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There are a lot of heroes through out the history such as Caesar, Napoleon, and Mandela to name a few. Nevertheless, there are also some people like housemaids, taxi drivers, and grocery sellers who helps us in our daily lives without mentioning their names. In this case, should we take what they do for us for granted or consider them as a person just working to make their livings? The answer is definitely no!

Take Ms. Shu-Chi Chen for instance. Ms. Shu-Chi Chen lived in poverty in her childhood. Young as she was, she had to take care of her whole family. She needed to get up at three a.m. in the morning, pack up all the groceries and head for the daily market. No matter how hard she worked, she was still unable to save her mother and brother from dying of illness because she couldn't afford their medicine bills. The frustration didn't let her down though. She made up her mind to donate every penny she earned from selling groceries to save the patients with financial problem which led her to a voluntary prize in the U.S. and had the opportunity to meet Barack Obama, the president of the United States of America.

Another example is Malala. Malala was a girl who lives in Pakistan. She had a great passion for studying. However, the Taliban government considered it inappropriate for girls to be

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educated. In spite of the fact that she might be harmed, Malala still went to school. As a punishment, the Taliban government shot Malala in the head causing some serious brain damage which forced her to transfer to a hospital in the U.K. for advanced remedy. Much to everyone's surprise, Malala showed no signs of horror after her recovery. She declared that she would keep on calling for attention about the issue and hoped that some day her dream would come true.

In this modern society, we are often taught to learn from heroes, to behave as heroes such as Mr. Washington, Steve Jobs, and Neil Armstrong. Parents and teachers urge us to become a person who can make the Earth better, make human life more convenient; most important of all, make your name and fame famous in the history. However, we seldom notice these heroes. Shu-Chi Chen, a woman selling groceries to earn money for the poor; Malala, a teenage girl fighting against the government to get a chance to study. They reach to the poor, reach to the people who don't have a high rated social status, the ones who we seldom think of in our daily lives, and this is what we say "true greatness lies in simplicity."

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During Isaac Newton's era, he endeavoured to find the basic principles of the universe. As MacArthur, Newton believed "true greatness lies in simplicity." However, as time has passed and human civilization has evolved, simplicity is no longer where true greatness hides in. Scientifically speaking, true greatness is now based on far more complex theories than the theories ^{brought up} centuries ago. As for human society, our lifestyles and mental and physical states are also so complicated that simplicity is no longer supplement. Thus, I disagree with MacArthur's statement.

Indeed, simplicity is the basic foundation of human achievement, but to say that greatness stands on simplicity is not logical. Basic arithmetic equations such as " $1+1=2$ " are simple and are the building blocks of the complicated mathematical theories we see today. However, we would not claim such an equation to be great. We can acknowledge the importance such simple ideas are worth, and the influence such concepts have on human civilization, but as time has flowed and new views have sprung up, these simple ideas are no longer great, and true greatness does not lie in simplicity.

Scientifically ^{today,} true greatness is not based on simple concepts. Though Newton was successful in bringing up famous, ^{simple} physics theories, such as the Three Laws of Motion, and the Gravitational Theory, scientists have

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realized since the twentieth century that Newton's principles are not flawless and more complex explanations are needed to perfectly describe the universe we live in. Thus, far more complicated theories such as Quantum Mechanics and Einstein's Relativity were introduced. These newer theories are not easy to understand — and for that reason we do not learn them in high school — but they have such significance in presenting a more accurate description of Mother Nature's laws that they are widely acknowledged to be great. Scientific theories are often not simple, but this does not in the least lessen their greatness.

As for human society, simplicity is not sufficient as well. Why have we evolved from earlier, simpler social systems with one absolute ruler to the complex democratic system we presently live in? Human beings are different from other species because we have minds and personal wills of our own. Each individual is both mentally and physically unique. With such complicated hearts and minds, how could human civilization thrive and progress under a simple social system? ^{The} ancient Chinese Ching Dynasty adopted a very simple system under which one family ruled, government officials were selected through a standardized testing procedure, and the people farmed and produced. If true greatness indeed lay in simplicity, such a simple system should have been everlasting. However, it was soon apparent that simple systems were ^{full of} holes and gaps, and the Ching Dynasty eventually collapsed. Through time and discussion, humans have finally reached the democratic system we are proud of, and although it is a fairly complicated system, with elections on a regular basis and diverse voices and opinions, it is the greatest system humans have

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managed to develop so far. Democracy is not simple, but this does not lessen its greatness.

Although MacArthur states that a man should "always remember the simplicity of true greatness," true greatness is no longer simple. Human civilization has progressed to such a stage whereas our knowledge and minds are so vast and complex that simple concepts cannot possibly be adequate. Science and social sciences, two major parts of human civilization, have both acknowledged complicated ideas to be great. Inevitably, the statement "true greatness lies in simplicity" does not stand in our world of diverse cultures and fluxing, progressing minds.

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It is not necessary always the wealthiest and the most powerful that make the difference to the world we live in. In other words, true greatness often lies in simplicity.

There is only one king or queen in a country, only one general in an army, and only one manager in a company. The world wouldn't be as it is today if there were only these people doing their jobs, which means that what "normal" people do also attribute to shaping a warm society. What makes our lives valuable and meaningful isn't all about rescuing an important building from exploding or donating huge amounts of money, but about trying our best to place an influence on a close friend, a starving stray animal, an abused child... .., even with the smallest, simplest action.

Real life examples are everywhere, just around you and me, in our daily lives. Traffic police officers help create a safer intersection for people on their way home for dinner prepared by their loved ones; honest farmers hold on to growing crops without using chemicals, even if that means spending far more time and effort taking care of his or hers products; recycling stations' employees neatly make sure every peice of trash is correctly sorted, protecting our planet from getting excess harm. Ordinary students donate the coins left after buying breakfast. A pedestrian pick up a nail on the road lest a car may broke its tire. A knowing friend talks with you and encourages you when you are down.

Our world becomes better and lovelier each time one of the seven hundred million residents does a simple but invaluable act, not for money or power, but merely to his or hers sense of moral. Greatness doesn't involos being great, but truly lies in simplicity.

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When it comes to "true greatness", what comes to your mind? A general who has never failed to defeat his enemy? A superman who has saved tons of people's lives? A president who cares a lot about his people and leads the country to prosper? Well, I cannot deny that these people are really great, though, there are many other "nobodies" who deserve to be described as great people. As General Douglas MacArthur said, true greatness lies in simplicity, I agree with this statement.

In my opinion, even a tiny thing can be regarded as a great one as long as it does somebody good. For instance, if you help your little sister brush her teeth in the morning so that she doesn't smell bad, you are great! If you help your classmate solve a complex math problem and make him score high, you are great! If you see an injured dog lying on the road and immediately send it to a vet, you are great, because not only do you save the dog's life but you also prevent a possible car accident from happening. These examples prove that conducting good deeds is great even if they're simple.

As for the people I mentioned earlier—the general, the superman, and the president included—they do great things due to their duty. A general is expected to defeat his enemy.

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A superman is meant to save people's lives. A president is supposed to lead the country to prosper. They do these because they have to. As far as greatness is concerned, those "nobodies" I called are second to none.

Like MacArthur's statement, true greatness lies in simplicity. Do you want to be a great person? You can start with something simple and make sure your good deeds can do someone good; then, without a doubt, you are great!

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Where can we find true greatness? The answer depends mostly on our definition of true greatness. In my opinion, compared to the person who sacrifice his life for his country, a nobody dedicating himself to helping people around him lead a better life without expecting any repay is more capable of being called a great person. Hence, I completely agree with MacArthur's statement that true greatness lies in simplicity.

My reasons are as follows. For starter, many of those so-called great people do those great things in the hope of being praised and admired, and that is the reason why we all know what they have done and who they are. A nobody, however, helps others out of his kind heart without spreading his good deeds to be respectful and famous. For instance, I am convinced that an ordinary person who donates some money to charity on a regular basis is truly great, but a millionaire who holds a press conference every time after he donates a large amount of money is absolutely not. Where can we find these great ordinary people? In our daily and simple life. In addition, true greatness is not just about doing something that can change a lot of people's lives. It is about keeping doing something right even though you can only change a small group of people and even though you will not be appreciated because

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no one knows that you are precisely the one who helps them.

People tend to forget and pay less attention to the greatness in their simple life, and this makes the true greatness even greater.

In summary, I believe that true greatness lies in simplicity, and I hope that everyone can pay more attention to those unsung heroes and try to learn from them. In this way, this world will be better one.

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As the old Chinese saying goes, "the shiniest pearl lies in the darkest place." What I learn from the adage is that sometimes people consider the celebrities honorable because of their outstanding performance or successful career, however, we often ignore the reason why they can achieve their goal. Furthermore, there may be people as respectable as them around us. Thus, I do agree ^{with} the statement, "true greatness lies in simplicity." Here is an example of my teacher who I regard as my model to imitate.

To the society, my teacher is an ordinary person. At school, she teaches students just like other teachers do, but she always teach us to help those unabled and poor people in the corner of society. She was born in a poor family and started to earn money by part-time job at the age of sixteen. To enroll in the university, she must save every penny and give up any entertainment. Hardly could she strike a balance between the academic performance and the job at first. Fortunately, she got through the challenge and fulfilled her dream with her effort. Not only did she tell us to help others, but she also encouraged us to engage in activities which help students in countryside on weekends. My teacher brought us to charities. Though it was a

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toil, we felt senses of achievement and satisfaction afterwards.

Through helping people, I feel like finding my value. In my opinion, even a nobody can seek true greatness on oneself. Fame and wealth have nothing to do with greatness. We can always discover beauties lie in simplicity as long as we pay attention on every second in our life and make effort to donate our strength.