

EDU-WIT #2: What is Education?

MONARCH believes that education and schooling are both important but they are not the same thing. We begin with education:

- *“The purposeful, conscious effort to transmit ideas, knowledge, skills, habits, values, opinions, expectations and standards through instruction, study, example and experience”.* Diane Ravitch 1990
- *“Education – the interactive teaching/learning process- may be carried on in formal institutions such as schools and universities, or in informal settings such as families, camps, business seminars and book clubs, etc.”* Adrian Guldemond 2010
- *“ The great end of education is to discipline rather than furnish the mind; to train it to use its own powers, rather than to fill it with the accumulation of others.”* Tyron Edwards
- *“ To raise clever doubts, to prefer searching to finding, and perpetually to pose problems without ever solving them are the great enemies of education.”* Jacques Maritain 1940
- *“ Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill.”* Barbara Tuchman. 1970
- *“ The test and use of man’s education is that he finds pleasure in the exercise of his mind”* Jacques Barzun 1960
- *“The goal of education is not to increase the amount of knowledge, but to increase the possibilities for a child to invent and discover.”* Jean Piaget
- *“The end and aim of all education is the development of character.”* Francis W. Parker 1890
- *“ Education is the systematic, purposeful reconstruction of experience.”* John Dewey 1920
- *“ I call a complete and generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skillfully and magnanimously all the offices, private and public, of peace and war.”* John Milton, 1650
- *“Cultivation of the mind is as necessary as food for the body”* Cicero
- *“Education is a weapon, whose effect depends on who holds it in his hands and at whom it is aimed.”* Joseph Stalin, 1934