

Is social media reviving the ancient malady of monomania?

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Is social media reviving the ancient malady of monomania? A monomaniac may begin a Facebook post with " I " referencing himself or herself.

In a personal struggle to be "normal" it is easy to emotionally deteriorate into a self deprecating mode of self diagnostics and introspection.

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I have to report a college education is overrated. I am still trying to make my college education pay.

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I am like the monomaniacal captain Ahab trying to harpoon a magnificent beautiful sea creature in the novel Moby Dick. If, indeed, I am monomaniacal, for the record, I abhor the bloody whaling industry. Neither am I one of those mushy unrealistic liberals with their head on cloud 9 opposed to all hunting. Hunting thins out herds thereby creating healthy habitats. God created whales as magnificent beautiful sea creatures that should be preserved.

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain_Ahab

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Moby-Dick_characters

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Everyone wants to find somewhere, someplace, to belong, feel connected, and valued as a human being. Some people join cults to find a place to belong. The internet is the ultimate communication tool for making connections.

Richard Nelson Bolles is a foremost authority in career development. Networking is one of the key tenets for successful career development advocated by **Richard Nelson Bolles** in his book, **What Color is Your Parachute?**

Paradoxically the internet as the ultimate communication tool is devoid of Intelligent communication. The internet has facilitated a highly organized degree of networking creating a massive wall of exclusivity. A massive wall of exclusivity as a consequence of a highly organized degree of networking by internet users has contributed to intelligent communication on the

internet to dwindle to almost nothing.

In terms of my entrepreneur brainstorming for my original concept of a tee-shirt and political coat lapel pin proclaiming, **Triumphant Trump**, evidently that market space is already taken. My communication with t-shirt manufacturers was conveniently ignored, perhaps upon direction of powerful people in Washington DC who have already networked and seek to eliminate any infringement upon their annuity

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It is extremely difficult to get a foot in a door by using the internet as a tool for communication and networking. Evidently the internet is only useful for sharing snide, obscene comments with subtle well disguised undertones advocating violence and concealed threats.

I am not a copyright attorney but I do fully maintain that the caption, **Triumphant Trump**, is expertly crafted prose that I own the lawful copyright too, hence I am vital to President elect Donald Trump becoming triumphant as a President. Obviously, Donald Trump owns his last name. Since Donald Trump is a public servant Donald Trump's last name is in the public domain.

My simple observation and recognition of poetic pentameter in **Triumphant Trump** is creative insight and input. Also, there is poetic pentameter in, **Let's Make a Mint**, so maybe I should start a game show televised on internet.

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Freelance writing is not widely accepted by an internet already dominated and controlled by mass media outlets, many of which generate politically biased slanted fake news. The big internet search engines and social media companies take a dim view of assertion of copyright privileges. Assertion of copyright privileges implies an ownership stake of social media companies.

I like to share something funny in hopes of making people laugh. Humor is a great way to genuinely connect with people.

Sometimes I feel like people are laughing at me. They view me as the dumb fellow who got his sheepskin. Sometimes, I feel as if I am in a scene from **Pirates of the Caribbean** when all the pirates are laughing and then the Captain suddenly motions cut it silencing the entire deck of pirates into a somber downcast melancholy.

One of my jewel teasers,

The Holy Bible states, Jesus said, let all the little children come to me, for the Kingdom of

Heaven belongs to such as these, and verily I tell you no one shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven unless he becomes like a little child. If Vladimir Putin takes away my cell phone I will cry like a baby

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The opposite of being monomaniacal is to have so little self worth and value that one has absolutely no drive or motivation to achieve or succeed at anything. The two monomaniacal traits are at opposite ends of the bipolar spectrum. A person with very little self worth and motivation to achieve success is a suffocating dying soul.

The monomaniacal Ahab was a suffocating dying soul. In one quick snap of a fin the beautiful majestic whale in the novel **Moby Dick** made Captain Ahab into a disfigured useless crippled old man disrespected by men he commanded. The beautiful majestic whale that God Almighty created was simply trying to survive as a creature on lower end of food chain.

Generally, society values those who have little drive or motivation to be competitive with others in making money. Many people would prefer to give money to not for profits with an executive staff already bringing in \$500,000 dollars or more yearly salary than give to a new not for profit start up. A person with a passion for a cause who tries to start a not for profit is frowned upon, marginalized, and generally made to feel unwelcome.

And then there was the double whammy of being sucker punched later in life by new computer to plate processes contributing to downsizing.

Since I was downsized later in life, as a consequence of advanced technologies, that left me with a lot of catching up to do. I have a lot of catching up to do unless I want go to work for a younger fella half my age making twice the salary. Maybe I would make life of the young boss easier. The young boss may want to save himself for the little woman at home.

I remember teaching newbies how to satisfactory complete printing tasks. I also got the best pay raises offered by the company. Perhaps, I could have done something else during those years.

I am thankful for the opportunity. I fully understand cold hard facts of life concerning a need to be economically viable by achieving a certain level of profit. I drunk all the coffee I could drink to keep the CAD machine and linotronic printers competitive with new desktop computer processes. I am happy to have participated in helping to sell products via print media for international corporations all over the earth .

Everyone is trying to survive one more day with some sense of self worth and value. I am like the monomaniacal Ahab, who is driven to make his college degree pay It hurts to be mocked.

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