

School

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This is my third attempt to address this subject. A university is a combination of many schools. Some weeks back I mentioned the University of Life. The basic degree of this university is called "Survivalist." There are many schools at this university. I mentioned "The School of Hard Knocks" and having passed the courses there, awarded myself the degree of "OMS" which entitled me (in my mind) the right of respect to an opinion.

Every human and creature on being born is automatically enrolled and achieves some skill as a Survivalist. This is true of all the inhabitants of the planet. This is to be only five hundred words so I will limit myself to only humans. As we are automatically enrolled at birth, we begin to learn basic courses, one of the first meaningful courses is called "Sand Box 101," and so we progress to enhance our education, guided by our circumstances, and our parents, not necessarily a level playing field.

Over time as we get older we become adept at acquiring skills of survival, and in so doing keep passing tests that keeps us alive and on the road to achieving the ultimate degree of "Survivalist."

Our education as humans living in a society with other humans is divided into segments. There is elementary education, which if we live beyond our early childhood is basic, and some humans do not progress past this stage, and with lots of luck, live long enough to get a meaningful "Survivalist" degree.

Then there is secondary education, where the skills achieved are more complex, and life has more benefits and the chance of becoming a "Survivalist" increase dramatically. So far I have only talked about unstructured education. Society in an effort to level out the playing field devised structured schools of education and awards monetary remuneration to those who acquire special skills that benefit their society directly. As a result of the secular learning in addition to the basic education in the university of life, the life span and value of the "Survivalist" degree is greatly enhanced.

We assembled here are living proof of how valuable this degree has become, it is really great to have become "Survivalists."