series of events with understanding:

⇒ (Introduction to Sisyphus):

- (i) Sisyphus was given punishment of hopeless labour of ceaselessly rolling a rock up to the top of mountain.
- (ii) Homer explained Sisyphus as the wisest and most prudent of mortals.
- (iii) Another tradition claims Sisyphus as a highwayman.
- (iv) Accused of levity in regard to God as he stole secrets from Gods.
- (v) Homer also mentions Sisyphus as a character that put death in chains.
- (vi) Another tradition claims Sisyphus wanted to test his wife's love in his deathbed and ordered to cast his unburied body in middle of public square.

(vii) After waking up in underworld, he asked for Pluto's permission to return to Earth, chastize his wife and return back but he didn't fulfill his promise to return. Thus, Mercury took him back to underworld and gave him his futile punishment.

⇒ Mentioned points: nature of human beings, disobedience to Gods, enjoying the environment of Earth.

⇒ (Views of Albert Camus)

- (i) Regarded Sisyphus as an absurd hero i.e, he did work that had no significant outcome.
- (ii) When Sisyphus is conscious during the downhill path, he is clear of his predicament ~~and~~
- (iii) Sisyphus, in the moment of consciousness, is superior to his own fate.
- (iv) Tragedy is not only experienced as an outcome but also encountered during the process of life.
- (v) If your experience is sorrowful during moment of consciousness, the melancholy in one's heart lets the situation take over them. but if your experience is ~~that~~ that of joy, the person controls the situation.
- (vi) States the ~~pro~~ common people as proletarian of God and mentioning proletarian people as rebellious and powerless.
- (vii) Sisyphus, giving up would be letting the rock win which meant it made God victorious.
- (viii) claims everyone as Sisyphus.

(*) Concluding views:

- (i) Written during pessimistic time during the end of war.
- (ii) Written to promote optimism and positive mindset.
- (iii) optimistic and joyful approach to life must be done

Q. Do you agree with Albert Camus that everyone is an absurd hero?

Ans:

'The Myth of Sisyphus' ~~was~~ is a philosophical essay written by writer Albert Camus which has Sisyphus as the main character. In this essay, he claims Sisyphus as an absurd hero due to his mindset of continuing his task of futile labour not provided ^{ing} any significant outcome. For me, I am convinced by Albert Camus's view of an absurd hero.

People do tasks in everyday life which in the long run shows no significant outcome. People ~~are~~, when conscious during their time of relaxation, evaluate their everyday tasks but still continue with their task even though it has no significant outcome. People regardless of their situation, move forward in their life carrying a positive attitude and optimism to find meaning

in their life. For example; students go to class everyday, study the same topics, staying in same class trying to find light at the end of their academic tunnel but in hindsight, their action has no significant to human life on earth. Still, students continue with monotonous approach to life.

Thus, I agree with Albert Camus's views that everyone within themselves is an absurd hero as they move forward in life with positivity, optimism and joyful approach trying to find meaning in each and every aspect and continuing to strive in activities without any significant outcome.

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Date	Activities	Remarks
10 August 2023	mentioned few differences between American and British English, briefed about maintaining journal, discussed about communication process with example, discussed objectives of technical writing with leave application.	Found the class interactive and looking forward to the future classes.
11 August 2023	Discussed writing process with detailed focus on pre-writing, briefly introduced about audience recognition.	Found out that the course is not easy as expected.
17 August 2023	Revised upon audience recognition and writing process focusing on to technical documents, briefed about blogspot for coursework, resume discussion	Great interactive class with group-wise activities
18 August 2023	Mentioned inductive and deductive reasoning, discussed about the text "We are all Scientist." interaction of text	The text was nice.
24 August 2023	Mentioned the levels of text interaction, introduced to abductive reasoning, discussed about Toulmin's Model of Argumentation, introduced to rhetorical strategies.	Used CHATGPT to great extent and very fun interaction.
25 th August 2023	Mentioned the types of oral presentation and their features, discussed the process of oral presentation.	Had many ideas on how to conduct presentation.

1 st September 2023	Revised of previous topics (communication and organization), discussed different types of rhetorical strategies.	Most confused class till date, nice presentation topics
7 th September 2023	Discussed different web2.0 platforms, got familiar with various online platforms.	Most fun and interactive class, was online.
8 th September 2023	Discussed about oral communication process and conducted a seminar about this subject topic.	Hosted a seminar as moderator, fun class for a Friday.
15 th September 2023	Discussed the poem 'The Road Not Taken' through seminars.	Great interaction.
21 September 2023	Mentioned elements of concept paper, discussed on the ways to write concept paper	Use of internet to find ideas in class a new thing
28 September 2023	Discussed "The Making of a Scientist" and the steps of writing proposal	Missed class due to sickness and consulted friends
24 November 2023	First Internal Assessment	
30 November 2023	Studied Albert Camus's "The Myth of Sisyphus" and discussed rhetorical strategies approaches.	A bit difficult to understand the text.