

Information Overload Through Twitter

Growing up, when we went out to go to something, we yelled over their shoulder that we'd be back later, maybe even mention our destination. Now you can't go a minute without a text message or a "tweet" about what someone is doing and how they feel.

The greatest of evils is the Twitter infection that is sweeping the world, young and old alike. People are spending most of their time telling others what they are doing and the rest of their time trying to figure out what everyone else is doing

Actual communication via the mouth is being replaced by textual voyeurism and narcissism. People had enough problems with self absorption before being given the ability to tell the world their every move with just a few clicks.

Before long the actual mouth piece for a phone will be removed, viewed as superfluous and oral communication replaced with impersonal text.

Twitter people will "tweet" about damned near anything from walking their dog, to their feelings about politics and on to what they want to do later.

Whereas the media usage of a medium this widely used and viewed is obvious and beneficial, what it is doing to culture today is sad.

Eventually kids won't ever actually leave the house, they will simply read twitter and watch YouTube all day long with their friends via the Internet.

The Internet is quickly replacing Interaction. Now, for some this may not seem like such a bad thing; the idea of being able to check on peoples actions without ever needing to ask a question or actually talk to them is quite nice at times.

The generation before viewed the cell phone as a ludicrous device that would remove peoples' desire to visit in person and people would start walking around with a phone stuck to their ears.

Ladies and gentlemen... that was nothing in comparison to the current addiction of messaging. Now, when one is at a movie, in church, funerals, wherever they may be, they will still be communicating, and not with the person in front of them, but someone far away.

Information overload may be a bigger concern than many people think. Google allowed us to look up information from around the world instantly. Twitter now allows us to get a play-by-play of our friends lives all day long.

Again, this may be a problem for those who are old fashioned, and the new generation of tech-kids may survive just fine, as long as twitter allows them to digitally eat. But when I ask someone about their opinion and they tell me to check their twitter on the matter it makes me want to smack them. Picking up a book or strolling in the park will forever be changed by the digital revolution.

Now, the ultimate problem with Twitter, texting and all other forms of communicating digitally is that they are not only addictive, but have become necessary evils. But in a world where moderation is a dying art we are not going to see the end of information overload, especially through twitteresque mediums.