

Role Models

Everyone talks about the importance of role models, yet there is little explanation as to why it is so important.

It begins with a vision. Usually it is something sub-conscious. This vision is of what we all wish ourselves to be some day in the future. We all have some sort of an idea what we want to be, but we lack the courage to undertake the challenge of becoming just that.

So, when we attempt to become our ultimate vision of our better self, we run into difficulty, because we find ourselves to be unworthy of grandness. This is when the role model appears.

Because there are many accomplished people out there, we search for someone who had a similar past, and/or someone who is like us in some way. Therefore, we are able to see ourselves as that greater vision, even if that vision appears to be like another person.

As I have come to experience it, this situation is okay. As a beginning. We all need some kind of inspiration, or a boost of energy, or willpower to start us off. After this has begun, then we gain something we call self-confidence, which in turn, helps us learn to be who we really are, and who we want to be, without the false image, or "role model", which helped us get there.

I've found that this is the ultimate purpose for the existence of Jedi in our world today. The concept created by George Lucas is meant to be used as a role-model. We must be realistic that it is thus far very unlikely that we will be able to emulate every aspect of being a Jedi, but we can use the image provided for inspiration to better ourselves and the world around us.

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