

## **INDIVIDUALITY - A DISTINCT PERSONALITY**

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We all have different characters, different attitudes and each to its own; we have our own personal, particular character that distinguishes us from the others, hence, a distinct personality which we call individuality. Individuality is synonymous to being unique, making you different from another person or a thing. Yes, we have our own personal identity that distinguishes us from the others. We cannot lose our individuality for this is the distinctive mark of a person. Even twins have their own individuality and personality wherein we can differentiate one from the other. This is why we can still pinpoint and figure out who is who from the twins even if they are identical.

A person may exercise his own choice and he can as well decide whatever customary style of life will best suit him. Yes, that means freedom of choosing for oneself. In this case, individuality may lead you to happiness. It even leads us to having self-reliance and assurance of oneself. Yes, our individuality helps us recognize our personal identity. But of course, we would want to be different from the other people around us. Let us acknowledge ourselves by means of developing our individuality.

Every emotion that we feel is based on our own feelings and our own living. This is the sole reason why we develop our individuality. We are endowed with a special power of life by God and this gives us the more reason to stand out and express our being unique from one another. This vitality or life is a precious power given to humans, wherein we are completely accountable for each and every property of individual growth and achievement. Let us not put it all to waste.

This special quality of individualism that we possess should be recognized by every person. This taps our unlimited resources of talents that every individual was enriched with and puts out their creativity as well. The school, home, workplace, community and everywhere we go for that matter emphasizes one's individual development according to his own caliber and individuality. Therefore, we should nurture our individual talent and uniqueness. Hence, we all give due respect to each and everyone's individuality.

Everything about ourselves is all individualized. As for me, individuality also means having self-reverence for this is tantamount to having sanity. If you feel yourself in yourself, then you start to feel your worth and begin to appreciate your life's worth. Moreover, you start having self-management too and work out your sensibility. We become objective and acquire wisdom that dispels all illusion for now we create our own identity.

We now feel the staying power of life, the appetency of endurance and feel confident enough to face life itself in all its intricacies. This is very true for we are all highly individualized at all levels for everyone is unique. To sum it all up, we can say that individuality is a separate existence, a distinct personality that everyone possesses.

Questions for discussion:

- 1. How do you show your individuality? Explain your answer.
- 2. Is self-confidence synonymous to individuality? Why or why not?
- 3. Do you think you have already achieved your individuality? Explain further.
- 4. How special is the quality of individualism in your life? Justify your answer.
- 5. Have you achieved self-reverence through individuality? How?

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