
We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one's own feet.

- *Swami Vivekananda*

GOOD TEACHER

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Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions. - **Tilak**

Once a journalist asked the great teacher Bal Gangadhar Tilak "Sir, you are waging a relentless struggle against the British, What would you like to be after we get independence, a minister? Or a prime minister?"

Bal Gangadhar Tilak coolly replied "I don't see any purpose in my becoming the Minister. Instead I would prefer to remain a TEACHER who can mould many young men into Ministers and Prime Ministers. A teacher capable of producing a promising and talented youth is what I would like to be."

TAMASO MA JYOTIR GAMAYA (O Lord! lead me unto light from darkness). Several intellectuals enlightened our people. They led them from the state of ignorance to the knowledge-world. Knowledge imparts confidence and attitude of selfless service to an individual, says 'Rigveda'.

Many people from foreign lands studied in our ancient Universities like Takshasila and Nalanda, even from days before Christ. But our country was never internationally recognized. The main reason for that was, our peoples though having merit, lacked interest in publicizing and gaining importance for their capabilities. Their methodologies were never recorded and hence we do not have systematic information about our great Teachers and Institutions.

Any Science or Philosophy should be in the form of a good text with chronology. It should be popularized. In this aspect our countrymen have been a failure. They did not bother about making their great wisdom chronologically institutionalized

as a network. The foreigners started their organized school system in the 16th century; whereas we had Gurukulas in ancient times. Yet than education system is accepted throughout the world today.

The word 'education' is a derivative of the Latin word 'educare', which means 'to bring up'.

Let us learn about several great educationists who gave strength to modern education movement.

During ancient times, teaching was performed by the religious leaders and priests. Among them; ancient Indians, Chinese, and Greeks were pioneers. In India Gurus and Gurukulas were known for their vast knowledge in all the faculties like Medicine, Engineering, Astrology etc.

It is evident from history that their teachings in philosophy and science have become popular even today. The Romans had teacher slaves. The English word PEDAGOGUE, is a synonym for teacher, comes from Greek word, which means slave.

(The Romans had teacher - slaves. The middle English 'Pedagogue], from Latin 'Padedgogues', from Greek Paidagogos, etymologically means "a slave who escorts children to school.")

He wrote theories on Ethics and the Science of Logic too. Some important titles of Johann are:

- The Gates of Languages Unlocked
- The World Illustrated
- Didactica Magna
- The Whole World of Teaching

The above writings were translated into 32 languages apart from the English language.

Johann Amos Comenius

(1592-1670)

Johann Amos Comenius was born in Czechoslovakia. Known for his outstanding contribution in the field of education, Johann Amos Comenius brought into light the inhuman practice of teachers using the students as their household servants. He vehemently fought against this ill treatment of students all his life time.

Known as the Father of Modern Education, Johann was a contemporary of Galileo and Milton. He proposed the theory that a beautifully illustrated textbook with drawings and photographs would make the lessons much more captivating and interesting than formal writing. He propagated the view that the teacher should have proper understanding and should be aware of the children's feelings. He was of the opinion that the teacher should be sensitive and effective.

