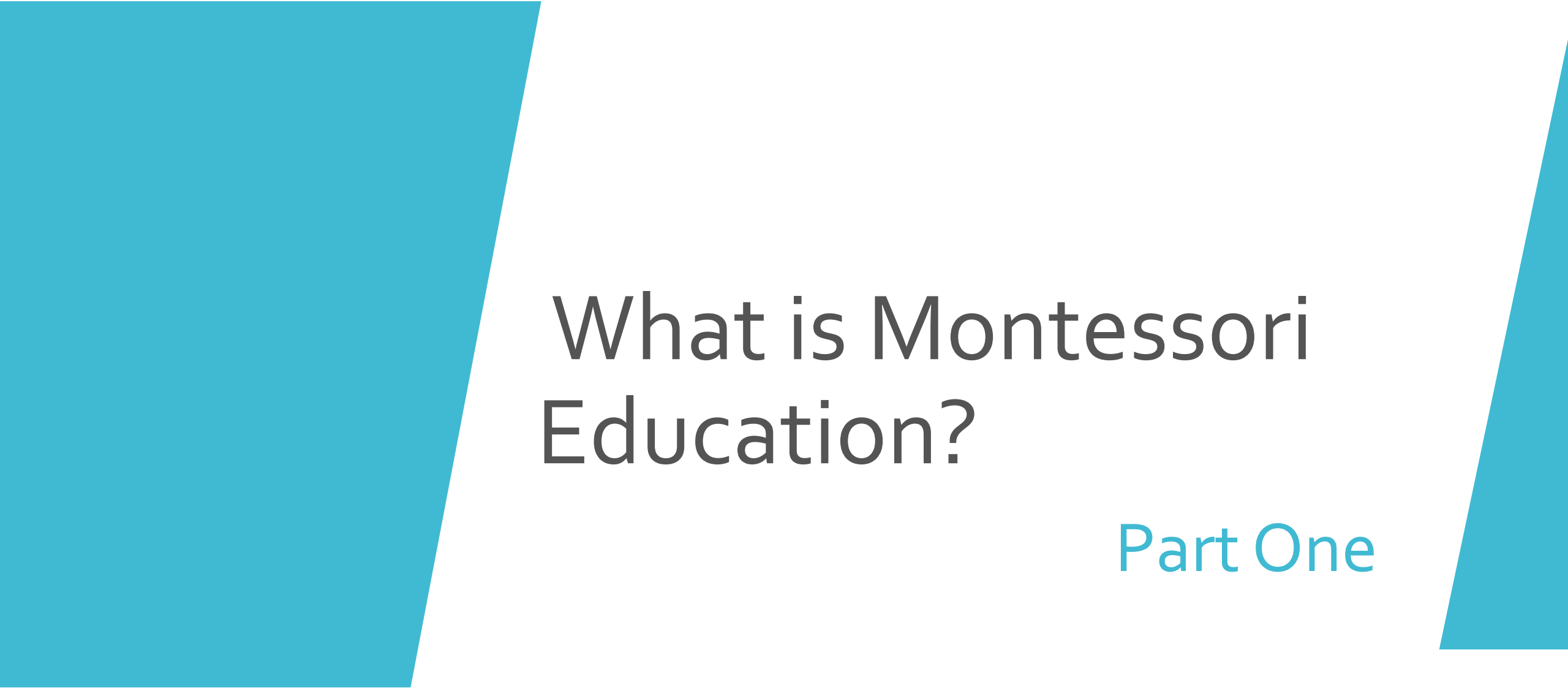


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What is Montessori Education?

Part One

Maria Montessori

1870-1952



Outline

- Theoretical Concepts (and how they impact learning)
 - Four Planes of Development
 - Birth-6 (sub-planes birth-3 and 3-6)
 - 6-12 (sub-planes 6-9 and 9-12)
 - 12-18 (sub-planes 12-15 and 15-18)
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- Absorbent Mind
- Human Tendencies
- Sensitive Periods



Four Planes of Development

First Plane (Birth-6)

Birth-3 years



3-6 years



Second Plane (6-12)

6-9 years



9-12 years



Third Plane (12-18)

12-15 years



15-18 years



Fourth Plane (18-24)

18-21 years



21-24 years



Absorbent Mind

- Montessori referred to the period of birth to three years as the “unconscious absorbent mind” because a child under three does not realize they are learning.
- Montessori referred to the period from three to six years as the “conscious absorbent mind” because the child is now aware they are learning
- From three to six years the child will crystalize and order all they have taken in up to that point

Human Tendencies

- Exploration
- Orientation
- Order
- Communication
- Abstraction
- Imagining
- Work, repetition, exactness, correction of errors, and self perfection
- Mathematical Mind

Sensitive Periods

“Successive short periods when certain aptitudes show strongly. During these periods there is revealed an especially strong sensitivity toward a particular knowledge or skill. The sensitivity remains only for a short time and does not recur.”

Maria Montessori

Sensitive Periods

First Plane

- Language
- Order
- Weaning
- Interest in tiny details
- Sensorial exploration and classification
- Tactile exploration
- Numbers
- Grace and courtesy
- Movement

Second Plane

- Culture
- Morality
- Grouping

Sensitive Periods

Third Plane

- Understanding social life and one's place in it



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Book Titles

- The Montessori Baby by Simone Davies & Junnifa Uzodike
- The Montessori Toddler by Simone Davies
- Understanding the Human Being by Silvana Quattrocchi Montanaro, M.D.
- The Discovery of the Child by Maria Montessori
- The Secret of Childhood by Maria Montessori
- The Absorbent Mind by Maria Montessori
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