

Everybody is a toptalent!

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I saw a discussion on LinkedIn about the question whether you have talent or whether you are a talent. According to me it's quite clear – you are one. Talent is the combination of all your qualities with which you can create something new. It isn't only a part of you, but your full potential. The word 'talent' stresses the creative character and points out that everybody is very good at something – better than anybody else. There is a world champion sheltering in all of us.

We are unique

Paradoxically, we are completely unique on the one hand and on the other we have traits common to all talents. We can't all be a world champion in the same thing, but all world champions distinctly resemble each other. Here I'll focus on these universal characteristics.

Look at the children

You are born with talent and will therefore get a good idea of the characteristics of talent when you observe the differences between children and adults. Have you noticed the spontaneity in children? They know exactly what they want and express themselves without any qualms. They also don't have any difficulties in showing their emotions. At the same time their upsets are soon forgotten and they will continue with the order of the day. They live in the here and now much more than we do. That's why they're so cheerful. Have you noticed how much they want to learn and how truly curious they are? Children embrace change as quickly as lightning, want to grow and are not afraid to. They improvise continually according to whatever inspires them. This is already a wonderful list of traits that goes with every talent.

On the other hand, it is apparent that children are individuals from a very young age, not only in appearance but also in their eating habits, their nature and their preferences of what they play with. It is precisely these dissimilarities that make the difference. Above all, they dare to express their individuality, like their emotions. They have the courage not to adjust.

THE UNIVERSAL FEATURES OF TALENT

DECISIVENESS

SPONTANEITY

OPENNESS

TRUST

DETERMINATION

CHEERFULNESS

IMPROVISATION

CREATIVITY

UNIQUENESS

THE WISH TO BE SEEN

CURIOSITY

ATTENTIVENESS

LIVING IN THE HERE AND NOW

INVOLVEMENT

VIEW TO THE FUTURE

INTUITIVENESS

CREATIVITY

INNOVATIVENESS

PERSUASION

GENEROSITY TOWARDS OTHERS





Young children are naturally very much focused on their relationship with other people. They are, of course, totally dependent on them, especially their parents. They need them for their nourishment and shelter.

Visibility

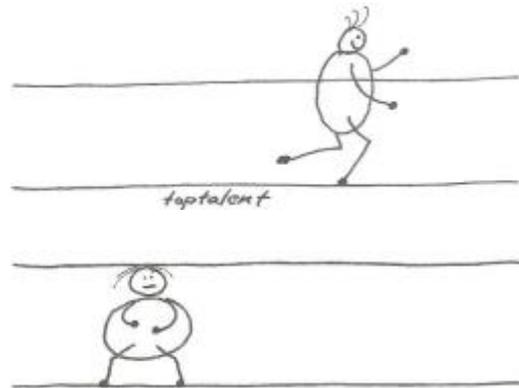
But that's not all - **they want to be seen**. These two issues are linked because unknowingly they think '...imagine if those who care for me don't like me anymore?'. They take this feeling with them to the school playground where they meet their friends. Children know instinctively that together is better than alone and are always focused on this.



Unique contribution

They also know that this doesn't happen by itself. You want to belong because that's safe, but the question is whether you're welcome. To take part **you want to contribute**. That's why you're creative - if you don't create enough you are less useful to the group. This is also true if you contribute more or less what everybody else does. That is precisely why individuality is so important.

You are therefore already intrinsically of value because your contribution is unique. It is an important bridge toward your present job – to be of value you don't have to work so hard but only do what you naturally do well - a bit more every day.



You are a champion

Your talent is therefore **the sum of everything inside you that achieves something of use to somebody else**. Everybody has a strongly creative positive impulse. You and I are just as talented as Einstein or Johan Crujff, only in a different way. What do you call that something special in you that can make you a potential world champion?

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