

PEAKERS vs. SAGES

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Abstract

Peakers (people whose IQs place them in the peak of the IQ Bell curve, i.e. of average intelligence) and sages (i.e. intellectuals, whose IQs are in the top percentile, who have PhDs, have ideas, and write books about them, i.e. people who are “1 in a 1000”) do not get on. They have nothing in common. The sages spend their lives thinking about ideas and absorbing knowledge, whereas the peakers barely read a single book a year. Hence the IQ and knowledge gap between peakers and sages is SO GREAT, that the two groups have nothing to do with each other. To the sages, peakers are “stupid and ignorant” and not worth bothering with. To the peakers, sages are incomprehensible, uttering statements that are meaningless to them, hence are not worth listening to. The two communities are largely culturally, and socially distinct. Sages do not have close friends who are peakers, because sages on the whole do not respect people of a much lower intelligence and knowledge level. Peakers find sages “snooty, elitist, high brow” and do not like their company. Hence the two groups prefer not to have dealings with each other and do not interact. This essay discusses the problems that arise from this dichotomy.

1. Introduction

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