

Overlooked Lessons about Aptitude From A Downed Plane

When Skill Set and Thinking Ability Don't Match Work Tasks



Scan the countless stories about the recent plane crash in Taiwan and pilot error is given as the cause.

But nowhere do accounts place the root cause in the headline ***Gross management ineptitude.***

The pilot, according to reports accidentally shut off the sole working engine stalling the plane and crashing.

In this particular case, this was no accident but evitable. The pilot demonstrated an inability to make quick decisions in hi stress situations early on during his training.

In addition, there were other clear warnings that he was not suited for a job he apparently wanted to pursue.

Some people are wired to function in situations where quick thinking and problem-solving skills are necessary. While others cannot function effectively in high stress

situations.

Needing time to ponder and mull things over before reaching a decision.

**Aptitudes, training,
, and experience in action.**

Check out paragraph two of the Miracle on the Hudson back in 2009.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/16/nyregion/16crash.html?_r=0

Wonder what would have happened if Captain Sullenberger had taken the time to figure things out?

Unfortunately, in the case of the Taiwan crash, lack of aptitudes and lousy training made for tragic unnecessary circumstances...for clearly that pilot should never have been permitted entry into the occupation.

Some people believe that motivation and interest and hard work will overcome lack of aptitude in specific areas.

Depends. If an honest mistake occurs...whose life will it affect?

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