

# We Are Nothing But Our Imagination

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## 1 Motivation

I start with two memories of mine. Back when I was in high-school I was watching a movie. I grabbed an orange and a tangerine, put them on a plate and carried on watching the movie. While watching I started peeling one without looking, for some reason I assumed it is the orange, I ate half the fruit and I was tasting orange, till the movie reached a less exciting point at which I looked at my hand, I saw I was having the tangerine. I had goosebumps, a deep weird feeling that I cannot describe, which stopped the chewing, I was fascinated by the imagination. I was tasting orange, just because I assumed I am having orange. The second memory which happened again and again was that for a while I had a daydream. I used to dream that I am running after someone to catch him or someone was running to catch me. The dream was so deep and strong that I was not aware of my surroundings, while dreaming my heart beat used to raise and I was breathing heavily. I do not know how long each of those dreams lasted, but after each dream was over I immediately looked around to see if there is anyone watching me and thinking “what is wrong with him”. The third one which is not a memory, since I still have it, is that I solve some challenging mathematical problem when I am slept. I work all day long on it and no outcome is achieved, but it happens that I wake up in the morning with the solution.

The point I am trying to draw is that our imagination is strong, very very strong. Every kid is born with imagination and a good sense of curiosity, which unfortunately later on is killed, by family members, by schools or else. If we manage to keep the imagination alive, protect it, and mix it with a proper set of tools, we will be on our way to success. People, expectations and social norms put tremendous amount of pressure on individuals to behave or make decisions in certain ways.

The need for survival, for providing for one’s family may not let people to take risks, stick to their imagination and dreams. We see all the time people with the same level of intelligence approach life very differently, depending upon how their parents have treated them as a kid. Those with supporting families are more *bold* and more self-confident. Boldness is an important tool that needs to be paired with imagination. Kids with supportive families are very vocal about their ideas, no matter how stupid the idea is!

Imagination is an important or perhaps the first key one needs to have to be successful. Scuba diving in a rich imagination is joyful.

## 1.1 Protection

In order to follow our dreams and imagination we have to have one, we have to keep it alive. Society and reality of life has killed most people's imagination. One way of protecting our dreams is by not sharing it! People with no dreams would try to kill your dreams. "It is impossible" they would say, or "you cannot do it". "You cannot do it" may be a good motivation to make your dreams come true, but I think in the long run it will lose its effect. People may try to kill your dreams for different reasons such as being stupid, not having good imagination, or perhaps because it was their dream one day, to do what you are about to do, and when they see they do not have it, they may not want you to have it. They may kill your dreams with good or bad intentions.

Moreover, you do not have to keep working or keep your friendship with those type of people who are like extra weight. Put yourself in a better position, hang out with people who can put more fuel in your train of life.

Protect your dreams by not talking about it. Playing it safe may bring you "a success", however, it will not bring you a permanent happiness. It does not work like that. Perhaps you can carry on doing what you decided to do when you were 18, and get a Ph.D. in some field but you will not be happy. Perhaps you have seen people with degrees from Ivy-League schools who are not happy with the degree and are not working in the field they received the degree for.

At some point you have to make a decision, take an action and start following the dream. Watching lots of "planet earth" you can observe that in order to grow a new life, a new generation of trees a fire is needed. After the jungle is burnt down to the ground new plants are born. The strongest will grow big. The seeds that fight the dirt on them will bud and bloom. Those fighting for light will grow tall.

The point I am trying to make is that when you start following your dreams you are going to fail. None of us are smart enough to get it right on the first try. Einstein, Newton or other brilliant individuals who are unique over the history of human being have failed. So, ... YOU are going to fail, there is no way around it. You are the seed under the dirt, if you fight you will grow, with every failure you get stronger and stronger. You will be the one with character. With every failure you learn a new path leading to a failure, at the end, when all failure paths are eliminated you will find the way to success.

It will not of course be easy, otherwise everyone would have been successful, everyone would have been a millionaire! It is not supposed to be easy.

## 1.2 Conclusion

Do not let your imagination die. The moment your imagination dies, you die, like most people. It is your choice to fight the dirt and grow or be buried under your own fear. If you fail, you are back to square one, if you do not try you will remain the square one forever, you will never know what could have been the result.