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Title: The Desire for Certainty
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World

Human curiosity and questioning are weakened by traditional education. Today's educational institutions focus on memorisation over research and inquiry, causing people to cling to fixed beliefs instead of exploring uncertainty. As science works through constant testing, revision and accumulation of evidence, it rarely provides definitive answers. However, when the evidence changes over time it challenges the belief system of society. Each new study adds something new to the previous research. Whereas, educational institutions rarely teaches such skills of research and scientific discoveries, and cling to the research done in the days of yore. This explains public confusion over shifting research findings as they search for definite truth instead of understanding that science works through questioning and is a gradual process.

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Comprehension:

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✓ The writer suggests that humans had redefined the meaning of intelligence in every era. For many centuries, it was associated with wisdom; the slow and gradual understanding gained through observation, experience, and reasoning. Whereas in the industrial age, defined intelligence as the ability to calculate, plan and execute. However, in today's advanced world the intelligence is not ~~not~~ in the depth of thoughts but in a speed of response. The faster one thinks on work, the more intelligent one is considered.

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The danger the author believes is valuing speed above reflection is the risk of confusion with understanding. The technology has made us unable to think or ~~sp~~ observe information. Humans are incapable of independent thinking. Whereas, true intelligence has always involved the ability to pause and think.

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The advancement of technology and its accessibility is supposed to expand human knowledge but unfortunately it has diminished the capacity to turn the very knowledge into wisdom. Thinking feels like a waste of time while one has infinite knowledge at one's fingertips. Time and stillness is required to ~~to~~ ~~value~~ interpret, connect and insight.

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The real intelligence, valuable for future, is in the art of stillness and observing every tiny details, clearly and independently, not in fast accelerating world where answering fast is more appreciated than answering correctly.