# SELF - EDUCATION &

### **SELF - UPBRINGING**

#### "Self-education is, I firmly believe, the only kind of education there is."

Isano Asimov (1980-1992)

People, who know how to educate themselves have choices, they have the ability to advance in any endeavor.

> "All men who have turned out worth anything has had the chief hand in their own education." -- Sir Walter Scott

It is possible for man to educate himself without help or support from others. In fact, when we learn the art of self-education (learning how to learn versus how to be taught) we will find, if not create, opportunity to find success beyond our wildest dreams. Self-educated people are not dependent on others for knowledge.

Self-education (auto-formation) means teaching oneself, without a teacher, autonomously. This does not mean teaching oneself alone. Autonomy involves being open to others; it is averse to both solitude and fusion.



## Individual selfteaching is stimulated by collective self-teaching. The latter does not have a negative effect on the former.



Self-teaching appeared at the same time as continuing education, and grew increasingly popular in the 1970s and 1980s. It takes two forms with adults: experiential self-teaching, which is specific to adult training; and academic training, which is also found at school and at university. Adult academic training has certain specific characteristics



The purpose of academic training is to acquire knowledge that is not built by the person who is learning. It is rather taken from the outside world and takes two forms.



In the case of "heterotraining", the teacher teaches students within an educational system. In the case of self-training, the person who is learning teaches himself, either within the scope of an educational system by making use of the latter's resources (this is the case for individualised training or for Personalised Teaching Workshops -"APP"), or autonomously (as was the case with self-taught people in the past).

Among young people, "heterotraining" is more common. Self-training is playing an increasingly important role among adults. It is better suited to their desire for autonomy.

Another advantage is that it offers greater practical flexibility. In particular, it is easier to make use of experiential self-training than is the case with "heterotraining".





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The following people were self-educated, using projects as their education tool. Academic achievement was a by-product. Some never went to school while others did not go beyond high school. The ideas of these people changed the way we live.

- -Frederick Douglass (1818-1895)
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Thomas Edison
  - Alexander Graham Bell
  - Wright Brothers
  - Henry Ford
  - Charles Lindbergh
  - Walt Disney
  - Chuck Yeager First man to fly faster than sound
  - Steve Jobs





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