



OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

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Once upon a time in days of old, couples would speak to each other. If they argued and disagreed they would demonstrate their disagreement by nonverbal behaviour in the form of negative self-expression. Such as sign language, body language and changes in behaviour. Today in the modern age we have matured and no longer express ourselves as in the past. Yes it is amazing how developments on technology have also contributed to the demise of communication face to face.

If couples argue and disagree they would demonstrate their disagreement by nonverbal behaviour in the form of not answering mobile phones, not responding to text messages, not communicating face to face and avoiding displaying any form of body language and/or changes in behaviour. Today, a must have on the table next to the cutlery set is ones mobile phone. If you don't have a mobile phone, apparently you don't exist. Furthermore, anyone without some form of electronic communication device is considered a baby boomer Neanderthal and of little interest.

Yes technology has come a long way in keeping the alleged "with it" generation keeping in touch with the latest "CRAP APP", the latest "FAKE NEWS", and keeping up with your partner who just happens to be sitting right next to you sending messages how they feel. It must be wonderful to feel wired to the global network, subjected to an ever intrusion of privacy from cameras, eaves dropping devices monitoring your location, habits, behaviour, likes and dislikes, companions, intimate thoughts and all other manner of personal secrets once held secret.

I guess the time will come to the Western world where "Behaviour Credits" are provided as a form of payment to those who demonstrate characteristics that are aligned or compatible with an organisation or nation's ideology. This is true in China today. The Western world is in a terrible dilemma at the moment, not knowing which way to turn. The "New Religion" is the "INTERNET" and the internet is peoples guide. A false prophet one may say, but is it? False prophets come and go meaning that if the internet is to be used wisely, we must learn to master ourselves first.

Soon, access to the internet will be free and with that freedom, those nations living in the dark will soon learn that they want a share of the world's resources. If scenario comes about, the world as we know it, may not be the world we want it to be. Males and females will soon have the choice of robotic artificial intelligent companions or human life companions. Artificial insemination in or outside the womb may become the norm, food intake according to ones status in life, entertainment and access to medical and health supplements free to those wired or microchipped.

An individual's DNA analysed at birth to decide their access to health, wealth, employment, life expectancy and status in life. Every individual may have the choice of being microchipped, wear an electronic bracelet, carry an identifiable electronic device or agrees to facial recognition in order to access goods, utilities, resources, transport and employment. I envisage that before the last of the baby boomer generation life span has expired the world will be faced with unimaginable societal issues.

Until then, enjoy talking face to face, because soon that too may become a privilege of the elite. Yes, if we as humans allow control of our lives to be subjected to Artificial Intelligent control, we lose "Free Will" and the freedoms that go with it. My advice is to take to take time out, leave aside your mobile electronic devices, walk outside, breathe the fresh air, go for a walk, appreciate nature and thank your lucky stars you can still do it. For those ill and incarcerated, reflect and hold fast good thoughts that will create within you a positive attitude. Note: The article was previously published as "Once upon a time".