

## Outer Limits

Decision-making is a lifelong process. The older I get the simpler I would like things to be – including decision-making. I think when I watch shows on TV or at the movies I categorize them as truth or fiction before anything else. Of the many categories I choose to classify and store information truth or fiction are the first. It saves me a lot of time. Either or, this or that binary content analysis - only 2 things. In our information choices, we have so many things to choose that Binary content analysis is the only measurable instrument (tool) I have come across that might be helpful to figure out what is real (truth) and what is not i.e.; deception. Throughout mankind and throughout western civilization it was something that caused the species to survive. Darwin, perhaps believed that the species evolved because of what he thought he saw, I on the other hand write about what I believe I have seen because I have been able to look. I would like to report what I have seen with my eyes and tested with my heart (gut), history and experience.

According to scientific theory, an incident must be able to be replicated in order to be a fact. As we begin the 21st century (there are still 90 more years in this century and that will encompass at least 3 or 4 generations) we have to figure out something more than fantasy to survive. The generations we are now nurturing have to know there is a higher way to live than to self-serve. As we look at our education statistics, our prison population, our healthcare dollars as well as our charity we can see how much we need to unite as well as make good choices. For a democracy of people who love liberty and law, and as a civilization that promotes health, peace, prosperity and justice we are pretty self-serving. Perhaps rightly so. We have fought hard for generations to win the right to self-government, to have justice when corruption is always lurking and to have the right to do almost anything we want. Certainly we can say anything we want that is the truth. Lying isn't really acceptable so folks cover up their lies. People sue other people for money and slander if they lie. Sometimes it helps; many times it makes no difference. People rise and fall in the land of opportunity on the wave of public opinion. Not so in countries ruled by terror.

Darwin's theories of evolution (if I am recalling my 9th grade science class) is the theory that species change and evolve in order to survive the climate and circumstances of the environment. The environment can be the family as well as the weather, soil and water.

When politics, economics, health and welfare become the environment for family life, or tribal or clan life, it is important for leaders of the family, tribe or nation to talk about and to support health and welfare if indeed it is the leaders responsibility.

As a leader in health and welfare, I have a responsibility to educate the population for which I am responsible. Like a staff sergeant over a squad, a lieutenant over a platoon, or a shepherd over a flock I believe I am called to sound the clarion call for the end of the age and to pursue wisdom and compassion. Always the enemy, selfish ambition and ignorance continue to thwart the process.

The shift in generations (agricultural/industrial) through the century (technological/informational) to the end (digital to?) will be transformational. As one who is a bridge to that end I would like you to think about what I am going to say.

To think about thinking is a developmental process. Even in our informational age, the thoughts we have are categorical and are retrieved through a developmental process, yet for us to make "ourselves" we have to feel the experience. To think about the feeling of the experience is the thing that often gives us life and affects our soul.

One of the sad things about technology is that it has no soul. It may be fast, it may provide physical nourishment, and exercise and health but it still has no soul. It may keep us safe, it may transport us more distance than we have ever been but it has no soul. It may provide entertainment, information and sexual satisfaction but still it has no soul.

A great tool, this computer and this Internet. It can deliver many things and sometimes even the truth.