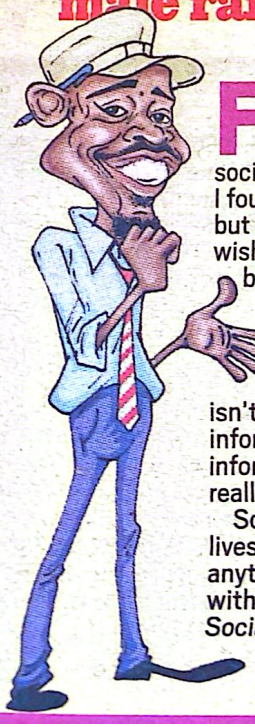
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Is this the beginning of the end?



For about five days, we were taken back to the good old days (your opinion may differ) without social media. Just like most people, I found this to be inconveniencing, but then, here are my reasons why I wished they had had not switched it back on.

Shallowness: first, increased access to information does not mean we are more knowledgeable. Social media isn't exactly a classroom, most of information traded there is just bad information, of no use to anybody really.

So I faithfully track personal lives of celebrities, but I don't know anything about my cousin whom I live with. I have no use of sex-tape clips. Social media blocks access to the information that matters, letting us wallow in shallowness. We receive so much, there is no time to pay attention to detail. When was the last time you read a book?

Emptiness: For a whole weekend, some people did not know what to do with themselves. Checking your phone every 30 seconds out of habit and there is nothing, NOTHING, inform of an update, a tweet, a message, was a grueling scenario for, yes, almost everyone. So we now live through our phones, and are quite lost without them.

What kind of life is that, that everything about us has come to revolve around that tiny gadget. Remember that question; if you were to get stranded on an island, what would you rather be stranded with? The most natural answer now would be; my mobile phone, unlimited data, and a solar charger. You know that panic moment you get when your phone battery goes low? Like your existence is fading with it too! We have become empty shells of our former humane selves.

Disconnected: Talking of human relationships, instead of being a channel for improving connectivity, we are more remote, disconnected. We connect to the rest of the world, we forget about the people in our lives,right in front of us. We meet to catch up, but spend the entire time checking what everyone else is doing out there. Your wife constantly has one eye on her phone, she is never fully present. Your children don't talk to you anymore, you learn about what is happening in their lives from their social media pages. conversations have become replaced by abbreviations such as LMAO,IMHO.

We are losing touch with ourselves, with reality. Privacy has become a myth, everything belongs to everyone. And that is somehow ok. It is easier to ask out a girl through social media than to look her in the face and tell her what you feel.

Men have become shadows of their former selves. But the women are aren't even noticing because their ideal man is somewhere out there uploading his 'selfie'. In my humble opinion, the age of society and true human relationships is drawing to a close , we are just to busy updating our profiles to notice.

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