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Answer the Following

* Consider your life's experiences and list one thing you have learned by being told, one thing you have learned by analogy, and one thing you have learned by induction. In each case, give enough details to show how your learning took place. Give a few reasons why you are grateful for your ability to learn.

Being Told: Making Rolls

I love to cook and one of my favorite things is most defiantly dinner rolls. My mom of course makes the best. So when the time came, I wanted to learn how to make dinner rolls. The process was very much simple instruction. Do this, add this, don’t do this, remember that. Upon simply following directions I learned how to make rolls. Now whenever I want to make rolls I simply repeat those same simple directions.

Analogy: Water Skiing

Learning how to get out of the water on skis is as simple as sitting in a chair. My family legacy is water skiing. Everyone in my family skis and so do all of my friends, thanks to me. I learned how to ski from my dad and have taught over 30 people how to ski to date. The way I was taught and the way I teach others is by a simple analogy, getting out of the water is like pretending you are strapped to a chair. Knees bent at a 45, waist at a 45, arms straight, and the whole thing just rotated slightly as one sits in the water. This puts one in the perfect position to get up and out of the water. Just pretend you are strapped to a chair and don’t move, the boat will pull one right up.

Induction: Keeping the Commandments

I was taught about all of the commands that we are asked to live. There are quit a few. The we are taught that if we want to learn about the blessing attached to a commandment or if it is true to experiment with it, try it, live it, and then look for the Lord’s blessing/answer. Well if we have to test everything that we have been asked to do, or everything the prophet says, there is a lot of testing to be done. However, I simply tested a few things, the Book of Mormon, Joseph Smith, Jesus Christ, and God my Father. Upon learning a few basic truths were true I concluded that everything that follows from them must also be true as well. Hence, I proved a few basic things and one or two of the things they lead to and concluded that since they are true everything that follows from them must also be true as well.

* Consider all of the articles listed on our schedule for Wednesday 11/18 (on Privacy). Using these and your own experience, do you think that people's view of privacy has been changing over the years? If so, why and how, and do you feel the trend will continue? If not, why not?

I think the idea of information privacy follows something similar to the pride cycle. Something happens in our world to provoke the notion that it might not be so bad to open privacy up, such as the terrorist attacks on 9/11 or the ignorance of the public. So I think given 9/11 and a certain amount of ignorance the idea of privacy has swung to less is ok. In other words, this swing currently has been a tendency to think that open privacy is not a bad thing. But there always comes a point at which this open privacy begins to restrict freedom. If I know everything about you, there is no need to talk with you, therefore, don’t ask me for a job, if I’m interested in you I will call you. This blatant ignorance and trust in data leads to a lack of freedom, in my opinion. All of a sudden people realize they have lost freedom and control and then they begin to scream for privacy and discretion. There is a reason we fought the revolutionary war and founded this country. Sometimes I think we just forget those reasons, or the treat changes from military search and seizer to the monitoring and extrapolation of every action we make or say, which to the founders and earlier generation of this country is still thought to be somewhat fiction.

However, as time passes and the effects of this loss of privacy begin to be realized, I think the idea of privacy will come back with a vengeance. People will pay for this loss of privacy in one way or another and I don’t think they will like the price. Then we will pay to have privacy back.

* Think of the members of your group (for your group project). For each one, indicate their name and write one thing you are grateful for about them specifically. (This will not be shared with them by me; you may share it with them yourself if you feel so inclined).

Wes Holly:

I’m gratefully for his drive and passion. He cares about what he does and about others. He works to never let those around him down. He cares about those around him as human beings and shows compassion beyond school. Give him anything and it will get done, and dang straight it will be done right. Never have to worry about him misunderstanding something or heading off some crazy course, he’ll make sure he understands and make sure its right.

Eric Lazalde:

Always a pleasure to work with. He works hard and is bright. Just give him a rough idea, an assignment, and watch it get done. I have watched him figure out multiple difficult concepts, problems and tasks; he dives in, figures it out, and gets it done. And it gets done right. No need to manage him, he’ll dive in take responsibility and work till the job gets done.

John Powell:

He pulls his weight, is soft spoken, smart, and kind. Have watched him be overwhelmed and yet pull off something hard, simply because he knows others are counting on him. He is mindful of the anxieties of the group and responds accordingly. He is capable, caring, and responsible. I’d dive into anything with him.

I have a freaking great group! Wish I could come up with some idea, start my own company, and work them. Man we could do something cool.