**Why is ‘to be more human’ our motto and what is Ubuntu?**

Dear Teacher:  
I am a survivor of a concentration camp. My eyes saw what no man should witness:  
Gas chambers built by learned engineers.  
Children poisoned by educated physicians.  
Infants killed by trained nurses.  
Women and babies shot and burned by high school and college graduates.  
So, I am suspicious of education.  
My request is: Help your students become human. Your efforts must never produce learned monsters, skilled psychopaths, educated Eichmanns.  
**Reading, writing, arithmetic are important only if they serve to make our children more human**

**Ubuntu- I Am Because we Are**

**‘Ubuntu-the essence of being human’- Desmond Tutu**

“One day, a western anthropologist went to Africa to study the social behavior of an indigenous tribe. He proposed a game to the children and they willingly agreed to be part of it. He put a basket filled with fruits underneath a tree and told the children that whoever would reach the basket first would win the whole basket and could eat the fruits all by him- or herself.

He lined them all up and raised his hand to give the start signal. Ready. Set. Go!

The children took each other’s hands and started running together. They all reached the basket at the same time. Then they sat down in a big circle and enjoyed the fruits together, laughing and smiling all the time.

The anthropologist could not believe what he saw and he asked them why they had waited for each other as one could have taken the whole basket all for him- or herself.

The children shook their heads and replied, “Ubuntu, how can one of us be happy if all the others are sad?”

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