

Greetings all,

I believe that the argument is too complex to simply choose one over the other (ie: Plato or Aristotle's argument). It is my belief, through personal discovery of knowledge, that the two can be meshed. Throughout my life I've had a plethora of happenings, some positive and some negative, that have driven my search for the basis and construct of knowledge. Joy as well as emotional pain, was the motivation for building knowledge from a myriad of ideas, principles and divine truths. It also took trial and error before I began to fully understand what I learned. However, once I understood I was able to apply it to my life.

There is a speech by Russell H. Conwell, called "Acres of Diamonds". Through this story I gained knowledge regarding all the growth potential and monetary reward I could obtain right in my current situation. For years I complained about being bored at work and not making enough money to live comfortably. I was depressed and even despised going to work every day. I began to search for knowledge so I could begin to rise from my dark place. I knew there was much more to seek after--I just didn't know how to go after it. Through the ideas and principles within this speech I learned that my place of employment was allegorically my "acres of diamonds" and that I should not leave. The principles and ideas in the speech constructed a truth that if I fully engage myself in each task placed before me, I will ultimately receive my just reward and much more. As I began to apply these concepts. I began to enjoy my work. I became so engrossed in it that I didn't realize how great of a job I was doing until I began receiving accolades, promotions and raises. One of the greatest ideas I walked away with from this speech is never to run from one place to another looking for what's already in my reach. I must whole heartedly explore wherever I find myself and look closely for the "gems" I seek after.