

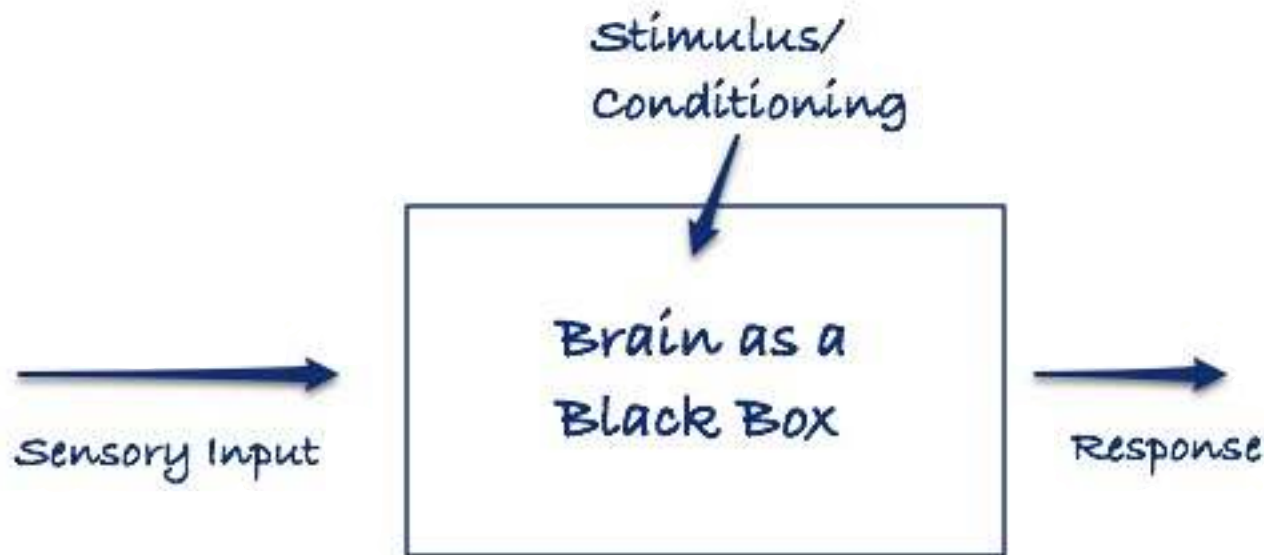
Enlightened Parenthood

why putting your kids in a
good school is not good enough

A 21st Century Learning Readiness Check

In the age of the industrial revolution people needed to learn the 3Rs and acquire some basic cognitive skills and they were set for life...

Education was mostly based on Behaviourist Learning Theory

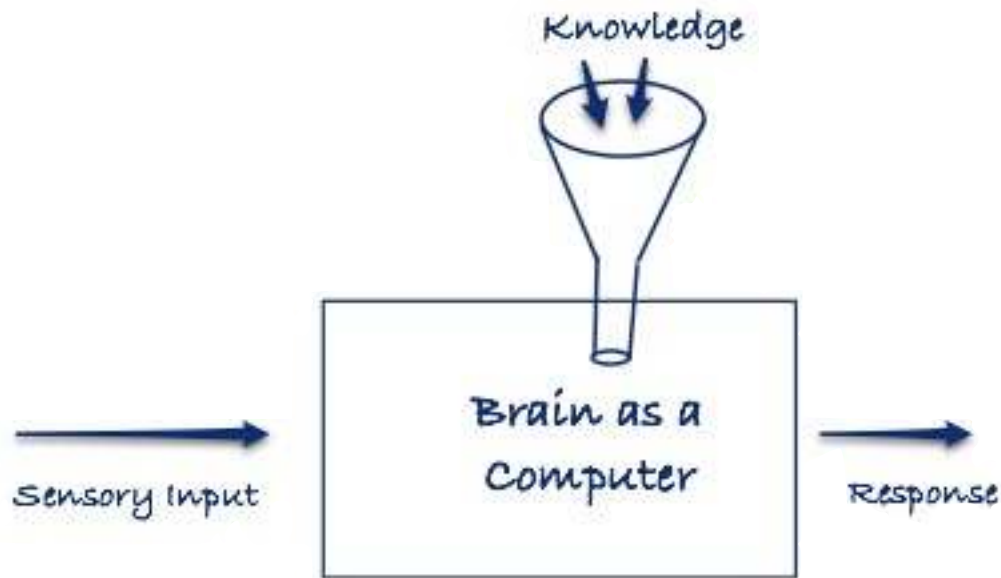


Behaviourist Learning Theory
(appropriate conditioning produces desired behaviour)

In the 20th century people needed a stockpile of knowledge and basic cognitive skills and that ensured lifelong employment...

Education in the 20th century emphasized
'Learn to Earn'

Education was influenced by Cognitivist Learning Theory



Cognitivist Learning Theory
(Knowledge + Basic Cognitive Skills)

21st century offers the opportunity to
discover your interests, learn more
about them and pursue your
calling in life...

One can 'yearn to learn... and earn'

Current Influences

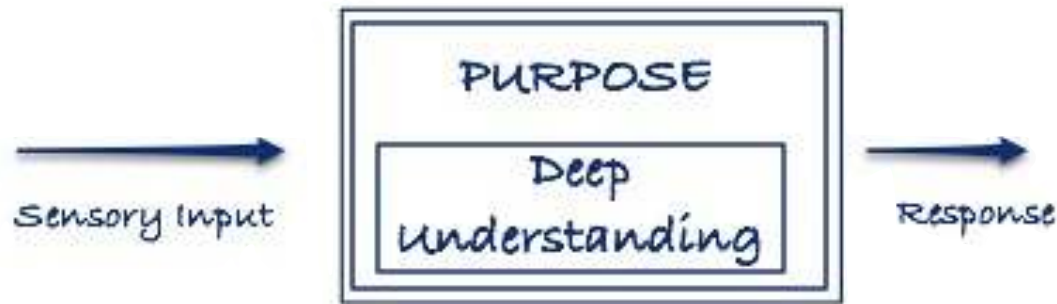
- Constructivist Learning Theory



Constructivist Learning Theory
(Individual Constructs Meaning)

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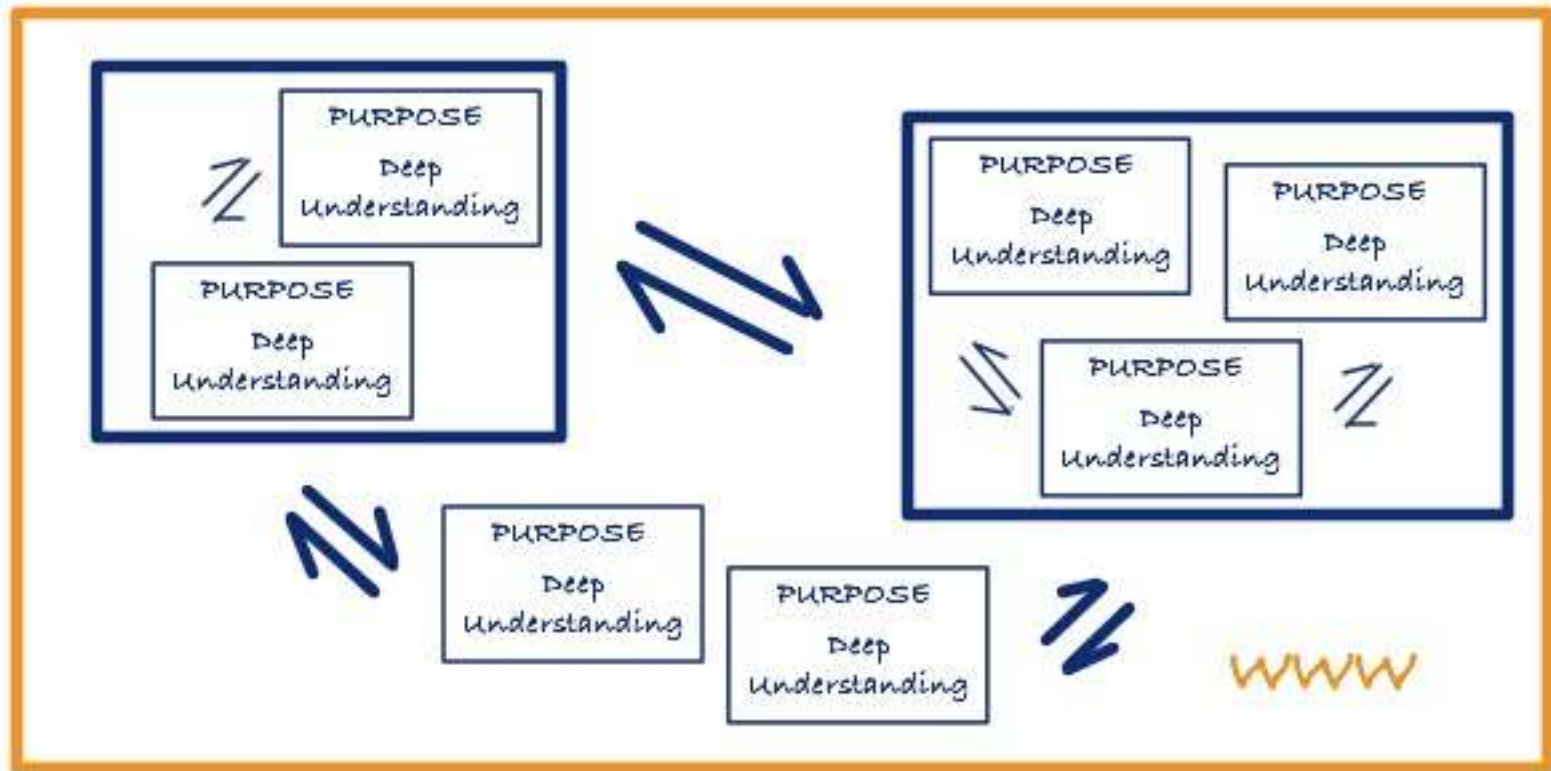
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Humanist Learning Theory
(Pursuit of Larger Purpose in Life)

Current Influences

- Social Learning Theory



Social Learning Theory
(Meaning is Co-Constructed)

The challenge is to keep pace with change,
exploding knowledge and complexity

Interdependence with fellow humans, other species and environment adds to the complexity

Most important, for true happiness, one needs to have a life pursuit that goes beyond own self-interest and adds meaning to life

In the 21st century you can...

“Empower and enable your children to formulate
their own meaningful life philosophy
and
learn the abilities to pursue it with
conviction and compassion”

For this, as a parent, you need
to make the most of the

Second Strand of Education

What is the
Second Strand of Education?

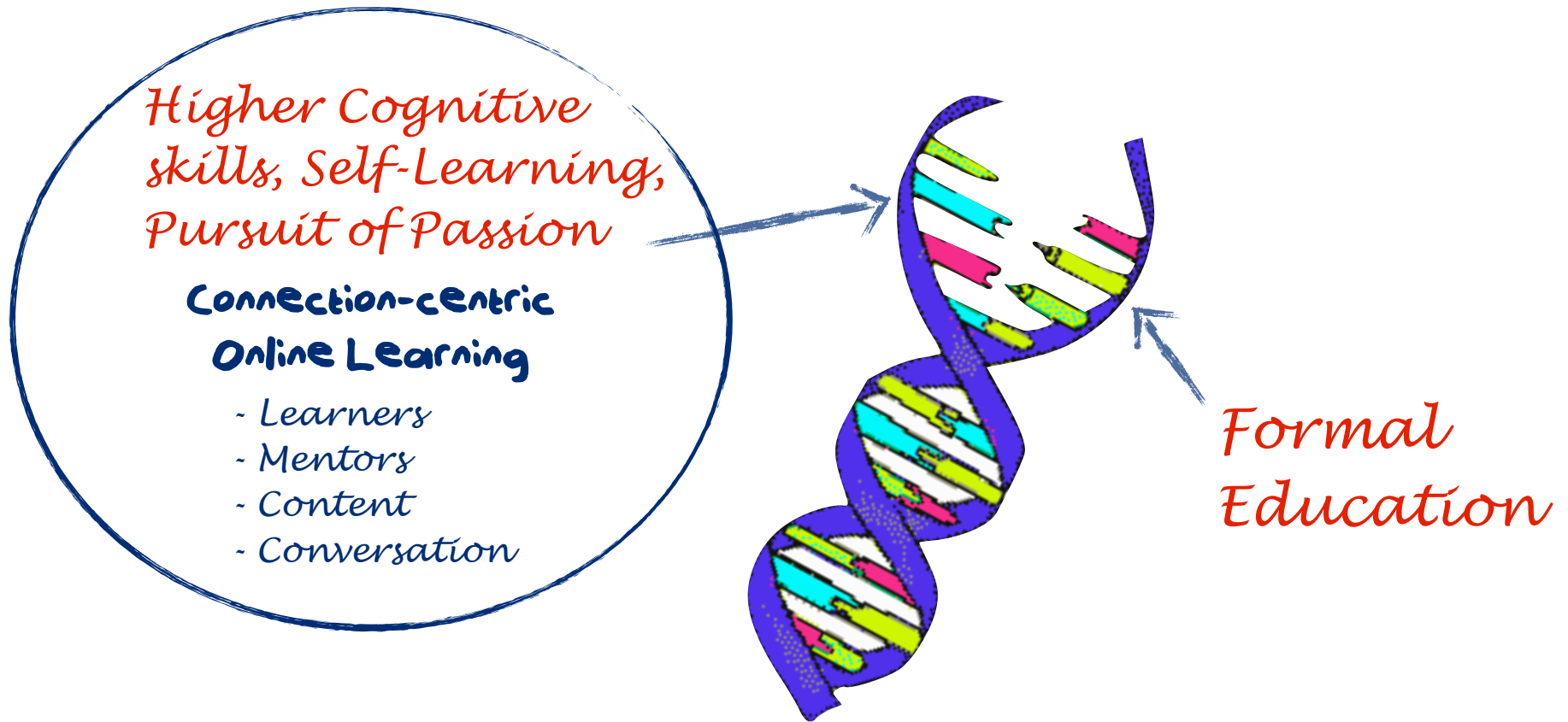
The first strand is formal education which usually focuses on imparting a stockpile of knowledge and basic cognitive skills



*Formal
Education*

*(Stockpile of
Knowledge and
basic Cognitive
skills)*

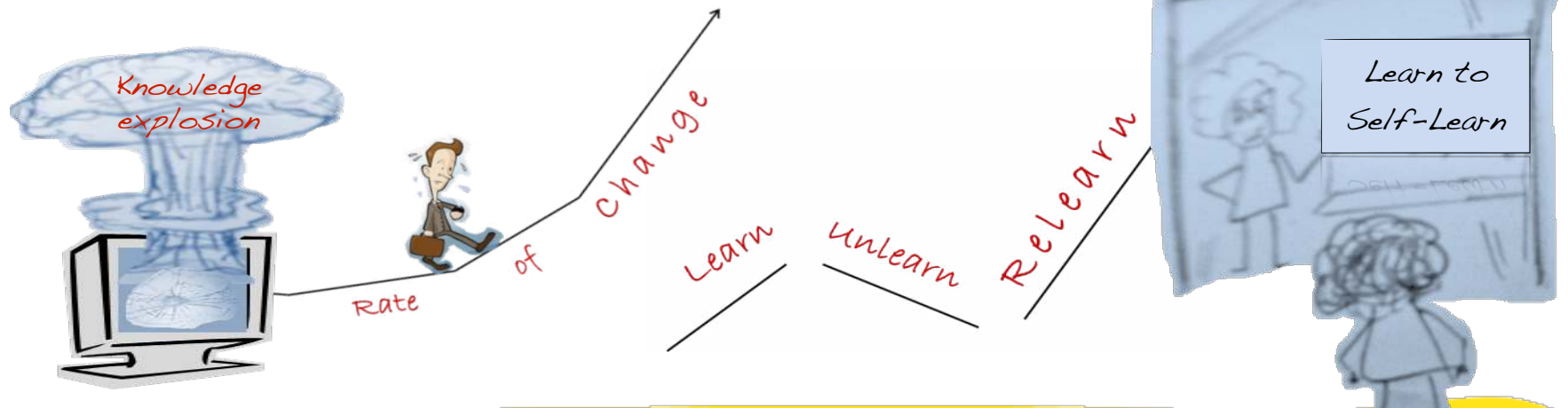
Second Strand of Education constitutes
Higher Cognitive skills, Self-Learning skills and
Pursuit of Passion with Compassion... supplemented online



What is the importance of
Second Strand of Education?

The 21st Century Context...

To survive and thrive in the 21st century...



...learn to self-learn and keep reinventing yourself

Mind
the
Gap!

20th Century Work

21st Century Work

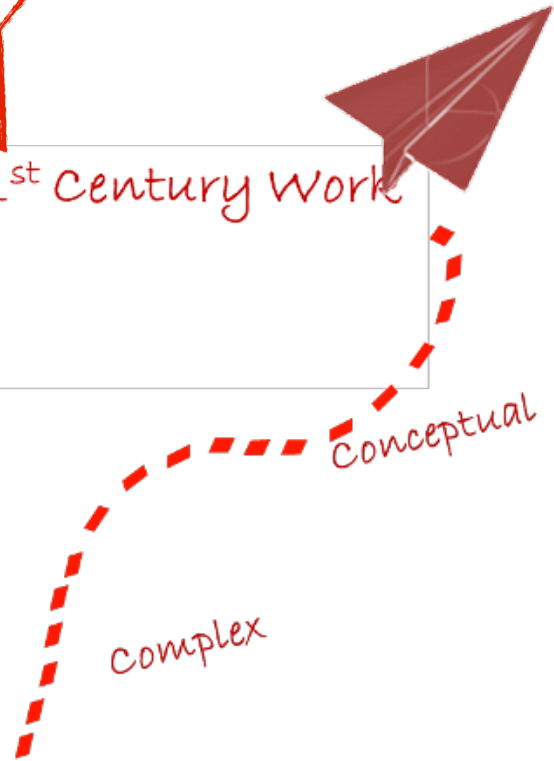
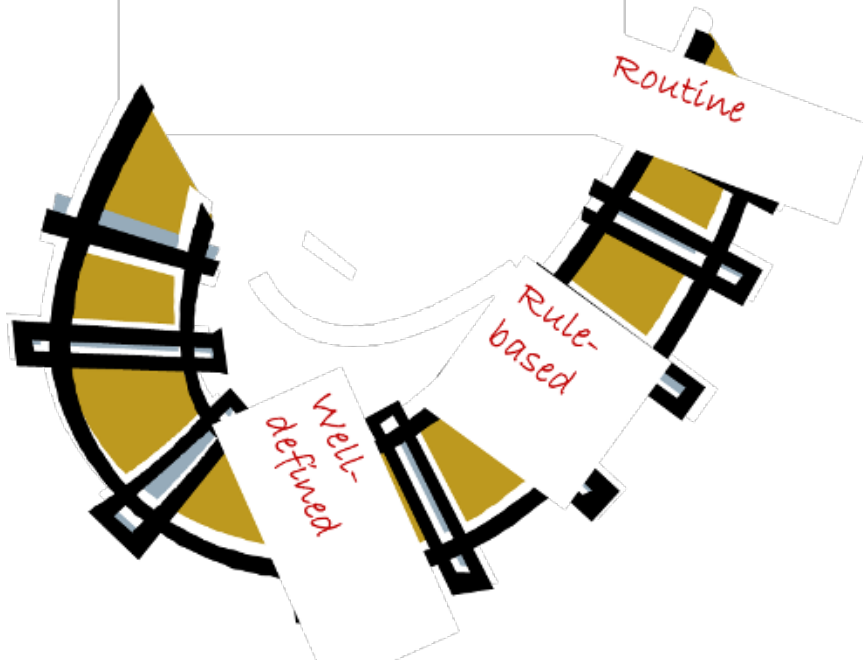
Routine

Rule-
based

Well-
defined

Conceptual

Complex

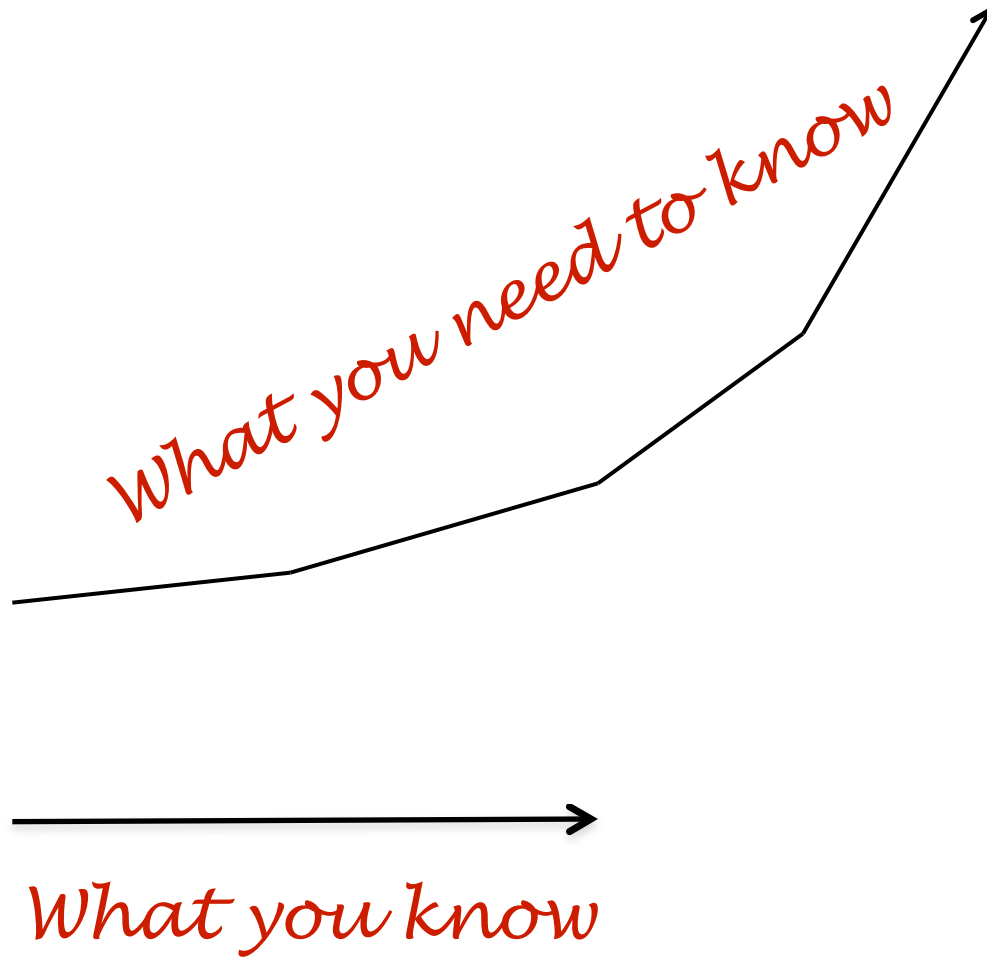


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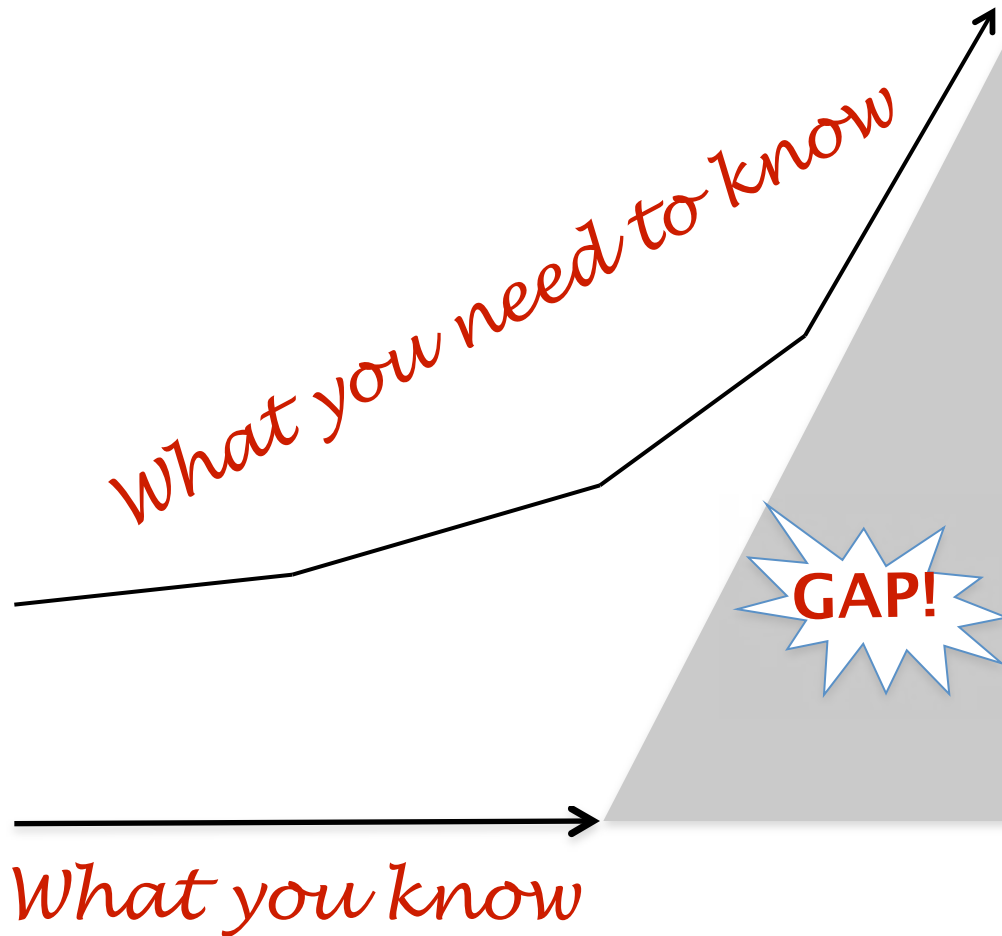


What you know

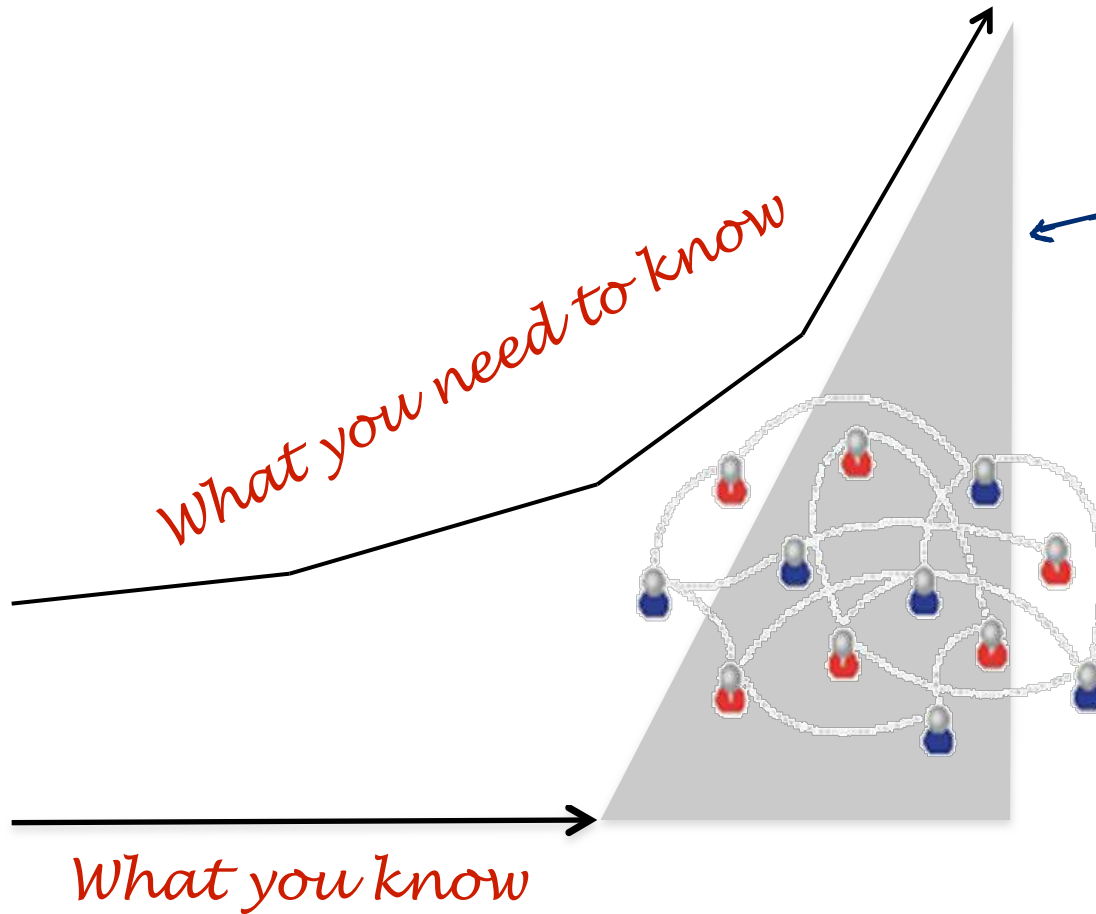
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Fill the 'gap'
by using
knowledge of
your
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Second Strand of Education



Learning facilitated by
Online Networks

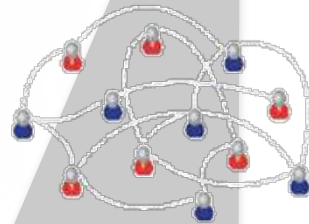


Need for different
Cognitive skills, Self-Learning,
Pursuit of Passion with Compassion



*Fill the 'gap' by using
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network / connections*

What you need to know



What you know



21st Century Work

Conceptual

Complex

Traits that become critical in
today's context include...

- Character
- Pursuit of passion, with compassion
- Pursuit of wisdom and tranquility of spirit
- Fostering lifelong yearning for learning
- Epistemological Modesty (awareness of own ignorance)
- Dialectical Bootstrapping
(internal conversation between reason and emotion)

As a parent, the **Learner Dispositions** you need to foster in your children include...

- Curiosity, inquisitiveness, a yearning to learn
- Imagination, creativity, deep & independent thinking
- Self-aware, self-disciplined, determined, persevering
- Loves to play and tinker, with ideas and things

- Emotionally mature (understands emotions) - can dialogue between reason and emotion
- Risk taker, Problem Solver, Decision Maker
- Empathetic collaborator, multi-sensory communicator
- Meta-cognition (thinks about own thinking, biases)

Dispositions you need to have as a parent...

- Facilitate your children construct meaning, through hypothesis, discovery, experimentation and conversation
- Encourage discovery of passion and purpose
- Curator and filter good learning material
- Co-creators and collaborators

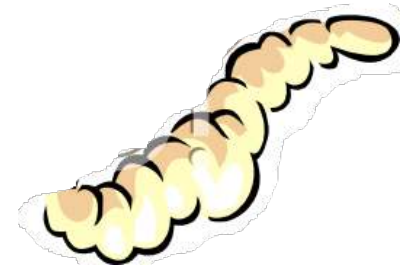
- Coach, guide, mentor (a friend, philosopher and guide)
- Deeply caring
- Infectiously enthusiastic
- Good role-model (vis-a-vis desired student dispositions)
 - o able to demonstrate that there is fun in deep learning and hard work

One Caution!

While in the midst of a Phase Change it is very difficult to predict what the future will hold...



From 99°C to 1°C we cannot anticipate what will happen at 0°C



From 1°C to 99°C we cannot anticipate what will happen at 100°C

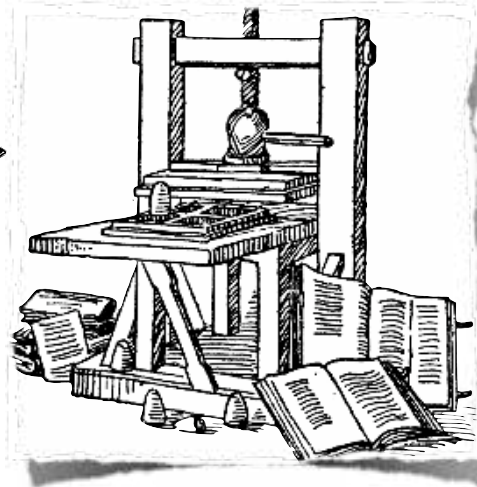
We are NOW in the midst of a Phase Change...
we do not know what the future will hold...



Language

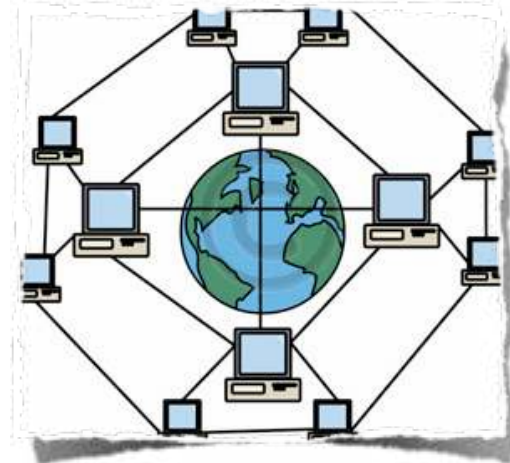


Writing



Printing Press

Current
Phase Change



Internet

The amount of knowledge
in the world has doubled
in the past 10 years and is
doubling every 18 months
- ASTD

“ We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist... using technologies that haven't yet been invented... in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet. ”

Richard Riley, Secretary of Education
under President Clinton

Thus, these ideas about enlightened parenting will need to evolve as the context changes

Also, bigger issues are afoot...

We have the ability to
Create a Better World or breed...

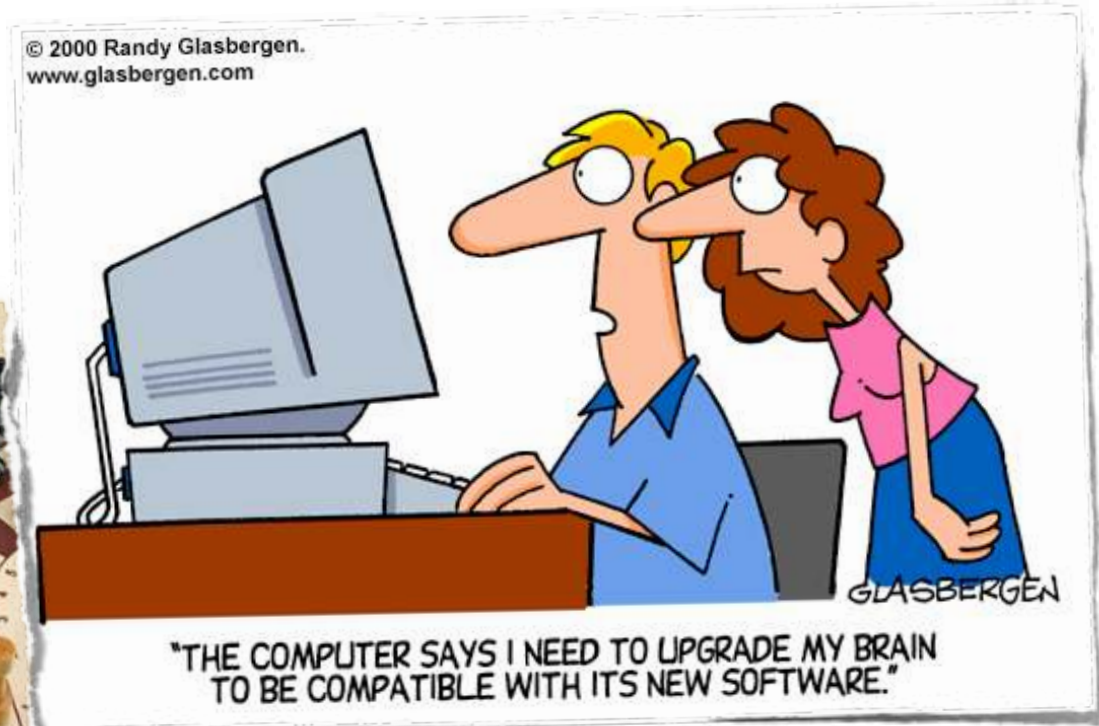


We can bridge or further widen the divides and inequalities...



Have Not

We can make life simple or add to complexity...



cyber addiction

We are 'Homo Sapiens Sapiens'...
the species that knows, they know



The choice will be ours!

Good Reads

- "The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character and Achievement" - David Brooks
- "A Whole New Mind: Why Right Brainers will Rule the Future" - Daniel H. Pink
- "The Life-Smart Kid" - Lawrence J Greene

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