Vocation

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Vocation (Calling).

Profession

Discipline

Craft

Skill

The term Vocation implies an external source that one chooses to serve or follow, dedicating the self to the furthering of the goal the entity expresses as its end. The expression (by doing acts or speaking of principles characterizing the entity) is then a profession of beliefs by the professor, who is presumed to have acquired some enabling skills and have accumulated a body of knowledge concerning the efficacy of actions toward advancing the desired end. The learning of these skills and "lore," enhanced by critique of its followers, constitutes a discipline. Those who profess to a given discipline are professors of this discipline. Various professors become colleagues to practice the spirit of congenial spirit of learning—a college—to educate a school of suppliants.