

Teaching yourself requires power of reflection.

¹ University education is considered a very fine thing indeed. However, the entire theological, jurisprudential, medical, and humanist education consists in memory learning. This academic education differs but little from school education, which consists in knowing what it says in books (thus what other people have said they believed) and being able to restate it in their own words. Small wonder then that the dogmas received are handed down through generations and in most cases become ineradicable. Only mathematical, scientific, experimental disciplines force people to examine by themselves. Then they know from their own experience and through their own experiments.

² According to the experience of those who understand, autodidacts who have studied the subject on their own without a professor, generally are superior to university graduates. Teaching yourself requires power of reflection. Then you need no professor to tell you what it is about.

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