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Subject: Re: ManualBlock - Continued from below - Home Schooling

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Mr V; I understand perfectly and fully agree with your decision. When you have discussions like this it is easy to become mired in semantics and many times words do not adequately express what you are trying to say or get the nuances of your message across. I don't want to become redundant. Let me just try to clarify one point. When I say they inherit your weaknesses; I don't mean specific mechanical aspects of your teaching methods. Even though you are a poor speller; the textbook will correct that for the child. I was thinking more of subliminal personal traits. The ones everyone on earth have but many times are not aware of. A teacher who may have biases they are not even aware of will be co-opted by another teacher who has biases they are not aware of but that contradict the biases of the first teacher; resulting in a balanced apprehension by the child. I don't mean racial or gender biases although they could be reflected unconsciously; I mean more like say the level of patience; the way a person communicates distaste for a particular theme without knowing they are doing that. That's not to say that it is all positive or negative; you may luck out and get very positive messages from the instructors. We all have watched a very good coach motivate their players to perform over and above their skill level. How do they do that? If there was a formulae; every coach would be the best. It's something they have within themselves. Popular is a whole nother issue. How many of the popular kids from your high school went on to be vastly successful people? But I digress; home schooling is a pretty new and under-represented facet of education. That's the interesting part. You are guinea pigs for this style of education and have a lot of experiences to bring to the table. I like to hear them.

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