

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
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Convocation Address  
By Dr. Ahmed Zewail  
1999 Nobel Laureate and pre-eminent statesman

An honorary Doctor of Science honoris causa, was conferred on Ahmed Zewail ,

Nobel Prizes were for the West. You'd hear about it in America, in Europe, in Canada you have some, and so on. So I didn't really think of this. But for some reason, I was truly passionate. And I don't know where it came from. Is it genetic? Is it the food I was eating? I have no idea. I was passionate about acquiring knowledge. I was passionate about learning. I didn't even have a pressure from the family at the time. But my drive to learn more and more is

