THROUGH THE MYSTIC EYE

SADHGURU IS A YOGI, MYSTIC AND VISIONARY. AN INTERNATIONALLY-RENOVATED SPEAKER, SADHGURU’S WIT AND PIERCING LOGIC PROVOKE AND WIDEN OUR PERCEPTION OF LIFE. IN THIS SERIES, SADHGURU ANSWERS QUESTIONS, AND OFFERS REFRESHING PERSPECTIVES ON DIVERSE TOPICS

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What do you think makes a perfect school?
Sadhguru: There is no perfect school. As we are looking for the evolution of a human being through the education system, the education system itself should always be an evolving process. Unfortunately, education today is entirely intellect-based. Mistaking intellect for intelligence is a serious error. If your memory is removed, your intellect is quite useless. But there are other dimensions of intelligence that do not need the support of memory. If education systems do not focus on activating these, you will create a workforce but no geniuses. More than the systems themselves, we have to upgrade those who deliver the system. The best people must become teachers. What a child needs is inspiration, not just information. If you want information, a book or the internet is better than a teacher. But without inspiration, no human being rises beyond the limitations in which he lives. It is very important that we look at this because educating a child is not just a teacher’s, parent’s or school’s business – it is the responsibility of the entire society.

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You said there was quality control in spirituality but 1,000 years of foreign subjugation destroyed that. Can you elaborate?
Sadhguru: There was no external authority, it was self-governed. It could be self-governed because spirituality was mainstream in society, and not the fringe. There were many people in profound states of experience, so if somebody said something wrong, everyone knew. But when invasions happened, most of them were killed because invaders knew that unless they imposed their religion, the land is not really taken. If we want to bring quality control back, truth should become the mainstream.