



‘What do you aspire to become?’

Ah, the question that we’ve all been asked the most, perhaps only second to what our name is. What is it about future plans that makes them so essential?

Perhaps it’s the fact that having a future plan helps us shape our present towards the goal we have in mind. But has that stood true? In my case, it hasn’t. Go ten years back in the past and ask the question to the seven-year old me, and you’ll get a prompt reply, ‘I want to be a doctor’. What was it about doctors that made me want to be one? To start with, doctors are constantly facing new challenges, an important trait that is missing from most jobs out there. In my observation, people seem to be fine with mechanical jobs as long as they fill their wallets, but that’s not what my prime motive is. As I grew older, I realized that I didn’t have what it takes to be a doctor. Maybe also the fact that it takes way too long to be one! So having a goal as a kid sure didn’t do much to shape my present self.

As a kid, my goals were much different from what they’re today. One might argue that having a goal is somewhat worthless, especially since you might change it later anyway. However, despite the fact that my older goals are much different from those now, I would say that, without a single doubt, those little goals made me realise what I really wanted to be. At each stage, I learned a little something new about myself, that I would like to be at a position that challenges me mentally, that isn’t something that would die out in a matter of a decade, and so on. Each of these little pieces integrated to give me a wider view of who I am, and who I would want to be.

So at the end of the day, what do I aspire to be? Perhaps a software engineer, given I love indulging into computers. Or maybe something else, something I haven’t yet considered. But whatever I become, all I aspire to be someone who’ll change the world for the better.

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