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Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 8:42pm

This quick one is in response to the feedback from my last note "Way too much thinking". I'll try to flow through this in the order of comments by others.

I think someone who tries to push for *absolute* passion is in no way different from the one who pursues *relative* save for their amount of drive and opportunity. What I'm saying is that the initial things that cause us to find a niche in an activity, which I say is one of the most crucial parts, takes the least of our time or effort.

When I say "I think its funny...", I am generalizing again. I'm not going to shoot milk out my nose in laughter every time I see someone tune up their high-performance engine in th garage. I just think it's notable that the very things people think they enjoy - take our choices of university degree for example - are usually **decided to be something worth enjoying** after relatively little time (and thought).

I don't consider myself any different.

Narcissism may be the *catalyst* for pursuing a passion, but its the enjoyment and happiness we get out of it that make us strive for more. Technically, "enjoyment" vs. "being good at something" are completely independent. I'm just saying people decide what their biases are before giving any of it real thought. Don't you find?

Being OK at a lot of things instead of Super Awesome at one: Essentially, your choice of being a jack of all trades *is* your way of being. Not to mention you leave yourself an open door to commit yourself to anything else that **makes you want to be passionate about it** enough. I'm very open to argument for this though, as it is the weakest point in this note.

In such a short blog, it's tough not to generalize. However I do believe most people (religious or not) are close minded when it comes to challenging those initial "core biases". I am very aware that there are exceptions. I happen to live with a pair of open-minded and intelligent Christians right now! Not to mention that you, Stephanie, are also way up there in my intellectual maturity books.

I do not wish, however, to give the impression that my opinions are not subject to change. I encourage anyone who does not agree with what I have to say to let me know! I'd love to discuss any issue =)

Cheers,  
-Andrew

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[Ysabelle Vautour](#) at 2:33pm July 12

So what would you have people do deliberately and carefully choose their passion or go out of their way to find a passion that is not easily accessible?