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On Sep 15, 7:30 am, BradGuth <bradg...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Sep 14, 11:01 pm, Willie.Moo...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

If you stopped reading and posting to usenet for a freaking month you'd kill yourself. Deep down you know that. That's why you don't have the guts to just stop everything you're doing for a year and try something else. Just to see what its like. You CAN'T DO IT – and that's what makes you a pathetic loser!

You talk about 'them' winning if you change your mind., Not if you can change it back again – you asshole. Your mind is the only thing you can fucking change – jerk.

YOU CAN'T DO IT – turn your fucking computer off, and not post or read anything on line for a year – and see what the hell life is like.

I'm impressed with your 4 out of 5 stars. What does that mean, Willie Moo? (are you one of 'them'?)
– Brad Guth –

Well, I had 3 out of 5 starts before I got back from seeing Doug Stanhope – haha – and then let loose on your sorry ass! And I shot up a star. So, I don't know if that had anything to do with it or not.

Fact is, we're all one of 'them' in your mind. Think about it Brad. Let your imagination soar! How many of of US could be THEM? Now, to most people this wouldn't make sense. But to YOU? It makes perfect sense. And I would bet a dollar to a donut (noting that donuts these days cost more than a dollar! haha) so lets make it a fin to a donut – that in your darker moments you might well believe EVERYONE is one of

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'them' – oooooo...

Which is a measure of your insanity Brad.

Its really very simple. YOU control your mind. No one else. No one else is responsible for what you decide to do think believe feel.. Now, you can decide to feel a certain way. You can decide – to not do something you usually do. OR to do something you usually don't do. Now, when you break out of old habits. Say if you drink a cup of coffee every morning, or smoke a cigarette after sex.. you can decide NOT to do it. When you make this sort of decision – you can begin to see how tricky your mind can be to get you to do what IT wants. haha.. Especially if there are powerful positive associations with the act, or if it involves an addictive substance, like nicotine or caffeine. Its actually a growth experience.

So, that's all I'm suggesting you consider. You spend a helluva lot of time online. You likely do so because of a large number of positive associations you have with being on line. Maybe you get attention from people who would normally not give you attention. Maybe you can imagine that what you say is vastly more important than saying the same thing off-line lets you imagine. Maybe you feel self concious about your age, the way you dress, or your bad teeth, or bad breath, or how you look, or how you come across, or how your body smells – and being online allows you to hide away in some dark little hole while you spout your blather releasing you from that negative tension. And so you don't have that self-concious feeling – which in your universe might be like the second coming of Christ in terms of the weight it takes off your slender shoulders. All these things can get wrapped up in a big ball of feeling to make being online a sort of addictive experience. Like that cup of coffee in the morning, or that third beer with your buddies at the bar, or breaking that second pack of cigs open when you're working construction... well, I'm just giving you my experiences with addictive stuff... you have your own I'm sure.

Well, all I'm suggesting – to raise your level of conciousness just a little – is to shut your computer down, and not read, or post, or get online at all – for a period of time. A year is a good period of time. Its not so short as to be like holding your breath – and its not so long that you can't pick it up again before you die.

If you stay offline for a year – your life WILL change – for the better.

I gaurantee.

Even if you fail.

Because you will learn something about YOURSELF – which is the only thing you can change.

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And its a way to bring your locus of control INSIDE – to give you a little pride, a little sense of accomplishment, and a little sense of achievement.

Once you start down this path its hard to stop.

Make a commitment to yourself, to stay offline for 6 months. How about that?

Now to be successful, you've got to do something else to substitute for it. When trying to quit smoking – people often put a lollipop in their mouth, or a toothpick – to substitute – at first– then its easier to quit doing that.

So, you've got to give this a little thought... if you want to be successful and not be immediately a failure...

One thing is to figure out something else to do. Rather than sit on line and blather... and don't blather in hard-copy notebooks, or on the telephone, or talking to anyone. Make a commitment to put away all that shit for six months to a year – you decide to do it – and then see what it looks like after.

Its amazing. I got a new Mercedes convertible one year. It was a car I always wanted. And I worked hard to afford it. And so, when I got it, it was the first thing people knew about me. haha.. Bright red camel interior – anyway – some people started not liking me very well. They thought I was being uppity about my car – it turns out. I was just enthusiastic! But after a few arguments with people that I considered friends, I talked to other friends and they said, yeah, I was being pretty much of an asshole about that damned car! haha.. So, I made a commitment to myself NEVER to mention that car again (well, here I am talking about it years after! see how hard these things can be?) – and it WAS difficult – and it was even more difficult apologizing for something I never did – but which people perceived me doing. See? But I stopped being an asshole about my car Brad. And if you make a commitment to not talk about Venus and the other shit your go on about for a year – you'll stop being an asshole too!

Here are some things you might want to consider doing for a year or six months;

- 1) Go to the library and read a book while at the library – until the feeling of getting online passes (leave the free terminals alone!)
- 2) Volunteer at a homeless shelter, or food bank, or a hospice
- 3) Learn to play a musical instrument – nothing can really help build your self confidence like playing a musical instrument and learning

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something about music. I was in choir in College and can carry a tune. It being the age it was, I also started a garage band with my buds – and even though we never really booked the kind of gig we wanted – we were only a cover band – we did go to some hallacious frat parties – and have some fun – even though we weren't in fraternities – haha.. I still carry a harmonica sometimes, and when the mood strikes have been known to break it out and play some muddy waters for my grandkids! haha.. Its something that will bring lasting joy to your life, and to others in your life – and if there are not others in your life – it will draw them to you.

4) Learn a craft or trade or sport – I skydive. I love it. Its exciting. Its something I decided to do against my fear of heights. I conquered that fear – and now I enjoy it. I also fly VFR light aircraft an old Cessna 152 – haha – is the only type rating I have. But both these skills – acquired in six months – give me a new appreciation of my life and my career. You can learn to swim if you don't know how. You can hire a trainer an learn to lift weights like Arnold. You can SCUBA – I went to a resort with a lovely lady who knew how to SCUBA and she was apalled that I didn't. So, I took the 'resort' course – in an afternoon they had me certified – and I was diving with the turtles down Mexico way – and enjoying the Dox Equis on the beach after ... it was great! Ever learn to weave? I never thought I would, but I did. Haha.. I volunteered at a hospice after my father died there – and ran into a wonderful old lady. She taught me! haha. We both had a great time, and while I've never made more than one tea-cozy under her tutelage– it was a great time learning from one of the pros of the 20th century!

5) Learn a language. There are a lot of good CDs out there. Pimsleur is best in my book. Then immerse yourself by going to where its spoken! Haha.. My youngest daughter is 4 yo. She lives in Switzerland. Her mom is a 30 yo interpreter who works for the Swiss Parlaiment. She speaks 5 languages. Two of the most beautiful women in my life. Luckily one of them speaks English. I visit my daughter every 6 weeks or so. when I'm in Europe. But at my age I never thought I'd be trying to pick up a new language! haha.. Now, despite our best efforts, it seems that the my youngest daughter doesn't take well to English! haha.. She like every other Swiss citizen – will speak French, Italian and German.. So, with her mom's help, I'm learning German and French – we tried Italian but when I couldn't even hear the difference between que' and que – haha – we focused on German and French – despite my love of Italian. My daughter is impatient with me – and I cannot say anylonger to her Ich furstein neu ein bischen deutche, or je ne parle pas francais! haha.. Its hard to learn a language when you're older, but in a culture that speaks the language you can pick it up quick enough. I spent 6 months on a project in Taiwan in the 1980s – and I learned a passable amount of Mandarin – just to get by – even though I had trouble with rising and falling tones at the end of words .. haha.. which leads me to;

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6) Travel – take the money you're not spending online and buy an airline ticket to somewhere you've always wanted to go. An island in the Caribbean, a cruise of Alaska's glaciers, London, Paris, Madrid, Tokyo, Sydney, Denver, LA, New York, Chicago! God, I love Chicago – I guess it's my mid-western upbringing. Find a place you love more than where you are right now..

7) Take a second job – that you love – one that doesn't make as much money or is as prestigious as your current job maybe – but one that you might enjoy doing. A lady friend of mine – who was a graduate of the Cornell School of Hotel Administration and a great cook – I met her when she sold a restaurant she had managed with her father years earlier. Anyway, she took a job at McDonald's! haha.. Why? She always wondered about Hamburger University! lol. And while it was several steps down from her former position as part owner of a very high-class restaurant in a small college town – she loved it and the people she got to meet and the customers she got to serve – she loved making the McDonald's experience more than they ever imagined possible! haha.. and it was a challenge to work within the constraints of the organization – but she loved it more than she ever thought possible!

And this is just the short list of the life-changing mind-altering things you can do if you shut off your computer for a year or six months and decide on your own to actually do something different with your life.

You really and truly piss me off. I can imagine that if you lived near me and whined at me about the bullshit you did without let up – that on one drunken night I would organize a group of people and come and kick the shit out of you until you stopped! lol. But I know, if you have gotten on my nerves to that extent – you GOTTA be a miserable fucker all on your own. So, I'm thinking what can we do for poor old Guthball so he's not so freaking miserable? See, cause after we kicked the shit out of you – and sobered up the next day – we'd come over and apologize and talk to you man to man and try to figure out how the hell we could get along – that's what passes for male bonding in the mid-West.

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