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**Time to reflect!**

«Εν το παν και δι΄αυτού το παν και εις αυτό το παν» - Παρμενίδης

Meaning: “All is One”

1. **“Remembrance-of-things-past” – From the 1st semester:**

**Reviewing some of our viewpoints/beliefs/issues**

* You study, in order to be a Kindergarten teacher.

Has something changed in the meantime? Yes/No?

Have you been affected by some experience during your studies since the last year-and-a-half?

* Why is it important to have the right foundations as a child?
* It has been said that we form our character in our early-childhood years. Do you think that someone can change as a person later?
* Some human values: Truth, Love, Selflessness, Forgiveness, Compassion, Non-violence, Peace, Righteous behavior, Consideration (of the other).
* How do we ‘teach’ / show a child how to acquire certain human values, concerning *love, peace, non-violence, righteous behavior* and *truth* or other, and live according to them? How could we ‘put’ another human ‘in the right track’ for life?
* Would you consider yourself as an example to him/her?
* Clarity of purpose, our “mission” in life, respect (for others), self-respect
* Believing in ourselves
* Trust in God - the Higher Energy/ the Light and Love that we are.
* A ‘sin’, according to the meaning of the ancient Greek word «αμαρτία», is the diversion from our path, losing the target/ our aim in life.
  + Do you think that one’s culture – habits, common beliefs, or other – play a role in one’s upbringing? What is your opinion? Please, use some examples.

**(B) Kindergarten Teacher**

* What is a Kindergarten? What is a nursery? Difference of term-usage in different countries.
* What does a KG teacher do? Difference between ‘job’ and ‘work’, between a ‘career’ and a ‘mission’. What is her/his ‘job’? What is her/his ‘work’?
* When would you consider a KG teacher to have succeeded in his work at school? Can one measure ‘success’?
* How do you measure ‘success’? In other words, when would you consider that your work is successful? If you do not think in these terms, i.e., of ‘success’, what is it that you wish to accomplish?

**(C) Qualifications - Values**

**\*** What qualifications do you need as a KG teacher? Is what you learn at school enough? (Education/ Schooling/ Home)

**\*** What do you consider important for a child’s care, life-time learning and acquisition of skills?

- Human values

- Lessons at school

- The Arts - Visual arts: Painting, Theater, Cinema// Other arts: Music – Dance – Writing poetry/stories/fairy-tales, *et al*

- PE (= Physical Education)

- Environment. Being and living in natural surroundings …

- Having contact with pets, while growing up

- Proper manners - Conduct

**\*** Do you think that education in school alone is adequate, in order for a child to grow up and become a ‘complete’ human being?

You can think for yourself, if you wish, if education alone is providing you with the necessary ‘tools’, in order for you to feel that you are an ‘entire being’.