

The starting point of my exploration of Living Educational Theory

Truth #1: Human nature to learn

- A child is ever so excited, curious, and ready to learn



Hopeful in learning



My truth:

- Difficulties in learning, especially reading in English
- Developed strategies to survive in school, to prevent myself from getting hurt

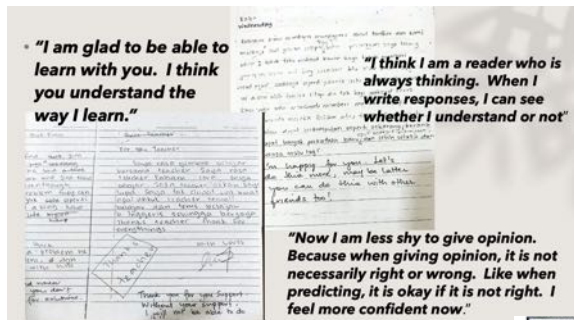
Truth #2: Human nature to learn

- As we grow older, we develop a sense of responsibility to learn and strive.
- In many cases, we stop playing.



Learners' experiences in classrooms

- Learning difficulties
- Helpless in learning
- Talents wasted or suppressed



"Now I am less shy to give opinion. Because when giving opinion, it is not necessarily right or wrong. Like when predicting, it is okay if it is not right. I feel more confident now."

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QUESTIONING HUMAN AGENCY: AN ANALYSIS OF REFLECTIONS TO MERGE WESTERN AND ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVES IN SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING TO OVERCOME "I" AS A LIVING CONTRADICTION, presented at ICSoTL 2017 & revised for UHAMKA, Indonesia, 2020.

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LEARNING FROM LEARNERS: VOICES EXPLORED THROUGH "I" AS A LIVING CONTRADICTION, presented at MARNET 2021

"I" AS A LIVING CONTRADICTION

As I strive to understand about life and about learning, I continuously encounter moments of me living in contradiction. The strategy to balance up is continuous reflection (Muhassabah Diri). The way to go about it is through humbleness, which is challenging to do.

To be truthful to oneself is hard, as by the night the heart softens and we submit to God, but by the day, the heart may sway and harden as we decide about the rights and the wrongs while being enticed towards worldly temptations.



Peace be upon you...
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