

I WANT TO BE PART OF HISTORY IN A MEANINGFUL AND INSPIRATIONAL WAY

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Mr Goeieman Eugene Ndumiso is a 27-years-old Philosopher of the 21st Century in the making. Born and bred in Kimberly, Northern Cape on March 05th 1996, Mr Ndumiso, is the eldest of three children, living with his parents and younger sisters. He is an influencer of love and light and believes in being kind in a world where life is already hard enough on its own

Mr Ndumiso started school in 2003, at St Joseph's Christian Brothers' College in Bloemfontein, and pursued his high school studies at the same school until he and his family moved to Klerksdorp in 2013 and he attended St Conrad's College (now Curro Klerksdorp). He started his tertiary education at the University of Pretoria in 2015, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Ethics, Philosophy and Psychology. He then re-started his tertiary journey at the University of North West in 2017. Upon completion of

his undergraduate degree, he furthered his studies, doing an Honours degree in Philosophy in the same institution, in which he excelled and moved onto his Master's Degree in Philosophy in the University of Johannesburg, which he finished recently and he is currently a Doctoral student. He is also a tutor in Philosophy and has worked as a lecturers' assistant since 2018. Being a Bibliophile has never been so impressive!

He is venturing fully into Philosophy and his grandfather is a great source of motivation towards that path, "we spend hours talking and thinking and for whatever reason, it became a part of me in ways I can't describe. Writing, thinking, making guesses and genuinely trying to figure out why we think the way we do is a core part of who I am, so why not inspire others to partake in such a holistic introspection?!", he noted.

"SPEAK YOUR MIND, SAVE THAT MONEY, PITCH THAT IDEA. YOU ARE POWERFUL- DON`T LET YOUR LIGHT DIM BECAUSE OF HOW OTHERS PERCEIVE IT; ONLY VAMPIRES AND DEMONS FEAR THE SUN"

Even with the much greatness that can be accredited to him, he still aspires to be even greater, constantly; he is a vessel for knowledge. To him, limiting himself to a particular destination would be as good as a waste, learning and knowing new things each day, taking on everything that the journey of life has to offer is just what tickles his fancy.

Happy to share is the fact that nothing has been overly challenging for Mr Ndumiso in his academic life. He got all the support he needed and needs, financial and human resources were and are available for him. Worth noting, however, he got academically excluded from University in 2015, and having the whole year to himself, while his peers were out there making something of their lives and careers was really an eye opener for him- he got to think long and hard about who he is and the impact he wants to make on anyone he might meet, and this he has proven, not only to himself but to multitudes as well, what was supposed to be a setback turned into a comeback! Furthermore, it should be highlighted that anything worth doing is challenging, there are time constraints, emotional fatigue, technical failures to be faced every now and then, but these haven't been things he could not take in stride.

He experiences moments where he loses a bit of inspiration or even feeling like an imposter, but he overcomes these as they come as well. Doing Philosophy is seemingly like being under an oath, often times he cannot even lie down even when it gets tough to stand stood up, he always has to remember that he has a responsibility, he has put himself out there and whoever will read his work has to be inspired enough to develop new ideas and new ways of thinking. As is, his biggest challenge is himself.

To him, being a PhD candidate is proof that he is an overcomer, he keeps surpassing his own limits and that is worth feeling proud of and the best thing he can point out about his career now is the kinds of minds that he gets to be exposed to.

Mr Goeieman acknowledges the fact that he would not be where he is today if it was not for his mother, his grandfather, his uncles and sisters. They are the pillar that hold his success structure, these are the people who motivate him to work even harder. They are helping him shape his legacy and he does not want to let them down. And his grandparents` home in Kimberly in the Northern Cape happens to be his best place on earth.

Watching soccer, watching series, holding hypothetical conversations with his friends and family, and also a love relationship with braaing are his top of the list activities in his day to day life. He wishes to finish this year having gone on a cruise, trying out different restaurants, and also buying himself a set of new pots and plates and we can only hope his desires come to pass

We all, well, a majority of us anyway, have things we wish we could have done differently, but life has proven to be a teacher by experience. Mr Eugene feels he could let go of any fear and insecurity that had ever crept up on him. Apparently he is great but he finds it hard feeling that way, he excuses his greatness and downplays the aforesaid greatness still.

He wants to be bold enough to step into his power. Knowing what he knows now, he wishes his younger self could know that inaction and indecision are just as dangerous as making the wrong choices or taking the wrong action

He lives by the philosophy that says life is a journey, and not a destination. Which is pretty much self-explanatory; life is chaos, reality is chaos and we can either ignore it and focus on the end of it, or deal with reality on its own terms.

Enjoy it now, live it now. The past and the future don't mean as much as this moment. After all, the universe conspires with us towards our destiny- inspired by Paulo Coelho`s The Alchemist.

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You are Young and Capable

