TIPS FOR PICKING A GOOD SUPERVISOR

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QUESTIONS

‘WHO WOULD DARE TO BE A SUPERVISOR?’

- APOLOGIES TO TOLSTOY
QUESTIONS

‘WHO WOULD DARE WRITE A PH.D?’
THE GOOD SUPERVISOR NEEDS TO BE AN EXPERT. THEY HAVE RELEVANT EXPERIENCE.
THE GOOD SUPERVISOR

NEEDS TO BE
A MASTER
WHO
PRACTICES
DAILY
THE GOOD SUPERVISOR KNOWS ABOUT BUILDING BLOCKS, SENTENCES, NUMBERS, IMAGES…
THE GOOD SUPERVISOR

KNOWS
RELEVANT
TECHNIQUES
AND
THE
FORMS
THE GOOD SUPERVISOR

NEEDS TO BE

... 

A 

GOOD 

CHARACTER
THE GOOD SUPERVISOR

MODELS

PASSION
THEY WILL DISPLAY

RESPECT

EMPATHY

THINKING
THEY WILL ...

ESTABLISH A RICH AND SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP
TRANSLATES INTO

SCHEDULED
REGULAR
SESSIONS

... SET
REGULAR TASKS
THEY WILL ...

BE RESPONSIBLE
AND RESPONSIVE
ESTABLISH TRUST
AND TRUTH
AS A NORM
THEY WILL
ESTABLISH REFLEXIVITY AS A PRACTICE

Escher, M C (1948): 'Drawing Hands'
TRANSLATES INTO...

ESTABLISH IF YOU ARE ‘MOZART’ OR ‘BEETHOVEN’
THEY WILL

ENABLE

CLARITY
TRANSLATES INTO

EARLY DRAFT INTRODUCTION ESTABLISHES THE ‘WHAT’ ‘WHY’ AND ‘HOW’
TRANSLATES INTO

DISPELLING

DELUSION
TRANSLATES INTO

EARLY

EDITORIAL

INTERVENTIONS
SERIOUS THOUGHT

HOW COULD HOMO SAPIENS NOT GET IT?
KNOWING AND DOING WELL...

IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM
WILFUL IGNORANCE

IGNORANCE
See those things way up there?
Those are standards
HANNAH ARENDT

“WE MUST DO THE HARDEST THING ... THINK WHAT WE DO”
1958
THEY WILL ...

ESTABLISH A

HABITUS OF

REGULAR

THINKING

WRITING
THEY WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT YOU TO WRITE PUBLICLY
THEY WILL
WALK YOU
AROUND THE
INTELLECTUAL CULTURE
OF PRACTICE
TRANSLATES INTO

PROVIDES EXAMPLES OF

RELEVANT CONTROVERSIES
THEY WILL

ILLUMINATE THE

LIFE-CYCLE OF

RESEARCH

AS PRACTICE
THEY WILL ...

BE

WITH

YOU

ALL

THE

WAY