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A Tear and A Smile: Lessons From the School of Life

Today, I posted twice: one about being in the top ten in the world among the top 200 voices in education on LinkedIn (smile), and the second about mourning the death of a close friend, Lady Rachel Cooper (tear). On the same day, you can feel motivated to do everything (smile), then become demoralized (tear). You can witness the sunrise (smile), then see the misery in the world (tear).

Nature smiles in Spring, laughs in Summer, and yawns in Autumn, but now she is weeping; and with her tears, she waters life hidden under the earth. This is a profound quote by the great Lebanese-American writer and poet Gibran Khalil Gibran from his book "A Tear and a Smile." Life is full of ups and downs, and we should be prepared to accept both tears and smiles. We need to keep going despite all the obstacles and challenges.

"Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars." (Gibran Khalil Gibran)

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