

Deciding and learning our ‘scientific’ journey.

If I approximate my life expectancy to 60 years old. I am nearing to my 30s. That is not a ‘young’ figure as we actively navigate ourselves in science and for different causes. Though, I feel young and personally experience my youth whenever I can. I spent almost half of my life both in academic and career, and have lived most of my path by sharing what I reap with my own blood-related family and who ever crosses my path. I have a privilege of being someone’s daughter, someone’s sister, and someone’s ‘peer at one point of time’, someone’s student, and someone’s teacher.

One of my most memorable and best moment in my life is a 30 minutes round-table chat with two wisest women leaders I have ever met at my life. One in her late 40s, and the other nearing to her 50s. We have interesting life experiences and adult perspectives of dealing with work, family duties and kids. As I listened with great admiration to these women capabilities from their experiences - I visualized a timeline events of my own present life and in coming days. *Voila* – like any other single maturing adults out there and facing ‘decisions’ and ‘responsibilities’, we are in face with scary questions too. One common question:

“What about your kids?”

Before I step into their shoes, I live at a prime time to reflect on both my academic and career experience, and how decisions formed my present 30s position, to be both fortunate and an unfortunate one. I breath to share my life experience and my work experiences for the better of all. At age 28, I said:

“Is okay, hey, I do have many children. Young ones, and ‘big’ children too.”

Some people may just not grow up and some people mature at a different rate and with different life experiences. Age indeed, is a figure. So I will say to my children, my potential students, my potential young ones (who I will be happy to care and guide for). Like Oprah said “Relax, relax”. We are going through a human experience:

Decisions and challenges are there to awake us to different paths.

Decisions and chances are there to awake us to what we did not know.

Decisions and changes are there to awake us to learn and grow.

If I ever have the same privilege again to be your child, your mentee, and your student – Likewise, vice versa me being able to be at your service as your guardian, your mentor, your teacher; whether at present, in future, and for any purpose: Get ready - as we write from paper to paper, and jump from session to session, and as we talk from one proposal to another, and as we explore ourselves in this world run by complex creatures: The privilege of being with you in this wondrous life may offer, I thank you – for I learn to do better and making sure:

“I’ll keep you safe. Try hard to concentrate
Hold out your hand. Can you feel the weight of it?
The whole world at your fingertips.
Don’t be, don’t be afraid.
Our mistakes they were bound to be made.
But I promise you *I’ll keep you safe*” – *Cited Lyrics*



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