

Romanian Distribution Committee Magazine, Volume 3, Issue 3, Year 2012, was emphasizing the fact that the author of the lines below challenged our mind and feelings to a reflection on spiritual regeneration through love for the beauty, through education and culture. We also underlined remarkable evolutions of the brand “**Gabriela Alba**” (while introducing the article „*Photography as a Spiritual Path*”), confirming the words of Andre Maurois: “*If you create a habit, you create a character. If you create a character, you create a destiny.*” The article below is allowing us to add two more quotes: „*Wherever smart people work, doors are unlocked*” (Steve Wozniak); „*Intelligence is quickness in seeing things as they are*” (George Santayana).

The Gifted Education: an Essential Step toward Viable Solutions for Global Multiple Crises

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Abstract

Nature's regenerating capacity is overwhelmed by the unmerciful anthropic actions. Researches show that 2% of the global population is represented by gifted persons – people with excellent intellectual potential and special abilities. Although a developing country, Romania is twice as rich in intelligence as the global average. Romanians George Emil Palade, Justin Capra, Nicolae Paulescu and Traian Vuia are just a few of the auspicious minds that brought their light into the world throughout history. The gifted and talented children growing up near us are right now the only available chance for a dignified future. A tailored set of teaching methods, along with a specific preparation of both teachers and parents, are major necessities for the harmonious development of highly intelligent kids. Gifted Education Center is a Romanian non-profit organization in Bucharest, an academic program created in 2010 by educational professionals to discover children with superior intellectual attributes and to nurture their special needs. In 2015, Gifted Education Center launches a new project: Leonardo Gifted School – a primary international school with normal schedule.

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“The Earth has enough resources for our need, but not for our greed”, asserted Mahatma Gandhi, one of the famous Nobel Peace Prize winners. Life threatening pollution, abusive exploitation of natural resources on one hand, hunger, thirst and

extreme poverty on the other hand, then innocent people dying in petty wars, severe financial and spiritual crises – they all are somehow part of our daily life. Nature's regenerating capacity is overwhelmed by the unmerciful anthropic actions. The global situation is so frightening, that some scientists even claim that only alien civilizations could save the Earthlings from self-destruction at this point.

Or maybe humanity is just starting to give their best, as a natural response for balancing their worse...

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Archimedes, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Mozart, J.S. Bach, Goethe, Einstein, Tesla, Charlie Chaplin, the Romanians George Emil Palade, Justin Capra, Nicolae Paulescu and Traian Vuia are just a few of the auspicious minds that brought their light into the world throughout history.

Highly intelligent people have been admired. But they have also been envied, dreaded, mocked, marginalized and sometimes even murdered by those who could not rise at the level of their revolutionary thinking and atypical way of being. Nowadays, we do not afford such losses anymore, for “we cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them” (A. Einstein). The gifted and talented children growing up near us are right now the only available chance for a dignified future, being eager to manifest their native gifts into healing discoveries and inventions, or into powerful artistic manifestations that would bring back beauty and harmony among our main concerns.

The very beginning of a new educational era...

In spite of the common myth that such children would certainly find success on their own, the reality reveals the opposite. The lack of early recognition and appropriate education most often leads to a tragic waste of potential: according to international research, more than 50% of gifted children become unfulfilled adults who do not express or do not even acknowledge their brightness. Some of them never find their place in the social puzzle and collapse under the burden of their rejected gifts.



Not only classic school does not feed the emotionality and the curiosity of the gifted, but it also inhibits natural creativity, disables divergent thinking, and lowers self-esteem and adaptability. A tailored set of teaching methods, along with a specific preparation of both teachers and parents, are major necessities for the harmonious development of highly intelligent kids.

Gifted Education Center (www.giftededu.ro) is a Romanian non-profit organization in Bucharest, an academic program created in 2010 by educational professionals to discover children with superior intellectual attributes and to nurture their special needs. The students are selected with internationally validated psychological tests, while the curriculum includes a novel mix of classes to improve multiple intelligences, with necessary highlights on the emotional intelligence, higher order thinking skills, accelerated learning, and creativity. The essence of the educational methods used here is the deep respect for the divine spirit of a child, defined by playfulness, high curiosity and need for unconditional love. Each personality is appreciated for their uniqueness and systematically nourished. Parenting courses are essential complementary activities which improve the relationships of the students with their own families.



Children can have their IQ tested all along the school year. The ones who pass the tests, that is scoring an IQ of 130 or more, may choose to be enrolled in the academic program of the Gifted Education Center.



In 2015, Gifted Education Center launches a new project: Leonardo Gifted School – a primary international school with normal schedule. It will incorporate a mentoring program of enrichment supported by numerous Romanian personalities and teachers in various fields of activity: arts (theatre, music, painting, and dance), personal development and science. This is the first initiative of its kind in Romania and the very beginning of a new educational era, where authentic values are supported and promoted, preparing super-children to become the super-humans able to make a better world.

