

## EDU-WIT #1:        The Value of Education

MONARCH is committed to the notion that the right kind of education is immensely valuable:

- *“If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.”* Derek Bok, President of Harvard University
- *“A poor education is immensely expensive to the individual who achieves it, and to the country that must depend on him later.”* Sarah Caldwell
- *“Education is an ornament in prosperity, and a refuge in adversity.”* Aristotle
- *“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.”* G.K. Chesterton
- *“Whoso neglects learning in his youth, loses the past and is dead to the future.”* Euripides
- *“All our human dignity consists, then, in thought. By it we must elevate ourselves, and not by time or space, which we cannot fill. Let us endeavour, then, to think well.”* Blaise Pascal
- *“The schools of the country are its future in miniature.”* Tehyi Hsieh
- *“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read them.”* Mark Twain
- *“The gains of education are never really lost; books may be burned and cities sacked, but truth, like the yearning for freedom, lives in the hearts of humble men.”* Franklin D. Roosevelt
- *“While human capital can take many forms, there is a tendency to equate it with formal education. However, not only may many other forms of human capital be overlooked this way, the value of formal schooling, may be exaggerated, and its counterproductive consequences in some cases not understood.”* Thomas Sowell, Basic Economics, 2015
- *“From an economic standpoint, some education has great value, some has no value and some can even have a negative value.”* Thomas Sowell