Role Of The Value Consultant

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The teacher as specialist in certain subjects must impart a certain amount of knowledge to the student within a certain time and under certain conditions of testing, grading, and fulfilling requirements for 'degrees' ('measured amounts of knowledge'). Thus, the teacher acts as an institution and not necessarily as of extrinsic value, especially in the exact sciences. But in addition it must, or ought to, be of intrinsic value, too. The teacher and students are connected with the system, autonomous and unique. Contact between such personalities is itself an autonomous and unique situation. The relation between these two may be called the self-directed, personal, self sensibility of the teacher and, it must be added, his students.

The satisfaction of the student with systematic learning is due to his awareness of such intrinsic possibilities. But the intrinsic is a two-way affair, to bring about it is not necessarily a matter of teaching but also of learning. Intrinsic value can be acquired in the purest sense of the term, by knowledge to bear a flame. On the other hand, a student who is still seeking himself and his goal needs outside inspiration and will be guided by routine teaching. The dissatisfaction of the student is, therefore, at least in part, a sign of his difficulty of finding his own axis. In the welter of social, academic, and other extrinsic relationships, the routine teaching adds no quality to the student's awareness of such intrinsic possibilities. Such personalities is itself an autonomous and unique situation.

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