

# State of Your World

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All of us are told often about what's going on over hill, over dale and over yonder beyond the pale. It's called "news", information about novel things happening. In some languages the process is called "notices". I remember a close relative describing the word having a double meaning, the letters might also stand for "North, East, West and South" ⊕

If you're not Russian or from the three-decade young former Ukraine, or do business involving Ukrussky products, or have refugees from the region in your country, town or immediate environment, what & why is it worth anything to know? How do our existence, moods or condition change with world event knowledge?

*Q: Esteemed Committee, given the relative novelty of worldwide news available to almost everyone, 1920s by radio, 1950s television and now the web between, the inter-net, the information matrix, what effects did far-away world events have?*

*C: Near, far or within your influence, the effects are your reaction, solely unless you are physically touched. A physical thing, such as your town, dwelling or your body, when reached by event forces, can limit human ability to ignore and also limit choice of reaction. What matters always is reaction.*

*Q: Given the billions of us here that were not here a half century ago, at least two billion arriving during the internet age...*

*C: Forgive us for stopping the question in progress; this is supremely important. The difference is the manner and methods in which the brain has developed between the computer trained from adulthood versus the toddler.*

*Q: What is/are the difference/s?*

*C: Human adults today born from the end of Earth's last century and during the first years of the current century, are more able to rapidly switch between sources of information than was common before then; the break is sharp. The effect is a lessened ability to concentrate for longer versus shorter periods, and a lower ability to reach certain depths of information.*

*Q: What does this do?*

*C: It has supplied a perfect storm of opportunity for such adults to be manipulated.*

*Q: Manipulated as in, encouraged to favor somebody else's interests to their own detriment, convinced that it's voluntary, even beneficial?*

*C: Yes.*

*Q: Can you give an example?*

*C: It is not the human female's nature to pursue work outside of her home over motherhood, or both simultaneously. Nevertheless, many women are now convinced this represents a social and personal-to-them improvement. The notions that no solutions exist, even when named as such, the ideas that life choices are trade-offs with both benefits and consequences, are rejected.*

*Q: Can you supply another example?*

*C: The use of terms such as patriarchy and toxic masculinity. Neither of these exist*

anymore, in most places around Earth.

*Q: How are these notions launched and how do they gain traction & popularity?*

C: The protocol is the same as has always been followed for propaganda, but the internet has been a massive addition to the toolchest. It has become possible to flood the minds of the ever-increasing number of users.

*Q: Are we often subjected to a manipulated compilation of news items, designed to create influence?*

C: Since news has been produced this has been practiced. Selection among news items is even more important and effective than the contents of any single news item or story. It's the menu, not just the dish you ordered.

*Q: What effects will come to us if we ignore news?*

C: Individually, this will cause harm to a person who will not live a life isolated from society. If a person or group seeks to live "off the grid" as has become popular to say, this person or group such as a family or several, will still come to depend on certain things the greater society supplies, a society from which they have unplugged, or attempted to.

To say ignorance is bliss can be true, but it can also cause boredom and mental stagnation.

We do not recommend any person ignore news.

*Q: Okay, so what about our own worlds should we let in?*

C: Everything but always with consideration of and for your reaction. If you do not like it, you may turn it off or walk away. What things you allow to enter, mentally distance yourself from them; imagine you are observing through a thick, transparent barrier which can be darkened instantly, or the sound muted. If you find the thing observed unpleasant, turn it away and off, briefly, permanently or for any interval you prefer.

On top of this, consider what you are told through a cloud of skepticism. Listen to whom you dislike as much as someone you might prefer to hear.

*Q: History tells a tragic tale but what do truly completed events mean when compared to what affects us now, what we feel today? This seems to make it so easy to manipulate...*

C: No matter the group, among the eight billion of you now aboard the Good Ship Earth it is always easy to locate then push an example of something many observers will not like. The errant act, behavior or event of a few, is easy to extrapolate into the minds of the many, even if scant examples occur.

*Q: So, what do you recommend we do when observing news about the world, nation, state/oblast/province or city, town and village?*

C: If three things grasp your attention, select three more which do not. Give all six items equivalent attention. Before watching a video, observing broadcast television news or reading a news article, remind yourself to be skeptical; not immediately doubtful but also not immediately trustworthy either. As the several and preferred plus disliked news items are consumed, a far better understanding will emerge. Manipulation will not land upon you, much less stick.