

第79篇 [有進步的三年] [3- year Periods of Most Growth and Change ]

命題大意：打從青少年時代起，敘述認為最有進步的三年。

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Since adolescence, in what three-year period do you feel experience the most personal growth and change?

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There are multiple three-year periods in my life that I feel experience most personal growth and change, based on concerns such as physical/mental development, working capability, and career achievement, as tabulated below:

- (1) 20, 21, 22 years old, physically matured, mentally under college education.
- (2) 30, 31, 32, advanced education in US Air Force Institute of Technology followed a frustration on a position of acting foundry shop chief in an industry of the Chinese Air Force in Taiwan ROC.
- (3) 40, 41, 42, jumped from a design engineer in the Military Construction Bureau (MCB) to a plant manager in a manufacturing factory. Mission was well accomplished.
- (4) 50, 51, 52 started engineering design career of my own after retirement from the military service following the manufacturing field assignment.
- (5) 60, 61, 62 engineering design career at its climax, then preparing for retirement.

Few more words are given to substantiate the above item (3). Up to the age of 41, I had been working in a governmental organization MCB as a design engineer, simultaneously assigned as a consultant in a party (GMT) owned industry which producing air conditioners and refrigeratorst. One day when I was working overtime on an urgent design work in a drafting room. I paused a while and looked above to the ceiling and said: "God, You are kidding me. In my 20s I did not have much experience; You twice gave me chances to work as chiefs the manufacturing workshop. Now I am over 40 having got enough training and experiences, I am at the drafting board doing such layman work."

I likely heard from the heaven saying: "OK, I will give you a chance". Next day, I was noticed to see a VIP (Shu-Bei-Yuang, President of National Central Bank, concurrently the party leader in charge of industries operations). He said to me "Now I assign you to work as the plant manager or the Chung-Hsien Electrical and Machinery Factory. I have called the Air force commander General Shu-Huan-Sheng to have you shifted to the new position. Do a good job. I will support you" He did not ask me yes or no. Knowing that was a challenging task, I was so intimidated to refuse but accept.

Shortly after taking the new job, my wife advised me privately, "I noticed you still behalf like a humble engineer. I see you must change your attitude to more dignified as a plant manager ". I thanked her but felt a bit hurt. I said "I know!"