“Forget schools, think about children”

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Managers do things right; leaders do the right things
I call, therefore, a complete and generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skilfully and magnanimously, all the offices both private and public, of peace and war.

John Milton, 1644
“It seems to me that many youngsters in the developing world are, in practical terms, far better educated than their peer groups here in England. In India children growing up really do understand how things fit together. Here in London we teach them about things, but back in India they know from their own experience for they have to live their own learning

An Indian Teacher working in London
It’s all very simple really…

“the child is father of the man”

William Wordsworth
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done… and there is no health in us.

General Confession
Book of Common Prayer
1662
Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.

J. F. Kennedy, 20th January 1961
Knowing what we now know, we no longer have the moral authority to carry on doing what we have been doing.