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Dear brothers and sisters,

In old age, I have reduced many of my spiritual duties. Especially when it comes to helping people find their talent, right work or career, and when members ask about marriage.

For many years, I have not been willing to test about talents, because I am not physically strong enough to do that anymore. Such testing involves uniting with the soul of the person concerned and doing that saps my energy and strength. Furthermore, for most of us, the human soul is still developing and, even if I were to test, your talent might not have emerged yet.

Indeed, the one who will be able to feel your talent will be yourself. In the case of child, the parent should pay attention to the child's abilities. But since you are an adult, you must feel for yourself what field you enjoy and that suits your ability and capacity.

Furthermore, please understand that your talent will not necessarily bring you success in life. Even if you know your talent, it might not be something that you can earn a living from. In fact, many members have received indications about their talent, but fail to pursue it and develop it because they think they will never earn money from it.

My advice is to be practical and follow a course of study or field of work that you think you will enjoy and feel that you can do. If there is some work that you do which pleases you and you feel happy doing it, then you can do that work to earn a living.

Indeed, we test in Subud to awaken a feeling that enables us to control and know ourselves and so that we will have faith in ourselves. It is that feeling that we need to develop and follow in our lives, because being in Subud is not like going to school where you can keep asking the teacher whenever you have a problem, and neither is it like going to a fortune teller who can tell the future. The important thing is to become self-reliant and follow the guidance that you feel within yourself.

Do not be disappointed by this reply, or concerned about doing the wrong work. If you follow your latihan diligently and as your human soul develops, at some point your talent will emerge. It will come spontaneously and unexpectedly. Once it begins to emerge, then you can start to follow and develop it.

This is all I can advise. Hopefully this answer will give you a better understanding of talents.

Sincerely,

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