

# ONLINE VILLAGES AND THE ILLUSION OF LIFE.

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Are global online communication networks replacing the traditional sense of human face to face communication? If this is the case how best can we utilize that communication process to our advantage without it being too intrusive into our daily lives. If it is not the case, is online communication going to develop where it will become intrusive and in some cases dictatorial and be processed as benevolent rather than tyrannical (BIG BROTHER)

I often wonder how many text while driving because they become so excited at being connected and keeping up to date and often forget about the simple beauty of the landscape around them. Whilst this author has become a recluse and shut himself off the world outside, it has given him the opportunity to reflect on what is and what is not important. Whatever the reason for becoming a recluse is immaterial for it's the concept of reflection that is important.

How many of us stop for one moment. That's correct only for one moment and reflect just where are you in life. Open up your eyes and look around you and allow the elements of nature to surround you and fill all of your senses to the brim. These are not the ratings of a fool nor of an old man but someone who believes that we take far too much for granted and fail to contribute to our fellow man.

How many are still raising families and often find the simple joy of seeing their child (ren) smile, being mischievous, asking the same question time after time, wondering what will their life be. Have we done our bit in instilling into the youngsters the positive values of ourselves, the morals of our society and the natural instincts to survive.

This is not a topic merely on the philosophy of life, but just random thoughts of an ordinary bloke whose life challenges may appear minuscule to some but a meandering of a conglomeration of thoughts to others. This author has come to the conclusion that life is to be cherished and to make the best of it no matter what your environment may be. Strive to reach the highest mountain so to speak and when you have reached the top, rest and gaze upon the beauty below and around you.

Get out the house, take the family with you and kids if you have them and go for a simple walk. Look around you and as you walk allow the gentle breeze to whisper in your ear, if it is raining allow the raindrops to fall upon your head and enjoy the

shower. You will only get once and you know that you can dry out later. Run, jog, walk, strolling or shuffle, it makes no difference. Smell the flowers and don't be embarrassed when you lean over someone's fence to smell them.

The people who planted them will appreciate your stopping by to smell them. Listen to the birds with their mating calls and the chatter they make amongst themselves. Take deep breaths and smell the air and allow your nostrils to receive the oxygen that is most vital to your brain. And when you have returned back to the security of your home, consider just how lucky you are to be able to enjoy the simple experience of life. It sounds so simple and yet we clutter our lives with the junk of the day.



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