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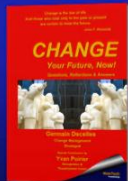
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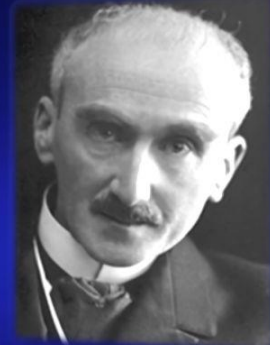


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Henri-Louis Bergson,  
(1859–1941)  
French philosopher, influential especially in the first half of the 20th century. Bergson convinced many thinkers that immediate experience and intuition are more significant than rationalism and science for understanding reality.



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to change is to mature,  
to mature is to go on creating  
oneself endlessly.

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Wisdom, on the other hand, refers to the ability to make sensible decisions and give good advice because of the experience and knowledge that you have.

Someone may have all the knowledge about a subject but may not have the wisdom to utilize this knowledge properly to be able to act in a sensible manner.

You can gain knowledge by educating yourself, but you can gain wisdom only by experience.

Growth has its many forms and manifests itself in human beings. Knowledge about growth can lead to wisdom of sorts.

Remember that if you are born with this deep-rooted desire to grow from within, you need to set your priorities right. Your aims and ambitions all need to be clear concerning what you want to do in life, along with the experience that gets attached to it all.

### **What is the difference between being knowledgeable and being wise?**

When you grow, you grow in two ways: one in terms of volume and the other in terms of qualitative knowledge. I have often noted that there is a thin line of difference between being knowledgeable and being wise. It is seldom that you find a combination of both. When you grow in experience, you may or may not understand the need for it, until after you have learned from it.



You might have wanted to be a painter. If so, spending a little time painting billboards can help you gain some knowledge that you may otherwise be devoid of. And it is this experienced that can help make you wise.

So what does any experience entail? Your experience gives you knowledge; it empowers you with those things that you have learned. Instead of merely accepting the facts that you are not familiar with, you are enticed into acquiring first-hand information about those areas. This in turn leads to growth. "I don't know" and "I am not sure" are mere words that make you search for more.

Once you have reached this stage, growth occurs automatically. Acceptance of what you do not know, in short, leads to growth. Your aims and aspirations are stepping-stones to knowledge; following unfamiliar paths leads to growth and thus towards wisdom.

You have experienced your body, to a degree, your mind to a point, and you have experienced the world, to some extent. You might have also experienced the energy which makes this body and mind function. Beyond this, you have not experienced anything at all.

Remember that everything else is just pure, unadulterated imagination, and your imagination functions in whatever way society has taught you. Take stock of what experience you have and have not had, and all that is not there in your experience accept it as, "*I do not know*". This is very, very essential. Otherwise, your whole life may pass by in pretensions.

Also, in the same chapter you can familiarize yourself with questions, reflections, and answers about:

- What is the difference between being knowledgeable and being wise?
- How can I search for the unknown?
- So how do I continually learn new things in life?
- Can our general knowledge be updated?
- Can I gain wisdom?
- How can I learn from failure?
- Should I believe I have tried all possible approaches?
- Is there a technique for learning a subject better?
- What is reason and how do I use it?
- How do I strengthen my character?
- What should I consider?

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The trainees were from colleges and reinsertion programs in administration and computer science. Some of the trainees that were implicated were dropouts from school districts, and others were new immigrants or unemployed workers from different economic and social backgrounds.

To graduate, the trainee had to perform during a period of three months in a business environment. At the end of that time, an appreciation evaluation was performed to determine both the amount of change the trainee experienced during the period and the impact of that change on the trainee.

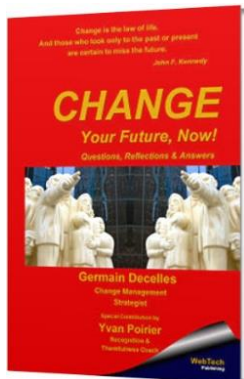
Many of the questions, reflections, and answers presented in this book are issued from our findings during this period. We would like to thank all the trainees for their efforts and determination during the process.



In a nutshell, to change your life for a better future, you will need to be completely open and transparent as you look inside yourself to answer the tough questions about what you think you need to do to succeed in life.

To help you to develop a clear and detailed program, for your personal growth and happiness in life you will need *Change Your Future, Now!*

The book through questions, quotes and reflections provides the necessary elements to explore your soul, to find out who you really are, what your true passions are and how you can become more efficient and effective, so you can shape your life.

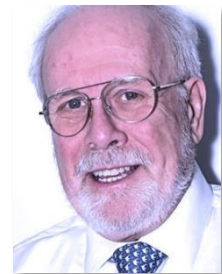


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