0. What is ORI?

Each journey I think will be different. the curriculum is tailored around you

So it's more like a library of resources & people

1. The goal

Doing two things in parallel:

(1) Making useful contributions to society | **(2) Improving your life**

"What makes it ORI is that you help yourself while simultaneously helping others"

In normal schools, have people pay to learn, and then start contributing value later

But if you tie learning to contributing value:

(1) Rapidised learning | **(2) Lift up others**

"For me the real beginning was **finding a question I wanted to know the answer to for myself**"

"instead of picking up stuff in case it's useful, you stop that, and instead search for "**what open question, or purpose, really matters to me**""

2. Figuring out your path

"Some vague sense that it's important and will help one day" → this is enough to set you towards the right direction - intuition is like a geiger counter

Like you can tell when you're in the right direction, but not necessarily the exact steps or shape

But if it really is the right direction you should expect things to happen that will validate it, e.g., successes that feel good

Your direction is more like, the general type of work or activity that you're very good at and makes you feel alive

"The real beginning is **finding a question you want to know the answer to for yourself**"

"**What open question, or purpose, really matters to me**"

3. Search for truth until you find something no one else knows

You search for truth continually until you find something no one else knows. That's how you make a novel contribution

The thing you're most likely to contribute something novel to, is going to be something you have firsthand experience in (*as "care" is one of the most important upstream things*)

"For me Israel/Palestine is relevant because my family is Egyptian, and most arabs/muslims are culturally disconnected from americans/right wing (and more importantly: jewish people in general)"

You ask "why can't we just do X to solve this problem" repeatedly

4. Going to twitter to "test" a solution

"I go to twitter when I feel like I want to 'test' a solution"

E.g., if people on the news and essays are like "this is the problem", & I feel like I came up with a solution:

I'll find someone in that culture, who is very pro this or that, and say "have you thought about X"

If they say "yeah it can't work because ABC", then I get my answer ❌

If they say "holy shit... you're right"

Then boom, you've found an answer (and spread a good idea ✅

It's basically peer review!

Summary

Doing two things in parallel:

(1) Making useful contributions to society	(2) Improving your life

Learning + contributing + improving your life in parallel =

(1) Rapidised learning	(2) Lift up others

Find your question(s)

Search for "what open question, or purpose, really matters to me"

Make novel contributions along the way

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My current open questions:
"In the process, you'll lift up others" - how?
- Fanciful thinking?
- I doubt anyone will read my stuff, my notebook
- I doubt I'll read through the ORI discord → doubt that there'll be anything relevant, and don't have time to dredge through? Discords are very noisy and aversive?
- I guess, maybe a few months from now, I'll have discovered some novel things, or maybe made guides on how to do non-novel things but in a very tractable way (e.g. a guide to how to help a family member lose weight)

Novel contributions aren't terminal goals, right? They're instrumental?
- It could be that, in trying to answer my most pressing questions (like e.g. "how do I help my mum lose weight", I don't uncover anything novel
- Maybe this is wrong, but I assume most quotidian questions won't involve novel solutions? Like, these things are solved problems, the main problems in your life?