

Silverwolf: The Lobo Breed

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Cyberlithicum's New Man: 10 Negative Characteristics of the Computer Human Being

Silverwolf recently mentioned a site which had cottoned on to his post "From Reagan to Obama: The Degeneration of the Human Mind", but he could not recall its exact name. That site had given Silverwolf several referred hits, so he thought it only gentlewolfmanly to look at their blog. It was a very interesting site, dealing with the conditioning effects of the computer on the human mind, especially on the generations that have only known these technologies since their youth — what Silverwolf would call the post-book generation — and more specifically the smartphone's and related mobile paraphernalia's effect on their minds.

The authors seemed to share Silverwolf's feelings about the subtle conditionings these gadgets are implanting in Humans, and even listed ten negative characteristics of this new "Cyberlithic Man" (Girls included of course).

Now Silverwolf had named three of those ten characteristics in his post on the Dumbing-Down of Harvard — the ones that impressed him the most. But now, thanks to a new referral, he was able to relocate the site name, and will forthwith give it to you, along with the complete list of their ten negative characteristics of this new "Cyberlithic Man" (in Silverwolf's own words, with original commentary if any available to his mind).

The site is cyberlithicum.org, which says we are in a new age, comparable to the Cavemen when they discovered polished stone tools — a huge technological breakthrough at the time, as I'm sure the reader well recalls from the days of his youth. Cyberlithicum.org views the smartphone as a new shamanistic talisman in the eyes of its users, through which the user's life must flow, or else they are outside the network of reality, which for them has become cyberspace.

They also warned of the dangers of almost all knowledge being found on wikipedia and google, and anything outside of these two vehicles will cease to exist as part of reality. The possibilities of sidelining really important human knowledge, and achieving a de facto form of censorship, without having to actually violate the First Amendment, are extremely dangerous. The threat of burying in obscurity valid criticisms and exposures of Governmental and Corporate Malfeasance, and the documentation of genocide and other Human Rights crimes, is obvious.

The Ten Negative Characteristics of the Cyberlithic New Man, according to Cyberlithicum are:

1) Loss of individual cultural identity.

Silverwolf can see this now in the monotonous sameness of clothing around the world versus the Old World where people characteristically dressed in a certain manner in various countries. Frenchman wore berets, and Dutchman wooden clogs (these were to help them float on water in case the dykes burst). Internet videos show that architecture around the world in the big metropolii is acquiring a soulless sameness. (Silverwolf believes that the Victorian Gothic style in architecture should become the world's standard, but it doesn't seem to be catching on yet. Give it another 300 years, or so.)

2) No deeper understanding of the terms "education, responsibility, and ethics"

This makes sense, because a mind that is constantly being fractured and interrupted by the constantly changing barrage of sensations delivered by the smartphone can never concentrate on one topic for very long, or go into it in depth. The constant stream of sensations mesmerize the brain. And say that brain was first mesmerized at age eight by computer games, and has hardly ever had a day when it has not been on the internet — how is that brain to explore a topic like "ethics"?

3) Loss of concentration.

Same comment as for Number 2.

4) Loss of the ability to solve conflicts verbally.

5) Lowered ability to talk and write in complete sentences.

Well, anyone who has listened to modern teenagers and anyone up to the age of forty, and indeed anyone who has attended government schools since the widespread introduction of the personal computer-cum-internet, will know what Cyberlithicum means. Listen to the athletes on Radio Australia trying to explain how the game went, if you want to hear what the legacy of British Commonwealth education has come to.

6) Loss of the ability to handwrite a text.

Soon only over-50s will know how to write a bad check.

7) Use of the thumb instead of the index finger to press buttons.

Pretty soon, most irate motorists will start "giving the thumb". Don't do it to a cop.

8) Loss of the ability to put oneself in the place of others.

While this has always been a problem in society, it's probably worse now than at any time. However, callous indifference to the suffering of other Human Beings or Animals seems to have been a characteristic of Man since time immemorial. But we do not believe this has to be so. Yet the current trend is against empathy and compassion, and a materialistic socialistic bureaucratic society only makes it worse.

9) Loss of the ability to tell important from unimportant, relevant from non-relevant.

Never pondering over what is really important to the individual, the young mind is easily captured by the stream of sensations. One engrossment is just the same as another to it, as long as the brain is occupied. However, reading Schopenhauer may be far more fruitful for the brain and

