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Education Is Appreciation

Picture this.

A world ruled by an ideal educational system. Children who are given liberty to bloom into joyful teenagers. If it were all that perfect, the ancient Yin-Yang symbol which teaches us there is a downside to everything would be meaningless.

Then, let's picture this.

Imagine those teenagers growing into adults. Some might feel content with their choices. Yet they will stumble and fall and crash, because they had been living inside a perfect system until being set free into the real world, which is anything but perfect.

Consequently, we would need to create an ideal world. But what if our initial hypothesis was wrong?

Perhaps we could seek the Yang in the Yin and find a balance. I reckon no such thing as "ideal" exists. Out of 7.213.659.150 people, you couldn't pick two identical matches. Thus, creating a system convenient to everybody is impossible.

I beg to differ with Logan LaPlante. We don't need more drama classes instead of maths, exclusively encouraging tutors, or to do only what we desire. Outside the educational bubble, that is not what children will encounter.

What I believe education lacks is a few hours per week when children are reminded that life is beautiful, however short and however rocky their path might get; a few minutes to show them that happiness can be found in imperfection, and perhaps a few moments to observe the Yin-Yang sign and remember that it exists for a reason.