

A Message With an Impact From Your Scientific Community!

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Life is a cruel system, is it not? Or should I say society is? As a young student, you work hard, really hard! For days, weeks, months...you put all your energy in your field/lab research, your calculations, or in finding the perfect words for your essay, thesis, book, article. During this period, you slowly start to see a fabulous outcome. Yes...you are going to ace this for sure! Proudly, you present the results of your hard work! And then, reality kicks in. People say your calculations are gibberish, you have researched in the wrong direction, and your book does not contain coherent grammar. SH*T!

Now you can throw all your notes out the window from the highest building you can find and crawl into a deep, dark cellar hiding yourself from the world and let this terrible feeling of disappointment consume you entirely. Okay, this sh*tty feeling is understandable, but do really think you have failed?

Click the hyperlinks at the bottom of this article and visit the websites, amazon accounts and social media platforms of the experts featured in this photo collage: STCT advisor Chiara Chiesa, Prof. Ronald L. Mallett, Prof. Frank T. McAndrew, Dr. Anindita Bhadra, Cheryl Knight-Wilson and Chad Wilson, Author & NDE's expert Lynn K. Russell, Prof. J. Matthew Sharps and, Author & Shaman Tony Damian.

Well, the contributors of The Next Truth magazines have another thought on this that is backed up with both waterproof scientific evidence and years of life experience. And odd as it might sound to you at this point in your young life, but the successful people you see in this picture have experienced the needed ups and downs during their studies and professional careers. But whatever it was that crossed their paths, they never gave up on their passions and to become an expert in their fields.

And you know what, if these people can do it, you can too! So, when life knocks you down, try and land on your back, because if you can look up, you can get up. If you want a thing bad enough to go out and fight for, to work day and night for your passion, spent your time on making this your decade, you've got to start saying YES to your dreams and your unfolding future.

Believe it or not, you are going to be there one day, but you will never get there if you give up, if you give in and quit.

STEM education is YOUR path forward regardless if you are a boy or a girl, your country of birth, skin color...to build your confidence, skills, and knowledge to become an expert in a field that fires up your curiosity the most. So why would you let any barriers get in front of you and hold you back?

The description shown under the photo collage

From left to right (top): **1)** International PR expert, Space Technology Commercialization Transfer advisor and role model for Space4Woman Network by UNOOSA, Chiara Chiesa. **2)** Theoretical physicist and expert on Albert Einstein's theories, Prof. Emeritus Ronald Lawrence Mallett, who is best known for his research on gravitational frame dragging by light (aka Time travel by laser light). **3)** Social psychologist and the Cornelia H. Dudley Prof. of Psychology at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, Frank T. McAndrew, who became best known for his pioneering work on gossip, creepiness and the psychology of mass shootings.

From left to right (middle): **1)** Global Young Academy Co-Chair and Associate Professor at the Indian Institute of Science Education & Research Kolkata, Anindita Bhadra. **2)** German-born theoretical physicist, Albert Einstein (14 March 1879 – 18 April 1955) **3)** Paranormal Underground Magazine's editor-in-chief, Cheryl Knight-Wilson and PUG's publisher, Chad Wilson.

From left to right (bottom): **1)** Near-Death and Out-of-Body Expert and the author of "The Wonder of You", Lynn Kathleen Russell. **2)** Matthew J. Sharps, PhD, Professor of Experimental Psychology, California State University, Fresno, specializing in forensic cognitive science. **3)** Shaman and author of the workbook, "The Way to Self-Healing Workbook: Your Guide for the Journey Inward through the Power of Your Mind" and contributor to TNT, Tony Damian.