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You dont need to know what you want to do what you want [tweet](#)

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Yet you participate in internal conflict, curious [tweet](#)

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Expiry date for blaming others [tweet](#)

Alien mutual date [tweet](#)

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Media is transformative but people want to be tourists [tweet](#)
Curiosity regulated bc ppl scared of power [tweet](#)
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The problem with guillotining people [tweet](#)
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Can't bully [tweet](#) (hank q/t)
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100 failed attempts meme [tweet](#)

Exclusionary dating preferences self-own [tweet](#)

Aug 2021

Why i tweet like a maniac [tweet](#)
Pt 2 [tweet](#)
MEDIA LITERACY: Some people feel random tweets are directed at them personally [tweet](#)
We all likely have inaccurate models of the models others have of us [tweet](#)
Stranger assumed my tweets are about them [tweet](#)

Good vs bad discomfort [tweet](#)

LONG GAMES: 10 year compounding feels like cheating [tweet](#)

INT: Took me years of being kind to others to learn to be kind to myself [tweet](#)

WRETCHEDNESS: Rational for people burnt by bad experiences to assume bad faith -> vicious cycle [tweet](#)

an interesting pattern I've noticed in my DMs is how many people berate themselves for "being stupid" when actually what they need is not intelligence but courage [tweet](#)

No right to talk about marx [tweet](#) – interesting one that anticipates are you serious

"Just saw this!" [tweet](#)

Unlimited wants [tweet](#)

Cursed to know that pissing people off is good marketing [tweet](#)

What did train otaku obsess about before railroads? [Tweet](#)

Campfire [tweet](#)

Cheaper to demonstrate [tweet](#)

Twitter has made me smarter and stupider at the same time [tweet](#)

Kanye stem player [tweet](#)

Trillions of dollars worth of potential wealth left untouched behind self-doubt of nerds [tweet](#)

researcher admits that field assumes male sexual desire is simple and superficial [tweet](#)

Nerds vs ambitious [tweet](#)

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Twitter group DM feature idea [tweet](#)

Hypothetical content schedule [tweet](#)

Context why i as a dark-skinned singaporean man will continue to be prolific in public [tweet](#)

Mutuals working on interesting things [tweet](#)

Do you get sleepy when stressed [tweet](#)

Ancestors smile starbucks [tweet](#)

Jul 2021

“publish your crappy stuff 100 times, your niche will reveal itself” ([4 tweets](#))

people in general tend to be 1. unobservant 2. unwilling to articulate things. so a person who makes observations and articulates them is deviant to them, and deviant behavior is often assumed to have devious intent ([5 tweets](#))

Fishing lure [tweet](#)

Flattening of attention metrics tweet

Anthropologist quote tweet

Jun 2021

an underrated quality of babies and young children is that they give other people an excuse – including total strangers! – to collaborate in an impromptu production of “let’s help this kid have fun” ([6 tweets](#))

On the mismanagement of ADHD ([13 tweets](#))

How my ex-boss coached me ([?? tweets](#))

To me “systems thinking” is just “thinking” ([20+ tweets](#))

Still mad about people’s misunderstanding of Newton’s genius ([5 tweets](#))

How to get girlfriend ([5 tweets](#))

All learning is a matter of defining and solving problems ([11 tweets](#))

Cowards and losers ([13 tweets](#))

May 2021

I'd say in my exp talking with 1000s of people, like 90-95% of people, even happy ones, have some sort of blockage in their life that, if they cleared it up, it would facilitate an "energy surge" that would allow them to be a more nourishing presence in other people's lives ([7 tweets](#))

YOU MIGHT AS WELL JOKE ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT: the stuff you joke about (even ironically or whatever) has a way of shaping your reality so be careful and deliberate with that stuff. a lot of people out here fumbling their own bags by joking about outcomes they don't want. you might as well joke about the outcomes you do want ([11 tweets](#))

it's very easy to be cruel to a person who is startled out of their belief that the world is fair (just world fallacy) it's very worthwhile to be kind to them as they fumble their way through, because they will remember that kindness for life. it's not easy, but it's worthwhile. ([8 tweets](#))

some people have bad project management and they misdiagnose it as moral failure. this is like a lvl 1 hero thinking he's a bad person because the first item on his todo list is "slay dragon" and he hasn't done it yet. you are not a bad person, you are just incompetent! former gifted kid types particularly prefer to stew in the misery of perceived moral failure rather than admit incompetence, because the latter violates their self-image. ([5 tweets](#))

"If you're so smart why aren't you rich" is in fact a fascinating trap of a question — if you're really smart in the way that matters, you'll realize that being ~rich~ isn't necessary and you can just focus on whatever it is that you were hoping money would buy you ([6 tweets](#))

if you're worried that some particular take or tweet will blow up more than you'd like, a "trick" is to put the most radioactive material in the middle of a longer thread. this "security by obscurity" method spares you like ~80% of the annoyance of being put on blast ([8 tweets](#))

I sometimes remind myself that there are lovely people in the world who are terrible at Being Online. One of my favorite dudes is this guy who ran a jamming studio – delightful, generous, sweetheart host vibes, but on the forum he would type things that made me wanna punch him ([6 tweets](#))

I always chuckle when people say "compulsory x" or "mandatory x". As a Singaporean, to me, a thing is only compulsory if armed men will show up at my door if I refuse. I endured mandatory schooling and mandatory conscription. Everything else has been optional, to me ([8 tweets](#))

good reply game is such a shocking benefit multiplier. thinking this while witnessing someone reply some crappy "oh, you think X is bad? try doing X+Y" in response to someone clearly seeking empathy and support. you basically mark yourself as emotionally clueless and unreliable ([12 tweets](#))

been torturing myself lately for no good reason and had to remind myself I'm living my dream. very tricky and funny business, managing a psyche ([11 tweets](#))

Apr 2021

I am once again reminded that one of the great psychic divides is between people who've made/sold stuff in the open marketplace, and people who haven't. ([6 tweets](#))

A thing my ex-boss got me to meditate on (not literally, but I think about it a lot) is that product-market fit heals and forgives almost everything. The highest order bit is almost the only thing that matters by a long shot, to a dramatic and unintuitive degree. ([~19 tweets](#))

Everybody has the right to charge whatever they want for whatever services they want to provide. if you are a completely inexperienced child and you want to charge \$1,000/hr for advice on how to make "phbtbtbtt" sounds, you are free to do that. ([6 tweets](#))

If you're moderately intelligent, perceptive, courageous, etc, you can very likely figure out a way to make more money doing what you love than you might believe. almost everyone's intuitions are miscalibrated on this. ([11 tweets](#))

When I worked in software marketing, I was in the top ~30% of household income in Singapore (roughly about same as US I think) and nobody cared. When I sell ebooks and ad-hoc consulting, I'm in the bottom ~30%, and I periodically get insulted for it. I *am* happier, though. ([9 tweets](#))

One of my most powerful moves that I'm happy to give away for free: I encourage and invite people to be the best versions of themselves, to be nourishing and supportive to themselves & others. It really works. Anyone can start doing it at any time. It's not a tactic, it's a vibe ([2 tweets](#))

Took me many years to be sure about this, and now I'm sure: you can absolutely take a sort of fitness/diet health nut approach to your thoughts & utterances, and in the process become much more "fit/healthy" than average. Music or art analogy also works. You can get a LOT better ([10 tweets](#))

protip: if you see someone who seems to be having an antsy, edgy, anxious time, and you want to help them relax, saying "stop being so tense, be yourself, relax, chill" is IME consistently one of the worst things you can do. I've seen this play out hundreds of times, always bad ([3 tweets](#))

a thing that often seems to surprise people about the act of forgiving and loving your past selves for all their imperfections, failures, incompetence, etc is that you can then begin to feel the warm glow of your future self's love for you ([5 tweets](#))

Once you've spent a few of years taking full responsibility for yourself, or making a serious/earnest effort to, it's easy to begin to forget that other people don't do this. there's a transition phase where their behaviour seems maddeningly incomprehensible ([6 tweets](#))

Mar 2021

one of my big bets is on people who believe in love – goopy, gooey, saccharine sweet love, cheesy, cringey, love. I can be a cynical, dreary bastard sometimes but I try to always return to the ocean of love. I haven't had my coffee yet but I will still mean it after I'm awake

I do love being 30. My favourite age yet. I have money. I have time. I have friends. I have health. I have everything I ever wanted. Adults take me seriously. Kids look up to me. Women of all ages flirt with me. My parents are still healthy. It's perfect. I am very blessed

this wasn't obvious to me for like 20+ years: insulting others for being foolish is something that reinforces one's own fear of being foolish, which then further discourages the dunker from ever attempting anything that might appear foolish — that is, anything worthwhile ([6 tweets](#))

Some hard truths about being an unemployed slacker I learned the hard way: ([12 tweets](#))

if you're a serious twitter user, being thoughtful about your profile pic, username, header image and bio is a very high-leverage thing to do. I used to charge people \$100 for a consult and several of them went from like 100 follows to 1,000+, at least one to 10,000+

Seen two separate things recently on the TL about how substack is a scam and how NFTs are a scam and my personal read is that the real problem is that people are gullible (~[19 tweets](#))

there should be like an international museum/library that commemorates the failure of authority. There should be a world “doubt your authorities” day

Taleb said there are 3 addictions- heroin, carbohydrates and monthly paychecks. I'd like to propose a 4th: moral superiority

thinking about how supervillains so often have plans. i'd watch like a netflix series or youtube series or something examining the GTD principles and project management processes of various supervillains ([1 tweet](#))

one of the things that I'm most fascinated about, but don't talk very much about because it can come across as really weird, is class/status markers. I'm scrolling thru someone's instagram right now via an ad, and I "can just tell" that she's lower-middle-class trying to be UMC

it's really funny how true it is that if you make a mistake when improvising musically, repeating the mistake makes it sound intentional

that's truly quite amazing, westerners are incredible. they will find a way to get stressed about relaxation, be loud about silence, get attached to detachment, beat themselves up about non-violence...

when I meditate deeply and become absolutely still, it becomes clear to me that society has still not even really begun to understand the power and potential of social media ([3 tweets](#))

I absolutely fuckin' love to see it

I think it's good to have at least one aspect of your life where you are like a little baby. could be music or cooking or whatever just be a total dumbass about it and have fun mucking around like an absolute moron

I have been on a many-hour-long wikipedia binge into history and I feel like I know something about the world that I didn't quite know before, but it's very non-specific. it's not a thing, I feel like I have a heightened sense. also I am delirious from lack of sleep

keeping myself humble by using one of my low-follower alts to be a reply guy that gets ignored

I can procrastinate happily (tweet) all day (literally, I think I could go 24 hrs), but if I work on my book for twenty minutes- if I even think about it!- I am seized by the narcoleptic urge to take a nap. I just woke up from the last nap

the more wrong I think a person is the less likely I am to say that they are ([~14 tweets](#))

funny how zuck comes across as more human and likeable in mandarin than in english

well i'm bringing it back to twitter

"haters are fans too" – ea-nasir

we should flood the suez canal with giant rubber ducks. it won't help at all, I just like the idea of it

had a really fun time talking to @eigenrobot, felt like catching up with an old friend. whole hour passed in seconds. it's a really magical thing that some rando anon on the internet halfway across the planet can be someone you connect with so well

is monogamy elitist? like, you're excluding so many people...

I'm surprised I haven't encountered a twitter account roleplaying as Covid-19 that just mocks and insults humanity every day

heavy/binge thinkers, absolute thoughtaholics, unhinged, beyond rescue, but also in their reverie they glimpse the face of god ([5 tweets](#))

Sometimes I feel like my life hasn't started yet ([4 tweets](#))

Feb 2021

TALENT IS SCARED, TALENT IS CLUELESS: when I was younger I thought that talent was rare, but as I get older I realize that the answer is so much weirder than that. talent is not ~super~ rare. but talent hides, talent often doesn't want to be found, talent is scared, talent is clueless ([14 tweets](#))

one of my talking points is "I believe philosophy departments should be 50% staffed by children" – and a common response is that people think I'm doing a sort of silly and cute joke bit to make people laugh. but I am not. I am being absolutely serious ([6 tweets](#))

1 like = 1 gratuitous, whiny woe-is-me tweet about how writing a book is so hard ([11 tweets](#))

getting compounding returns for stuff I did in the past is one of the most unintuitive things imaginable ([6 tweets](#))

I notice myself experiencing envy at how some people are so verbally articulate, particularly when they can recite precise relevant facts and figures from memory. My memory is much hazier and “associative” - I know where the relevant info is, but i gotta take a min to look it up ([1 tweet](#))

it's remarkable how good people can get at saying loads of words that don't mean anything ([1 tweet](#))

I'm more interested in solving loneliness than immortality. As the great philosopher Jon Bon Jovi said, I just wanna live while I'm alive ([2 tweets](#))

make 100 thing, you'll go on a hero's journey from the left to the right ([6 tweets](#))

so check this out, in ancient Greece there were these women who were really smart and really hot, and this lady Phryne was on trial for impiety – legend has it that she was so hot that when she bared her tits the gentlemen of the jury had no choice but to acquit ([2 tweets](#))

the trick to enjoying twitter, youtube and clubhouse is all the same: disregard what the famous people are doing, and focus on finding and chilling with your fellow nerds

this is me with the Singaporean national security agents who were originally assigned to keep tabs on me for being a potentially destabilising influence but have surely fallen in love with me by now

Jan 2021

Never be gleeful about violence ([1 tweet](#)) 70/330

I've talked to hundreds of people about “do 100 thing” - some people get it right away, lots of people warm up to it in time, but most interestingly I've started to notice a common feature among those who “don't get it”, and it is that they have Expectations ([~15 tweets](#))

100 videos I made since jan 1 2020 ([tweet](#))

Overthinkers routinely come to my DMs to ask me for advice on how to stop overthinking, and then overthink my replies ([6 tweets](#))

I didn't think that the demon I summoned to consume my enemies would also consume me, cried the demon-summoning sorcerer ([1 tweet](#))

Unclear vs clear reward ([1 tweet](#))

There must be at least one guy whose two primary interests are Bodybuilding and Poetry. Who is he? I wanna hang out ([9 tweets](#))

TIL YouTubers in the US hire editors in Europe so they can send them raw footage at the end of the day and wake up to a completed video ([1 tweet](#))

every act of kindness is a rebellion against a cruel, indifferent world ([1 tweet](#)) 50/240

The thing I've been building up to throughout my teens and 20s is the simple realization that I can reshape reality around me and that things generally improve when I do. ([2 tweets](#))

What are they maintaining ([1 tweet](#))

thinking again about Contrapoints' elegant articulation of one of the torture traps of fame: audiences demand both perfection and authenticity, which obviously cannot coexist ([8 tweets](#))

Been thinking lately (particularly in Singapore context) that you can't have media literacy and unquestioning compliance/submission to authority. If you want kids to detect bullshit, that includes your bullshit ([1 tweet](#)) [87/293]

we are here to give others the aid we wish we had received ([2 tweets](#))

I insist that there should be place where we can share malformed, imperfect and wrong thoughts ([5 tweets](#))

if you're single, you can actually scroll through your following list and look for cute/interesting people to follow back and become mutuals with. They're already following you, you can probably like a bunch of tweets & maybe even send a moderately flirty reply to something ([7 tweets](#))

if a substantial group of people kinda arbitrarily decided that a guy was hot, and told him so, and treated him as if it were so, he would *become* so. at least for a non-insignificant % of the population. and then a lot of those people will be like "idk why he's hot he just is" ([1 tweet](#))

me, in a moment of passion in a salon yesterday: "do you wanna raise your lifetime revenue by 5% or do you wanna live fucking gloriously?" ([10 tweets](#))

I came to sit in my chair to make a video but my wife needed something from the room so I got delayed like 5 minutes- and in that 5 minutes I somehow lost most of the impulse to do the thing. My window of opportunity for performing a task is so narrow and fragile

I somehow just re-realized that my careful curation of a thousand good people to follow means that I can use a filter:follows to find some of the best bits on some of the most interesting material... I possess a better Google

I forget sometimes that I spent 2 years of my life in the military mostly just sitting around and thinking. All my meals, tasks, sleep etc were taken care of so it was in a sense actually the most intellectually free I had ever been, and I got into some really abstract headspaces ([2 tweets](#))

when I was a teenager, the dominant criticism my closest friends had of me was that I was too arrogant, and they were right. I was too caustic, abrasive, eager to nitpick, quick to criticize, and I was way too certain of myself. I spent my entire 20s trying to correct for this

TONY HAWK'S WORD MAGIC: I'm gonna get weirdly solemn and serious about this: By repeating the "people say I remind them of Tony Hawk" story several times, Tony has set into motion an old and powerful magic that now summons people to contribute to the story, reinforcing it ([10 tweets](#))

Far more interesting things happen when I introduce 10 cool people to each other than when I preach at 10,000 from a soapbox. The sermons are really just a way to find the 0.1%

Just had a very ominous, slightly infohazardous thought about relationships: "super broadly, you should assume that the lows never get better, but that the highs will continually degrade. There are ways out of this, but you should begin your analysis with these assumptions"

if you think millennial WSB traders are nuts, wait till "Make this pot go viral for no reason" Zoomers gets some real disposable income

Gonna slowly build a thread Q'ing interesting tweets from people who follow me who don't have many followers

every day I am sorely tempted to make a tweet that's like "why are you focusing your time and energy on terrible things" and quote tweet it at people a hundred times a day, but that would be me falling into the exact same trap that they're in

I'm so overindexed on twitter, there are like people with 50k followers here who I get kinda starstruck over. meanwhile some people have 5m instagram followers or 2m youtube subscribers and i'm like "?? ok? but who are you even. i don't know u. your numbers mean nothing to me"

Dec 2020

Photography tropes ([many tweets](#))

when I was a child there was nothing I despised more than adults who clearly didn't know what they were taking about, and the power they wielded over me, and the social norms that meant I couldn't do anything about it ([4 tweets](#))

you can totally study ethics to learn how to be a more effective evil person

bro stop focusing on your ideological enemies, ur friendships are dying

aha moments imply the existence of other moments: oho moments, eheh moments, huhu moments, hee hee moments,

January 2019

- [thread of video snippets that have moved me deeply](#)
- [escaping the tyranny of mainstream aesthetics + refusing to be ashamed](#)
- [zen and the art of cleaning your windows](#)
- [the people's oral history of the internet](#)
- [why singaporeans are kiasu](#)
- [victor wooten thread](#)
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- [cult of happiness thread](#)
- (updated old thread) [the frame is a useful constraint if you think beyond it](#)
- [midnight resistance + FF7 video thread](#)

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- [Visa's rules for life \[draft\] / feral man's answer to life](#)
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questions:

- [what actually happens when you break the rules of fight club?](#)

- [ask me a question about something you think I wouldn't be too interested in](#)
- [nerd lady friends, can you suggest some cartoons and anime\(s\) that you liked growing up, and/or like now? \(for my wife\)](#)

takes:

- [take on gillette ad](#)
- [take on APA guidelines](#)
- [penis-shaming perpetuates the patriarchy](#)
- [slack's logo redesign, shitty logo design criticism](#)
- [feelings about MAGA boy vs native protester](#)
- [say her name: how news sites use cunningham's law](#)
- [admiration for dua lipa](#)
- [pick-me-ism is about loneliness](#)

observations:

- [taylor swift is a religion](#)
- [why my friend hates winston churchill](#)
- [how people cope with uncharitable responses](#)
- [thinking again about a hypothetical GTD app designed by a game company](#)
- [when you say something should be illegal, you're indirectly saying that that's something you think cops should beat people up over and lock them up for](#)
- [part of the fun of being an adult is embarrassing kids](#)
- [lots of people like to contribute to clear vectors, but few people like to be responsible for making a clear vector](#)
- [we're all on our phones, which is interesting](#)
- [interesting how people get affected by other people doing their own thing](#)
- [LV sleeve tattoos](#)
- [dancer fashion, semi-arbitrary in-group markers](#)

aphorisms:

- [the first principle is that you must entertain yourself, and you are the hardest person to entertain](#)
- [encourage weirdos, discourage assholes \(opposite of society\)](#)
- [the most important financial choice for millennials is to be atypical](#)
- [we are always one traumatic head injury away from being a completely different person](#)
- [be so prolific you don't recognize yourself](#)

trivia / random interesting:

- [richard 'little herculues' sandrak](#)
- [nyc greek coffee cups](#)
- [art nouveau, aka 'the french aesthetic'](#)
- [chop suey fonts](#)
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fun:

- [\[drinking coffee\] ah, the hot bean water is renewing my will to live](#)
- [the three gods of rationalbro twitter](#)
- [adam sandler looks like vin diesel](#)
- [more visacan, less visacannot](#)
- [reality is rude](#)
- [silicon valley man](#)
- [one of which was black!!!](#)
- [how do we even words](#)
- [where did the concept of Good Boy even originate? wake up doggo](#)
- [the story of an entrepreneur](#)
- [every commencement speech ever](#)
- [hi i'm the indian guy in a western movie](#)

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- [story: you suck at something...](#)
- [aggressively seek out outgroup members to agree with](#)
- [depressed son of chinese billionaire](#)
- [rich kids are boring](#)
- [people mis-distribute their seriousness](#)
- [working with great people is a ridiculous privilege](#)
- [Cunningham's law in media tweets](#)
- [what is the liberal equivalent of "attractive conservative blonde posing with AR-15?"](#)
- [becoming a man](#)
- [mocking women is bad dating strategy](#)
- [celebrities born in 1990](#)
- [game design: have environments change in response to player actions](#)
- [\[riffing\] unpopular opinions](#)
- [flirting is an OODA loop](#)
- [pets as conversation proxies](#)
- [smart abusers](#)
- [refusing to read Caro](#)
- [sleep bottleneck](#)
- [make friends](#)
- [non-creepy supportive comments](#)
- [unpaid work, another](#)
- [AOC caricature](#)
- [RIP opportunity](#)
- [dua lipa thread](#)
- [cute brands](#)
- [people want to be desirable more than they want sex](#)
- [money](#)
- [trauma](#)
- [memespace map](#)
- ["I don't see color"](#)

- [teaching FPS games to wife](#)
- [SG \\$50 note](#)
- [goo vs prickles](#)
- [meta-thread about household objects](#)
- [chilli sauce](#)
- [arabic calligraphy](#)
- [household objects](#)
- [red bull](#)
- [bad actors are insufficiently penalized](#)
- [wife: what are you doing](#)
- [twitter_rpg_strategy_guide.txt](#)
- [recommending people to others](#)
- [god of war 2nd playthrough](#)
- [the only way to really change big picture narratives IMO is to focus on individuals](#)
- [Estonia thread](#)
- [diogenes](#)
- [twitter as a great investment](#)
- [India thread](#)
- [if you get it, you get it](#)
- [the annoying thing about 'problematic'](#)
- [persuading wife to tweet more, and again](#)
- [dumb gifted memes, working through post-gifted issues](#)
- [dealbreakers](#)
- [twitter notifications make me feel post-human](#)
- [words thread](#)
- [lewis thomas thread](#)
- [pick obscure battles](#)
- [diaspora](#)
- [dickpics are rarely about the recipient](#)
- [so much missing from everything](#)
- [productivity tip for ADHD types – write it down](#)
- [samson hair](#)
- [reactions to guy suing parents for giving birth to him](#)
- [funny: snakebitten](#)
- [infinity war endgame should have an intermission](#)
- [funny: if you unfollow me](#)
- [response to zero lovecraft's thread](#)
- [WBW's danger scale](#)
- [naive techno-optimism](#)
- [bottlenecks](#)
- [being misunderstood about menworld](#)
- [school trains people to oversocialize from peer group](#)
- [disagreements with smart friends over "can the public be educated?"](#)
- [because we are social creatures, we tend to have richer models of others than ourselves](#)
- [funny: outing yourself as a dipshit](#)
- [white people](#)
- [Question: how much is this twitter account worth?](#)

- [where did the slap really come from](#)
- [asian parents](#)
- [concentric circles](#)
- [1999 humor](#)
- [ask me a question I'll reply with a pre-existing thread](#)
- [milky way emoji](#)
- [kenshin thread](#)
- [rethinking money](#)
- [teenage behavior](#)
- [cute vs sexy](#)
- [why don't we learn from aviation more](#)
- [chinese guy tattoos](#)
- [SG history revision](#)
- [plaid shirts](#)
- [police dept referring to whatsapp](#)
- [rhetorical ooda loop](#)
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2017

FB

- Jan
 - [Emotional labor thread and discussion](#)
 - ["Was 2016 dangerous for celebrities?"](#) – clever use of Wiki article length and # of revisions to define celebrity
 - [FB Live video of police pursuit](#)
 - [Bilahari links to Rajaratnam's speech about small states dealing with big countries](#)
 - [Jessica Livingston's version of 'things you can't say'](#)
 - [About class mobility, meritocracy and "97 marks not good enough" for higher Chinese](#)
 - [A child's suicide](#)
 - [32 types of anti-feminists](#)
 - [Great interactive NYT piece – "you draw it: what got better or worse during Obama's presidency"](#) – great way to teach you where your blind spots are
 - [How Iceland reduced teen substance abuse](#)
 - [Empty bungalows in SG](#)
 - [status] [Thinking about having kids](#)
 - [Eunoia JC branding](#)
- February
 - [status] [What's an appropriate amount of interest in politics to have?](#)
 - [Nice comic about the love between Icarus and a fire-element person](#)
 - [Incredibly moving video of Jackie Chan being reunited with his early stunt crew](#)
 - [Touching, thought-provoking story of an old white man who changed his mind about Muslims after they moved in next door](#)

- [The Milo Trolling Playbook](#), courtesy of Ryan Holliday
- [Good read about "ironic sexism" – the male hipster gaze](#)
- [Funny /r/singapore Valentine's Day fiction/humor](#)
- [status] [On "What you can't say" in Singapore](#). I think our elites are being naive or intellectually dishonest when they complain about Singaporeans being uncreative without addressing the conditions that created the culture.
- March
 - [status] [Attempted-fancy Singaporean copywriting](#), and [followup](#)
 - [status] [Being a woman, in many ways, means living life at a higher difficulty setting](#)
 - [status] [There's always somebody who has it worse. So let's not play that game.](#)
 - [Former EDB Chairman describing obedient Singaporean civil servants as eunuchs](#)
 - [Alfian's status about Priyageetha's golden staircase](#)
 - [Omelas speech in Parliament by Shiao-Yin](#)
 - [Singapore breastfeeding thread](#)
 - [status] [The Kopitiam Brudders](#)
 - [Afian's status about secondary school kids appreciating the distinctions between Singlish](#)
 - [status] [Singaporeans struggle to communicate with their grandparents](#) (in August: [related NYT article](#))
 - [status] [Drunk, AMA](#)
- April:
 - [Compliments thread](#)
 - TIL my maternal grandpa was hit by shrapnel during WW2. Makes me wonder how many of my ancestors narrowly made it
 - [List of non-english songs that became global hits](#)
 - [Last surviving prosecutor from the Nuremberg trials](#)
 - Alfian: [On the way the 'tudung issue' is debated in Parliament – sensitive, divisive, don't talk about it](#)
 - [Thread about Singapore case where mother was wrongfully fertilized with the wrong sperm](#)
 - [On safe spaces – the point is to be nurturing, not overprotective or obnoxiously hurtful](#)
 - [Interesting graphic design video squelching and stretching the human form](#)
 - [Typeform is a good product](#)
 - [Wrestling isn't wrestling – best video I've watched all year](#), perhaps on par with Jackie
 - [Article about Sisyphus, with nice gifs](#)
 - [Glimpse into the life of people who make your iPhone](#)
 - [My wife learned to code and taught a neural network to talk like me](#)
 - [Royal family talking openly about mental health](#) I remember many years ago thinking that we'd never get to see this side of them, that they'll always be distant and aloof because of the way celebrity is, the way the media is structured and so on. And yet. ❤️ <3
- May

- [Fictional video where boss kisses his employee. very uncomfortable](#)
- [Adrianna's response to Shanmugam's banning of foreign involvement in political causes like Pink Dot](#)
 - [Forum letter suggesting we fence in the gays](#)
- [How to fire people – great bit from Kerwin Rae](#)
- [Oatmeal comic about tribalism, disbelief, the backfire effect](#)
- [How to husk a coconut](#) – chief Kap Te'o-Tafiti being awesome
- [History of the entire world, I guess](#)
- [Thread about /r/singapore thread about parental abuse](#)
- [Man says "you are the single greatest threat to my family" to his representative](#)
- [Australian fights Singaporean officers at Changi](#)
- [NTUC income video about girls and women's experiences](#)
- [My Family's Slave](#)
- [Jerry Seinfeld hates awards shows](#) This video is funny and also very fascinating to me. Consider what you need to do or achieve before you can get to the front of a roomful of people, tell them that they and their industry are full of shit, and have them eating out of your hand for saying it. (You do always have to end with some ego-soothing moments, like how the White House Correspondents' Dinner speeches always end with "journalism is an honorable profession, and even though I have just mocked you for all your ugly ways, you're actually a beautiful bastion of American democracy"). Comedy is a way of telling the nasty truth and being open-hearted at the same time, which suggests to me that the world has a massive comedy deficit. [Of course though there's the Fifteen Million Merits rebuttal – the truth will only be listened to in a comedy club, and then resolutely ignored outside of it. But better than nothing, I guess.]
- [Singaporean food overseas](#)
- [Trump's speech in Saudi Arabia. which seemed quite measured to me](#)
- ["You should've asked" – on emotional labor](#) – women seen as the managers/project leaders of households
- [The Censors' Disappearing Vibrator](#)
- [Haute Baroque Capitalism](#) – Trump Tower aesthetic and other architectural ideas
- [status] [Asking people about Shrey](#)
- [status] [Worry and anxiety as an inherited displacement behavior](#)
- [status] [Thinking about feelings – being sensitive, smart, strong and kind](#)
- [status] [Thinking about the passage of time, and seeking conspirators](#) – remind me later, universe
- June
 - [Ramadan Bazaar](#)
 - [The solitude of strangers](#)
 - [status] [on being mindful of words](#)
 - [status] [if the earth weren't a safe space we'd all be dead](#)
 - [Lee Wei Ling describing Singapore as an Orwellian Nightmare](#)
 - [still curious and confused about Singaporean Christian relationship with Israel](#)
 - [my read of the oxley road drama](#) (also see [Sudhir's take](#))
 - [satisfying video of a guy polishing a rusty knife](#)

- [important question about capitalism](#)
- [young woman fighting ISIS almost gets shot](#)
- [when you see a fellow metalhead in public](#)
- [about people no longer believing that serious consequences are possible](#)
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- July
 - [great tax software ad](#)
 - [well-articulated article about Instagram's effect on food culture](#)
 - [first-timer's perspective on pink dot](#)
 - [third thumb attachment](#)
 - [funny lesbian comedian](#)
 - [people still demanding free work from artists \(and calling them arrogant for refusing\)](#)
 - [thread about toxic masculinity and bullying in school](#)
 - [Straits Times overuses "beef up"](#)
 - [cool video by handbag entrepreneur](#)
 - [another article focusing on Singaporean writer's material success](#)
 - [great video by and about black boys](#)
 - [\[status\] bad dreams about school](#)
 - [great ad for Makcik Chicken](#)
 - [sad story about a missing person + interesting arguments about what an appropriate amount of \\$ to spend on a missing person is](#)
 - [The Evolution of Trust, great game by ncase](#)
 - [The Straits Times really likes to interview Ashley Wu](#)
 - [Entertaining ad for pool floats](#)
- August
 - [My thoughts about finally watching Alex Jones \(through that Bon Iver style song\)](#)
 - [Good HN comment about discovering how little you really know in life](#)
 - [AGC looking pretty paranoid and insecure](#)
 - [the double-bind of being a minority](#) – Singaporean referee gets insulted
 - [lady has a man explain "Men Explain Things To Me" to her](#)
 - [Yes Minister video humorously demonstrating the power of leading questions](#)
 - [Taylor Swift handling her sexual assault case perfectly](#)
 - [\[status\] soliciting recommendations for media to study in research for a novel](#)
 - [elite school kid making blunt claims about social inequality. again](#)
 - [reminded of 2010 YOG](#)
 - ["the women in my family had to be good with money"](#) – great article about abusive husbands
 - [Indian mega serial](#)
 - [SG media cannot discuss artists without focusing on their awards and material success](#)
 - [telegram group sharing porn and creepshots](#)
 - [atlantic – transplantees find catharsis in holding their old hearts](#) "My heart is dead, and there it is, lying on the table right there. If your mind goes to that place, then you can't help but feel that loss. I told my heart 'I'm so sorry I didn't take care of you better.' It brought tears to my eyes, truly. I needed to say goodbye."

- [Jinder Mahal](#) – trippiest thing for me to witness re: globalization
- [Differences in Singaporean responses to murder cases](#)
- [asking for TV recommendations](#)
- [a response to SG tourism's #PassionMadePossible tagline](#)
- [post about Mariamman Temple. asking for related reads](#)
- [Sharing "Winning is For Losers" ribbonfarm article – on the importance of being weird](#)
- [status] [asking about what's unique about what girls do in school](#)
- September
 - [status] [Have you ever slapped anyone or been slapped?](#)
 - [status] [what's a problem that you'd pay to have solved?](#)
 - [status] [feelspost about growing up and managing emotions](#)
 - [Can our democracy survive tribalism?](#) Interesting article, as well as a random guy showing up on my feed to say "your fundamental premise is flawed"
 - [tumblr post using colorful shapes to explain systemic inequality](#)
 - [why do some headlines focus on race but not others?](#)
 - [asking friends about cashless payments](#)
 - [two tiers of Singapore's tech industry](#)
 - [beautiful visual explanation of completing the square](#); a teacher giving his kids an incredible gift
 - [st hildas schoolboy fight](#)
 - [soliciting writing requests from friend](#)
 - [halimah headlines around the world](#)
 - [great post from sudhir on how the game is rigged](#)
 - [krabi recommendations](#)
 - [bali recommendations](#)
 - [getting friends to ask friends for recommendations](#)
- October
 - [status] [what's on your mind?](#)
 - [interesting discussion on Eliezer's wall about Catalonia](#)
 - [Balli's response to "when did race become an issue here"](#)
 - [Man gets arrested for holding up a mirror in front of Parliament](#)
 - [NYmag – does even Mark Zuckerberg know what Facebook is?](#)
 - [Genius video of a band looping music with FB Live](#)
 - [creative responsive ipad comic](#)
 - [the instructions I wish I was given \(as a newbie startup marketer\)](#)
 - [status] [asking about birth control in Singapore](#)
 - [status] [asking for people's favorite coffeeshops](#)
 - [status] [getting blocked by sangeetha for asking a question](#)
 - [followup status](#) "On retrospect, my younger self was so insecure that he saw a request for compassion as an act of censorship."
 - [status] [Are Singaporeans more or less kiasu than 10-20 years ago?](#)
 - [Great example of fatherhood from Tong Yee](#)
 - [New Yorker article about Weinstein](#) – "One of the cruellest things about these acts is the way that they entangle, and attempt to contaminate, all of the best things about you. If you're sweet and friendly, you'll think that it's your fault for accommodating the situation. If you're tough, well, you might as well decide that it's no big deal. If you're a gentle person, then he knew you were weak. If

you're talented, he thought of you as an equal. If you're ambitious, you wanted it. If you're savvy, you knew it was coming. If you're affectionate, you seemed like you were asking for it all along. If you make dirty jokes or have a good time at parties, then why get moralistic? If you're smart, there's got to be some way to rationalize this."

■ [Atlantic post also well written](#)

- [unruly and proud](#)
- [thinking about timelessness in writing, and how to optimize for a 70-year writing career](#)
- [Why did real wages stagnate while productivity went up?](#)
- ["my friend feels like she's being left out of stuff, and her passive-aggressive reactions are making me want to... leave her out of stuff"](#)
- [List of SG tropes](#)
- [status] [asking married friends about when their parents first meet their partners' parents](#)
- [discovering Tamil Nationalists in a YouTube video about a Hindu temple](#)
- [status] [Asking for people who're interested in receiving a newsletter from me](#)
- [SPH retrenchments "for the first time, they were efficient"](#)
- [Kolmogorov Complicity](#) – on building consensus secretly, to avoid the retribution that comes to open defiance
- November
 - [Happy Heteroween](#) Good read, and quite in sync with my own changing views on Halloween (I used to think it was completely irrelevant to the Singaporean context, imported for expats and targeted at status-climbers, but now I also think we could also just use a damn break and wear some costumes and dick around once a year why not)
 - [status] [Asking for recommendations for climbing Mt Rinjani](#)
 - [Autistic top N-level student was forced to follow a script](#)
 - [Music as a language. by Victor Wooten](#)
 - [Babe – every kind of girl you'll pretend to be at some point](#)
 - [A Level GP questions, shared by Shiao-Yin](#)
 - [Africans probably read LKY more than Singaporeans](#)
 - [funny Clickhole article about media sucking up to billionaires](#)
 - [artidote – love is hard work](#)
 - [ethnic quotas?](#)
 - ["kids would you please start fighting" – on the utility of disagreement](#)
 - [asking for pizza recommendations](#)
 - [how to manage disagreements positively](#)
- December
 - [status] [What have you been vaguely thinking of getting but have been procrastinating on?](#)
 - [Jolovan Wham](#)
 - [great longread about the progression of Google Maps](#)
 - [dad talking to his young daughter about her feelings](#)
 - [toxic monogamy culture](#)
 - [the pain in the eyes of a black man who got harrassed by police in NYC](#)
 - [exciting AI stuff](#)

- [Bozoma St. John](#) – I feel strongly about her backstory, being a foreigner everywhere she goes
- [an epidemic of unnecessary treatment](#) – don't blindly trust doctors
- [great thai storytelling about a landlord](#)
- [people to meet next year](#)
- [powerful recap of marvel cinematic universe](#)
- [how to be the perfect rape victim](#) – great satire about the ridiculous situation we put women and girls in
- [list of lefties](#)
- [great twitter thread by Arden on the intersections of porn, patriarchy, shame, power and identity](#)
- [aliens???](#)
- [a bit that got me interested in thinking about American healthcare](#)
- [Compelling story and call-to-action by psychiatrist who does brain scans](#)

Twitter:

[best of 2017 thread](#)

[Irritating rationalbros](#)