Wisdom vs. Salary

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Today there is no incentive for intellectually superior people to cultivate their minds further after graduation from college. Although these people with a liberal arts degree have no difficulty in finding work and in executing their jobs well, they seldom do anything to completely fulfill their potential. Basically, these people have been taught to think; but in the business world of today there is little opportunity for creative thinking. It is a question of salary versus wisdom. The things people do now benefit only themselves. The emphasis is on profit and volume of business. Few individuals consider the creative side of life—the philosophic. The chief outlet for the ability of the intellectually superior person in teaching. Here he has a chance to be creative, to think, and to benefit others with his wisdom.

But what if he does not want to teach? A friend of mine, who is a graduate, cum laude, of Indiana University school of Liberal Arts, an English major, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, is now working for a finance company as a collection agent. Originally, he intended to be an English teacher and was for a year. But he found he was not suited for teaching. He could have gone back to school to get his Ph.D., but he had a good offer of a job with the finance company, with excellent opportunities for advancement. He accepted the position with the company because of the opportunities for promotion. Here is a good example of the suppression of expression of the genius and wisdom in a person because of the lack of remuneration.

Businesses today require their employees to have higher intelligence, be graduates of college, and outstanding individuals, yet they waste these talents in the practicality of the business world. There is no place in the world today for the philosophers, the leaders—creatively, or the individuals of great intellectual ability. We do not recognize or give credit to these people. In our present practical, business-like system, the geniuses must either starve to death, or go into business, for there is no reward for their intelligence and wisdom.

A Step Backward

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The Federal Communications Commission is, at present, reviewing requests for the inauguration of pay-as-you-see television. Programs sponsored by pay-TV would appear on the television screen as a picture puzzle with the pieces in the wrong places. By de-