

There's a lot to choose from.

There are those of us who are on Social Media. Some watch and follow the various topics without fail. Others form opinions and stick with those opinions until someone comes along whom they feel comfortable following. A lot of people choose religion, and for many reasons, none of which are nasty or negative. Some fashion their life around a craft such as carpentry, painting, electrical work, or plumbing, while many choose less physical but often higher-paying jobs. So what determines a person's choices, and why does only a minority get bored with what society offers?

A minority of that minority goes farther away from the urban world, and they settle for the best they can get. Their goals are to do something unconventional, so they create an alternative lifestyle for themselves that enables them to live without society's stressors.

Those who attempt to dictate what life should be for others can certainly block the entryways into alternative fields; musicians, poets, writers, singers, scientists, and nerds, all of whom possess disparate personalities.

Our government tells us what we should be interested in and what we ought to accomplish. They also demand that we comply and, more importantly, pay our taxes. After that, we're basically free to live how we wish. I say basically because, at this moment, we live in a democracy where our rights are written, giving us Constitutional Rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Those rights are not only for you, them, or the richest among us, nor are they up to an autocratic ruler or totalitarian regime to subordinate individuals and control their lives to further productivity, not for the population's gain, but for those at the top. The siphon is upside down, so the funnel pours riches up to the rich. They get richer at the expense of everyone below them. The poorest are getting poorer as the net of financial control tightens around the mass of humanity.

The minority of the minority keeps drifting away because there is nothing in the societal framework that they want. They already have their lives and liberties, and if they're not happy already, then they're certainly pursuing happiness one day at a time.

Yes, there is a lot to choose from and choosing a life that includes habitual behaviours doesn't sound like a life that would interest the minority of the minority.

The last tiny group, that nugget of people, understands that evolving means having curiosity about every aspect of learning, including fostering the ability to discard what doesn't make them comfortable. Many times, members of this small minority will find solace within by learning to integrate their existence with that of the earth, our galaxy, and even the universe. Televisions get turned off, radios are quieted, rakes are used instead of gasoline-powered alternatives, and their lives come into focus. As the outside noise quiets, they hear themselves; this is often the first time.

Their belief that they were not born to be slaves of the wealthy hardens into actionable knowledge.

As soon as these people learn they are free to be who they want to be, they instinctively take steps to put their journey on a corrective course to get them where they want to be.

These interlopers will not abide by most government control over their lives, except that which is written into the Constitution of the United States of America. They will comply with the enforcement and consequences of their guaranteed rights, but they'll strategise against those who abuse their guaranteed rights in any way. Maybe only by grumbling, but perhaps in more extreme cases, they might participate in some way.

However, the minority of the minority comprises a group of people who will instead retreat deeper into this country's shadows, where they will continue to pursue their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Those few people choose anonymity, and the only way to know them is through their creativity.

The End.

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