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The Force of Information

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In this “Information Age,” information is perhaps one of the most influential forces affecting our lives. As students, we are inundated with various types of information, the most influential type coming from our own academic studies. Whether you realize it or not, you are being “programmed” to think certain ways, depending on your academic program.

Whether in Science, Engineering, Commerce, Medicine, Law, Arts or Fine Arts, you are indoctrinated with particular ways of understanding the world. And if you are like most other students, you spend most of your time on trying to get good grades. But how much of your time is spent analyzing yourself and questioning your own thought patterns? How do you know you are not “learning” distinct prejudices about the world through your studies? What may seem like inconsequential “facts and theories” could easily be an instrumental force in events later in life.

If we are to develop and sustain better lives, we must face reality and develop within ourselves the ability to properly absorb information, and truly understand our own limitations. We must be willing to explore, expand, and execute our responsibility to ourselves, and our communities if we are to thrive in the new century.

Without this individual effort in assessing the impact of information, we will not be able to cope with issues of globalization and internationalization, issues that are changing the fabric of everyday life. Any fight against this change may seem hopeless, yet it is this sense of disillusionment that demands issues be discussed, to at least keep the serious issues alive for new ideas to emerge.

The key to harnessing the power of information is to truly understand and improve your own mind and character, to discern the sources, context and angle through which you are receiving information. Only then will we be able to combat the forces that are dramatically changing our lives.