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**Can You Raise Your “Social IQ” Response**

The article is about social IQ. According to “Can You Raise Your Social IQ?” (2006) by Daniel Goleman, social intelligence has influence on our life very significantly more than we thought. The author finally found a very interesting answer why socially endowed people outdo the valedictorians, from the neuroscience. Social intelligence in neuroscience makes us smart in our relationships. Largely, social intelligence consists of empathy and social skills. The scientists discovered that there is a virtual connection called ‘social brain’ that works spontaneously between people. In detail, mirror neurons, which reflect other people’s feeling and emotions, conquer the control of our bodies and make decisions what to do. In addition, people who are the closest to us are connected to biological allies. Moreover, social rejections make almost a same pain as a bodily injury. In fact, people who have strong brain connection in such neural networks have more social skills and become successful. Nowadays, social IQ in the workplace is becoming really important to form efficient relationships between boss and workers. Accordingly, signs of superior emotional and social intelligence are important for social life to get promoted or hired. As a result, in the future not only traditional IQ but, social intelligence is going to be much required to be successful.

I completely agree with this opinion. Social intelligence in this era is considered one of the most significant abilities everywhere. In the book ‘Social Intelligence’ (2005) by Karl Albrecht, the author says “Social intelligence provides a highly accessible and comprehensive model for describing, accessing, and developing social intelligence at a personal level.”. Weeks ago I read a book which deals with a left and right brain components and how it works to each parts of our social life. The right brain is like a computer program that only can control our standard or formula things while left brain works throughout our invisible parts of the daily routines. For example, employers evaluate employees’ potential abilities higher than abilities that everyone can see. We also see people who are socially adapted succeeded more than people who are just endowed in logical thinking. In the future, people who have strong brain connections will dominate the world indeed.

I have already experienced several times situations that show how SI relates to our social relation. When I was a high-school student, students who are really smart in academic understanding showed no connection with an ability of situational awareness. Positively, they have superior sense of logical understating, but there were some other students who understood well, fast and led a lot of social situations even though the valedictorians couldn’t; regardless of the academic grade. Likewise, try to imagine people around you whose friends can feel comfortable and empathetic when the friends have certain anxieties. They are not just feeling in that way because of only his personalities. There exists an ability to take the situation well and share their sympathy and feeling when they interact. I think this aptitude can apply not only to fellowship, but to leadership and variety of social relationship, like in company, welfare, and even in family.

As time goes by, old ideas have constantly changed. According to Goleman, in this generation, we cannot pursue only a high traditional IQ. Social intelligence is evaluated as such an important qualification and it has a great invisible power of relationship with society. The example, which showed us how social adapted people can outdo logically brilliant people, might be able to explain the importance of SI. As a matter of fact, SI although seems cannot be changed for some reason such as biological allies, but actually it can. In a half century, a lot of jobs will require more social related skills of employees more than now they do. Accordingly, the time is coming when a concept disappears that brilliance, high-academic record are the only requirements for success. I believe we are going to get the new society that we are creating now. What we have to focus on is what we are doing now, and plan what we are going to do, to make it saner and more socially intelligent place for all of us.

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