

We (humans) shape our world both from the environment we grow and the way we learn. In my particular case, I've grown in a humble, working, and united family. Due to the tradition of my maternal family and the few proximity options, I did my primary, secondary, and higher educations in a convent school in Barcelona. The same as for my brother, even though he was at another convent school in L'Hospitalet del Llobregat, where my family lived before I was born. Although our schools provided us good life values, they didn't contribute to become believers, but they did contribute, however, in developing a concept of faith that wouldn't be related to any religion in general. Probably, the fact of growing in the same environment has made from me a conservative person, especially with my (few, but good) school friends, who we have seen ourselves growing together and have learnt from each other since we were children.

In our competitive society, what many companies want is to obtain results, sometimes, independently on how you did to obtain them. My daily life, however, drift me to develop a philosophy where the effort must be one of the most valued features and, when shown, it should be reinforced to give strength for the ongoing steps. Although this philosophy hasn't always been satisfactory in my life (probably because the concept of effort also may become very subjective), in general, I dare say that it works and it helps you both to motivate and to achieve your purposes. Actually, the effort has demonstrated (me) to be the best friend of the own learning. That is, if you make the effort enough on learning something, in the end you'll learn it. I invested (and invest at the present) a lot of time and effort in some activities in order to feed my brain (in terms of learning): learning musical language, playing the piano, practising martial arts, practicing e-sports (professional video-gaming), or doing research. We apply an important amount of effort even to maintain our personal relationships with others, or with our partner. The fact of having employed this effort when we achieve a good result in something is, indeed, what make one (or a group) proud of that so as to give new motivations for the incoming future.

Life taught me that we must respect and love nature, as well as all the good things for the environment and the conservation of our planet. Humans shouldn't be egocentric and must adapt to nature, but not nature to them. To me, however, human behavior is also very

attractive: the strange way they behave in some situations, how they contradict themselves, how they destroy themselves while they destroy the nature, how they complicate themselves to ending up ignoring the simplest thing... This drives me to be an intra/inter human observer, i.e., to analyze not only the human behavior of an individual, but also the interactions between people (for instance when maintaining a conversation). Beyond this, if we made machines to be able to understand human behavior, as well as to teach them when and how a certain emotion is likely to appear, we'll be able to take advantage of the potential that technology can offer to the humanity. This should be done under the assumption that technology must be in harmony with nature, while helping people to enhance their health and intelligence. Nowadays, it is indeed a very strong assumption. My interest both in technology and research purposes in the subfields of artificial intelligence, such as computer vision or machine learning, comes, however, motivated by these facts.

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