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Have you ever been to outer space?

Have you sailed in the sea of space, explored the Universe and marveled at the siren beauty of the stars that are so delusively close to us at first glance? Have you ever rushed at light speed and felt approaching to the most enigmatic secrets of the world?

Neither have I. This is exactly why I made a decision to become a special kind of an astronaut – a neurologist. And my missile is about to skyrocket from the cosmodrome of the Medical University.

Comprehension of mechanisms of the most mysterious and alluring body system, combination of exquisiteness of diagnostics, ultrafast movement of neuron impulses, eureka moments of diagnosis revelation... These are the cosmic sensations that I experienced when I first found myself on the bench of the lecture hall on an ordinary autumn morning and heard my first lecture on neurology. At the time, I had no idea that particular moment would turn my whole life around and predestine my path in medicine.

A professional neurologist is not merely a specialty but a genuine part of personality traits. Expertise in neurology, psychiatry, emotional intelligence becomes the matrix of a neurologist's existence, his new "firmware".

Do you think every specialist can establish the accurate diagnosis in the first few seconds of the appointment as the patient is walking into the doctor's office, just by glimpsing at his gait?

A neurologist can.

What doctors provided treatment guidance for Stephen Hawking, who suffered from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which allowed him to have made all his astounding discoveries, have written the books and have lived such a fulfilling life?

They were neurologists.

In Russia there is an expression "to play on someone's nerves." It is peculiar that traditionally it means "to provoke, annoy and anger someone". Yet, in neuroscience it takes on a completely different meaning. A neurologist becomes more than just a doctor, he is a maestro, and his musical instrument is the nervous system.

Skillful mastery in the organization of the finest structures of the human body, such as consciousness and subconsciousness, sleep, memory, emotions, perception of pain, ability to move, think and feel – doesn't it look like something utterly incredible, like the cosmos with its innermost riddles? Isn't it a chance to help the patient to empower himself as an Individual, his lifetime potential and his soul?

Aren't these aspects the very purpose of the existence of every human being?

Without any hesitation I answer "Yes" to all these questions.

This is why neurology.