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Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 11:28pm

Whew, moving in, keeping up with an already busy school year and keeping up my extra curricular activities doesn't leave me any time to blog about my latest ponderings! I should make a better effort to keep it up, it helps me put my ideas in order and put up my views to the test =).

You know what though, the more I'm starting to come to some plateaus in my thought, the more afraid I am to document it. I realize that this very blog could be very incriminating in the future, given that some of my opinions are bound to offend some. I don't know how to go about it anymore. Normally I'm not in any way shy, but for some reason I've been holding back.

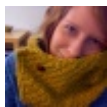
I've wanted to rant about: Apathy, bias, ignorance and the need for empathy. I *really* want to just rant about my current set of major points of belief in all forms: Why we are here (our endgoals), where we came from, etc. and why I have these beliefs. I want to discuss the best phrase I heard all summer: "Happiness is a choice." (Indeed). It's unfortunate that I live in a society where freedom of expression can come at the price of dignity and sometimes respect.

I want to rave about my hopes and dreams of starting an afterschool reading program for youth, to entering provincial politics to do the best I can to make the place I live better for everyone. I don't choose to do this for myself, I want to do this to make other people's lives better.

Anyway, I can't wait to dust off the old cello and give it a go for Round Three. Hopefully this time I won't run out of cash for lessons this time and lose all my progress.

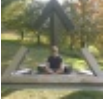
Man, love is a tough gig. I'm no stranger to it, but the pain of it's ins and outs sure don't wear out over time. To top it all off, I miss my friends from out West as well.

There's your snapshot of my brain for the day - Cheers!



[Erin Hantke](#) at 12:18am September 12

Andrew, i just love you and your amazing brain. i don't know that I've met anyone else who is as open and willing to put it all out there as you are. And even if I don't always agree with everything you 'rave' about i can't tell you how much i admire you for thinking about things and feelinge/expressing them as intensely as you do. amen about the love thing. and i miss you loads. thanks for the snapshot!



[Jon Richt](#) at 5:55pm September 14

Look, I view a blog as a way to track my own thoughts. You should be excited at having the ability to come back 10 years from now and compare your ideas against where you ended up.

I occasionally rant :) And I do filter out personal stuff when it might offend, but more often I generalize the subjects to keep names/places private. And just in ... Read Morecase I end up pissing family and friends off despite this, every few months I write a quick "I try to not be a wanker, but I'm not always successful" post.

Cheers m8 - keep up the search for higher intelligence :)