

**Three Great Questions to
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William James once said “The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes of mind” (Moncur, 1994). The three great questions of man are; Who am I? Where I came from? And where am I going?

“*Who am I*” is an easy question to answer. Just because your past is covered in shadows does not mean you can’t shine in your future, it all has to do with whom you are inside. Never underestimate the impossible, because the cards you are dealt today may not be the hand you are playing with tomorrow.

I believe you control your own destiny unless you have a mindset that you are going to fail then it is surely inevitable. Understanding the three great questions of man is the best way for understanding me.

Whenever we are seeking to find out the origin of something, we are asking the question, “Where does it begin?” We are asking, “Where is the starting point? “Where does it originate? (Parsons, 2005).

“*Where I come from*” is deeper than the place I was born, or the year I was born in. In fact no records kept could describe where I come from. I come from two of the hardest working parents on this earth, people who have to stay busy because they have made a habit of working hard throughout their life it is almost hard for them to just relax.

I come from a family of character, they believe the kind of person you are is determined by what you do when no one is watching. The knowledge they pass on to me prepares me for life; therefore I come from two teachers. But most of all, I come from a natural drive to compete, to do everything to the top of my potential although I may not always do that it is what I strive for.

“*Where am I going*” is a question that I will answer in three parts; 1) Project Graduation 2006, 2) College, and I will become 3) a successful Baseball Coach.

A high school graduate is defined as an individual who has received formal recognition from school authorities, by the granting of a Diploma for completing a prescribed course of study.

This definition does not include other high school completers or high school equivalency recipients” (Hussar, 2003).

I cannot answer where I am going in five years or even ten because I do not know yet, but I do know I will try for perfection in everything I do up until the last breath leaves my body. I am determined to do WHATEVER it takes to pass high school and walk with my class. That would allow me to participate in Project Graduation.

After I get my Diploma I want to walk on at a Junior College and continue to play baseball so I can learn the game’s fundamentals and strategic coaching moves at a higher level. When I am finished playing the game, I will continue to be a student of the game so I may get a coaching job somewhere as an assistant learn the ropes and then I am going to be a successful Head Coach either with a college program or my real dream is to coach players that are getting paid, the real professionals. I have to know what I’m talking about to coach players who are that good, and I plan on them getting their instructions from me as a Coach because I see the game in a different way than most people, so I will educate myself to be credible as a Coach at the top level.

I am best described as a “sleeping giant” because I have a fire back in my eyes that I lost 3 years ago when I hurt my shoulder playing baseball. I played every game as it was my last back then, and I plan to leave everything on the field once again. I am a warrior because I am determined to conquer any and all things in my path until I achieve my goals and mostly until I achieve my dreams.

If learning from mistakes is what makes you wise, then I am well on my way to being a wise man because I have made a lot of mistakes in my life but more importantly I have learned from them. Now, I know I will make more mistakes in the future than I can even fathom but from maturing and growing through my struggles, I believe the difference in the mistakes to come is that I will understand how to handle them better.

I do not plan on putting my self in a hole anymore because I am far to smart to fail high school and I am way to intelligent to not work hard for everything I want because that is the way I was brought up. Knowing right and wrong is the most simplistic lesson we all learn as kids and by my not living up to my full potential because I did not try is wrong.

I come from an honorable family who preaches excellence. I am going to soar straight into my dreams and achieve my goals. But if you were asked who I am, I would be described as either a hardworking determined person who has a vision in life or a lazy kid with endless potential that he has yet to realize it time after time.

The margin or difference is far too great for me. I am neither of these right now but rather a person who is turning his life around by kicking habits that have plagued me for years, and by overcoming obstacles that have stood in my way since I started school many years ago.

The only thing that stands between my dream and me is the challenge at hand. I am confident because I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that the worst is behind me and that the troubles I had this year and the close encounter with throwing my life away was something put in front me as a test, but mostly I was faced with adversity so that I could learn to overcome my fear.

I am nothing less and nothing more than a student because I know life is all about learning and that is what I will always continue to do.

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