

# "My THOUGHTS"

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Reflecting on how I came to have the views I have on life, love, religion or morals. I had to think back to the early years of my life, and it help reach to this conclusion, that everything that shaped my views on right and wrong was not of my own. But of the views of my parents, culture and traditions. It was engrained into me at a very young age to the point that it blinded me from the free thinking ability that I was bless with, within the realms of will.

However, through this reflection it help me reshape my whole thought process and help me realize who I am mentality. I had to strip ~~my~~ all my prior views to the very core and toss away certain ~~see~~ views that didn't compliment my outlooks now.

Yes, I have abandon certain parts of my culture and traditions. But have gain my own person. Sometimes ~~one~~ it is hard to abandon certain views, because we tend to feel that we are losing a ~~valued~~ identity. But who's identity are you losing? Surely it wasn't yours, because everything you knew about that identity was taught to you.

Let me give you a example on a tradition my people have (Lactian). It is okay for a 14 yr. old girl to marry a grown man. Also, it is okay for girls to be arrange in marriage. Growing up I thought this was okay because it was normal in the society I was raise in. The first time I ever witness this was when my uncle (39 yrs. old at the time) was arrange to be married to a 13 yr. old girl, ~~who~~ <sup>who</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>didn't</sup> ~~was~~ still going to school with my little brother. I take heed to the wrong that was being committed at the time,

That was a prior view I had. But now I find that tradition is B.S. I believe that a girl should have the ability to grow into the woman she wants to be without the constructions of traditions, and that she should marry whom ever she feels deserves her heart. We should never force anyone into doing anything, thinking shouldn't be a dictatorship.

This is just an example on how sometimes traditions can be wrong. I find certain ways of peoples traditions whether it be from the religious, culture or traditions can be a psychological injection to condition the minds of people to think or conform to a way of those in power over us. In turn we pass these views down to others, friends, kids or associates. So it becomes a domino affect that infects others.

I'm not saying that certain views we were taught is wrong. What I am saying is we should analyze it and see if it resonates with our own thinking. If it does then embrace it, if it doesn't, then toss it. The point is to always have your own thought first, and exercise that will. We are beings of intelligence so we should use it to create our views and if more views are similar to other views, it is still yours, just realize that you are not the only one who thinks like that.

Another thing, to break away from the norm is a revolution, and to conform to the norm is <sup>to be</sup> a subject. So please revolutionize your mind and be a subject to your own thoughts, and never be constrained by religion, culture, or traditions. This is just my thoughts, I am sharing with you. It is mine so it is always subjective. I hope you will also develop your own to create a independant you, and create a individual identity.

Respectfully  
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