

CAN TEACHERS BE REPLACED BY ROBOTS?

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In the words of Bill Gates, “Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids to work together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important.” Since the co-founder of the tech-giant Microsoft, believes in the power of a human teacher, then it must hold water that the teacher is mightier than the mouse. I strongly believe that teachers cannot be replaced by computers or robots.

Teachers are people who burn the midnight oil, work around the clock to brighten our future. They set the path for us to follow, make us ready for any challenge life gives us. The brainy gods who devote countless hours, toiling diligently to shape our future and equipping us with the ability to square up to any challenge life presents. There are many traits that a student learns through the physical presence of a human teacher. Teaching is so much more than just imparting knowledge. It is the building of character of an individual to become responsible global citizens of tomorrow.

While technology helps the teacher in explaining difficult concepts to the students, it certainly can't replace the role of a teacher. A computer or a robot can't help or develop problem solving skills and character as a teacher can. A teacher not only shares knowledge but also teaches a student necessary life skills, inspires them when they feel low and guides them to take on the right path. Love, courage, faith are the essential elements a student needs in order to sprout and spread his/her wings which emanate from the presence of a teacher. The presence of a teacher exuberates positive energy.

Teachers are considered as the role models of students; they motivate them when ever they feel sad and motivation is the catalyst a student needs for getting better results and finding the best in him/her. The school is regarded as the second home for a child and in my opinion a teacher is a second mother or father to him/her.



The computer can evaluate and answer as right or wrong but can't determine why, it cannot determine at what stage the student misconstrued. It is unable to deal with tasks involving reasoning because there are too many variables for a computer to handle successfully; it fails to manoeuvre students with extreme difficulty in learning. And in these circumstances a human teacher is absolutely needed. A real teacher can present concepts in different ways with sound reasoning.

I stand firm on the belief that a teacher can cultivate such qualities in his/her students which an electronic machine would fail to acknowledge. A teacher can teach us how to find joy even in the saddest of situations and that there is no shame in tears. She/he can teach us the wonders of the books, the extreme mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a green hill. Abraham Lincoln wrote to his son's teacher to make him learn the wonders a computer can never appreciate.

In conclusion teachers bestow upon us the courage to live a life worth-living and that is what is indispensable in today's world.

