

Cell-phone mentality

Nowadays, interpersonal communication seems no longer be subject to ethics of any kind such as respect and politeness. Moreover, if someone reminds the "perpetrator", it will most likely not be received with a "thank you" but rather with something like "go fuck yourself".

Let me outline a usual scene, happening everywhere anytime: Person A is having a talk with person B. The cell-phone of person B starts making noise. Person B picks up the phone and starts talking to person C. Person A has to wait throughout this interruption. If person A would ask person B to stop, for sure person B will not accept that, and person C will be pissed off.

People have become cell-phone slaves. Beep-beep, and immediately that phone MUST be answered. Only very few people have the politeness and the guts NOT to answer the cell-phone, and stay with the current conversation. Yes, it takes GUTS to do so, because it would give the right example "I do not answer the phone while being in a conversation". That would imply a lesson being taught to the other person. And that might hurt, provoke resentment or worse.

Okay, at schools for example, in class, cell-phones must be switched off. For obvious reasons. But at someone's home, in board rooms on a business meeting, during dinner with a loved one, at the cashier in a shop, in the bus, at the dentist, well, everywhere, cell-phoning seems to be the next normal thing to do. Even worse, people even encourage each other to answer the cell-phone "hey your phone rings, do your talk, I'll wait". Because if they DON'T, then they most likely have to confront a power struggle. And that is never a pleasure.

The world of today has become saturated with disrespect, impoliteness, and electronics slavery. We, humans, are on the verge, if not beyond, of setting highest priorities to what the electronic environment is dictating us. A beep, and like trained dogs we grab the phone and woof "hello".

We have free will. A lot of it. But we have given up using it. No-one wants a New world Order, yet everyone is behaving within the NWO parameters. Real world communication has made way to virtual communication. SMS, chat, phone, e-mail, and what have you. There are even people who REFUSE to communicate face to face IRL (in the real world). There are even people who have fulltime relationships with one another purely on the basis of virtual contact! And that number is increasing steeply.

Half a century ago, it was normal to exchange handwritten letters. Few decades ago it became normal to exchange emails. Now it is normal to exchange chats, SMS, timelines (microblogs or comments on a sociak network profile page), pokes & pings and stupid smileys. And after twenty years the entire IRL communication will have come near a halt. Another fifty years, and people will have completely lost their ability to confront face to face meetings of any kind.

People complain about their unhappiness and feelings of solitude. But they do not realize that they themselves are the major cause. The more we leave human tasks to machines, and the more we are obeyant to technology push, the less will be enjoyed by us. But humans increasingly seek their joy in electronics and virtuality. Cybersex is another example.

Perhaps I seem to be sidetracking a bit now, but I want to get my point across. We shall not blame the computer or any other other electronic device for our behavior. We still have the choice between being an e-slave or an ethical being. Do you want to stay a human being, or an extension of mass apparatus?

I would say: Be real and do real! So help you good manners.

Fuck cell-phone!