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WORLD TELEVISION DAY

I'm sure almost every one of you knows what a Television is - it's a digital box which entertains us and works on electricity. The word "television" comes from **the Greek prefix tele and the Latin word vision or "seeing from a distance."** The television was first introduced by Philo Taylor Farnsworth in San Francisco on Sept. 7 1927. From a small square box with one channel to a wide rectangular box with many different channels in different languages, television has made a lot of progress along the way.

Television not only acts as a source of our entertainment but also helps in the development of our brain. Half of our education comes from television. Whether it may be a news broadcast or a cartoon series. Everything that we watch on television lessens our boredom and also affects the decisions we make in life. Television is also a part of the biggest history in the world of technology. For this and many other reasons, the United Nations declared the 21st of November every year as World Television Day. This important day dedicated to television was decided in the year 1996. World Television Day is celebrated to recognize that television has made a massive impact on the process of decision-making.

Before television, people used to access information on the radio. The radio was the most favoured medium for every person in the world. Whether it may be listening to music or news, the radio was a go-to device for it.



The only setback was we could not see what we heard on the radio. With the invention of television, hearing and seeing the desired programme became possible. Television not only entertains us but also has a huge impact on the decisions we make in life. When we watch television as a kid, our imagination skills are ignited and we see the world from a different view.



For example, if we see a superhero cartoon with cool powers, we act like a superhero and try to "save" the real world. We also live in different fantastical worlds as we watch different things on television. Some kids also decide to be what they want to be when they see television. Some might stick to the plan while some explore new things.

We think that what they show on television happens in real life and they may be 50% right, like people getting married happens, but Superman flying or Spiderman shooting webs, well that does not occur in real life. The behind-the-scenes of television programmes are revealed to us when we become young adults. The only thing that characters like Superman or Spiderman can teach young adults is how they can be brave and courageous and stand up for injustice in their own way.



Television can sometimes also be addictive and bad for our health. Usually, people - especially kids, tend to gain spectacles for bad eyesight if they are not careful while watching television or if they watch too much television. Bad qualities can also be picked up from television. But overall television has made tremendous progress for mankind and it has helped develop many skills and job opportunities known to humans.

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We're Not Really Strangers

"After all, aren't we all really the same person?" – anonymous

It's bizarre to realize how millions of people can be different yet similar. We all belong to different cultures, groups and ethnicities. Everyone on this planet is so different. We have different faces, different personalities, different views and different lives but even though we are different, we are still very same. You and I, all of us carry the same baggage of 'life'.

From the colour of our hair and our eyes and even our skin is not alike but the only colour that we all share amongst ourselves is the colour of our blood, so how are we really different? It is the same red colour that refers to hate and danger but also love and warmth. How are we different when we all carry our broken hearts that haven't shattered once yet keep on pumping with courage and even after all this, how are we really different when all our souls ever wanted was to know it's 'soulmate'? strange, because you and i have always been excited for our birthdays, we have cried ourselves to sleep, we have been longing for true love, we have been praying and waiting for "them" to return in our lives, we have been missing our friends who drifted apart, we have been excited for holidays, we have been lost in our lives, we have been distant at home and so on. We share so many similarities, we share a very specific bond which everyone isn't aware of.

Despite all these similarities, we choose to not be an empath and lead our lives ignorantly. It's tough to empathize when we ourselves don't know what it is but have, we tried enough? It is even tougher to recognise ourselves in others but have we done that once? Yes, we have hundreds of reasons to not really care but we have thousands of reasons to really do. We may not know them but only if we look through their soul, we do know them. It's the same happiness, the same sadness, the same entity and the same tale. We only see people but not humans and their humanity nor do we see their ache or torment entity; it indeed is a sad reality. "We're Not Really Strangers", helps us understand that there is not a strange thing amongst us and even if it is there, we know that someone somewhere would be like us. It's a sense of security and familiarity that we know. We will only respect and value each other truly when we accept that we are strangers from outside and same from the inside.

- Aishwarya Bhatara,
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A Flower to Bloom

A loved one of mine, a dear figure of feminine
She inspires every time, wants to rise and shine.
Surpassing all the hurdles of life, standing still high and fine
Leaving all the worse behind, forward facing the sunshine.

Selflessness is her quality,
If any for herself then why sudden oddity?
She lives for others, stays for them
Sacrifices herself in all this so-called scam.

Whose life doesn't belongs to her,
She is responsible if anything is wrong ever.
If the "spoken and spoilt" she is to blame,
If "wise and nice" then ready to tame?

She will fight with all her might,
Will make society understand her plight.
Her roar will reach and rife,
She will make it because it's her life.

They will be there with you or not
You have to be, for you without a thought.
Ascend with your head held high,
Until you succeed and heave a sigh.

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Sitting amongst the pile of books, a weekly tradition for him. A daily toil of office work worn on his tired eyes; he made it a habit to pick up a book for a bedtime story. His daughter sat eagerly at home. Wiping clean his lenses of frame he folded the daily times into the newsletters stand as he got up to leave.

The old town hall resonates in the marble floors, from towering statues, to winding hallways, there in the midst of the bustling fort town sits the library that the city was built around.

Walking by the towering pillars of the front entrance, stories in hand he stares at the mantle above.

Asia's oldest library, a place of stories from people passing through.

Even those plastered white walls carry a billion stories hidden in those small cracks in the corners.

We do not know how it got there but still every time one of us walks by it, we smile without even knowing the whole story behind it. To know that there sits a timeless narrator to the eras of the past we are oblivious to, still we hope that maybe it will relate to us at some point in our lives.

Yet another man walks by, with a story to tell and a look of hope in the gloom.

Its white arched construction to its iconic steps, draws the eyes from the garden and circle to the road ahead and its twin courtyards. A bus passes by from the stand as he waits for his ride, a passing couple catches his wandering eye.



"Take a picture of me please, before I go." As he stands posing under the evening afterglow.

A portion of his salary goes into this card.
As a member he is hardworking and proud.
Traveling by bus to the nearest station for
the train he is accustomed to taking back
home.

Standing by the door as the train carries on,
the wind brushing against his head as he
holds himself over the passing tracks.

He stares at the photo taken by the stranger,
smiles and sends it along to her.

As the ticket collector came by, he reached
for his wallet to give his pass.

The wallet was a worn piece of leather,
seemingly passed down for years. Tucked
behind the notes and coins sat a photo of
those he held near and dear.

As he got home, she came to him in glee.
Another story to tell over tea.

The yarn of the tale enthralled her eyes as
she felt her legs run across those fields of
grasslands and rice.

As the calls of birds died down for the night,
the bedtime tales had finished and they said
goodnight.

But in her dreams another story was born,
she waited for the next one for the next
week to arrive soon.

There in the lampshaded dim light, he sat
watching her sleep soundly and tight.

The money was bare and the days were dull,
but the sight of her glowing eyes were
enough for his satisfaction to be filled.

Locked away in the tall doors of shelves and
archives, lies the tale of a book where Asiatic
is compiled.

It doesn't take much for it to be understood,
as it sits silently watching others under its
sprawling hood.

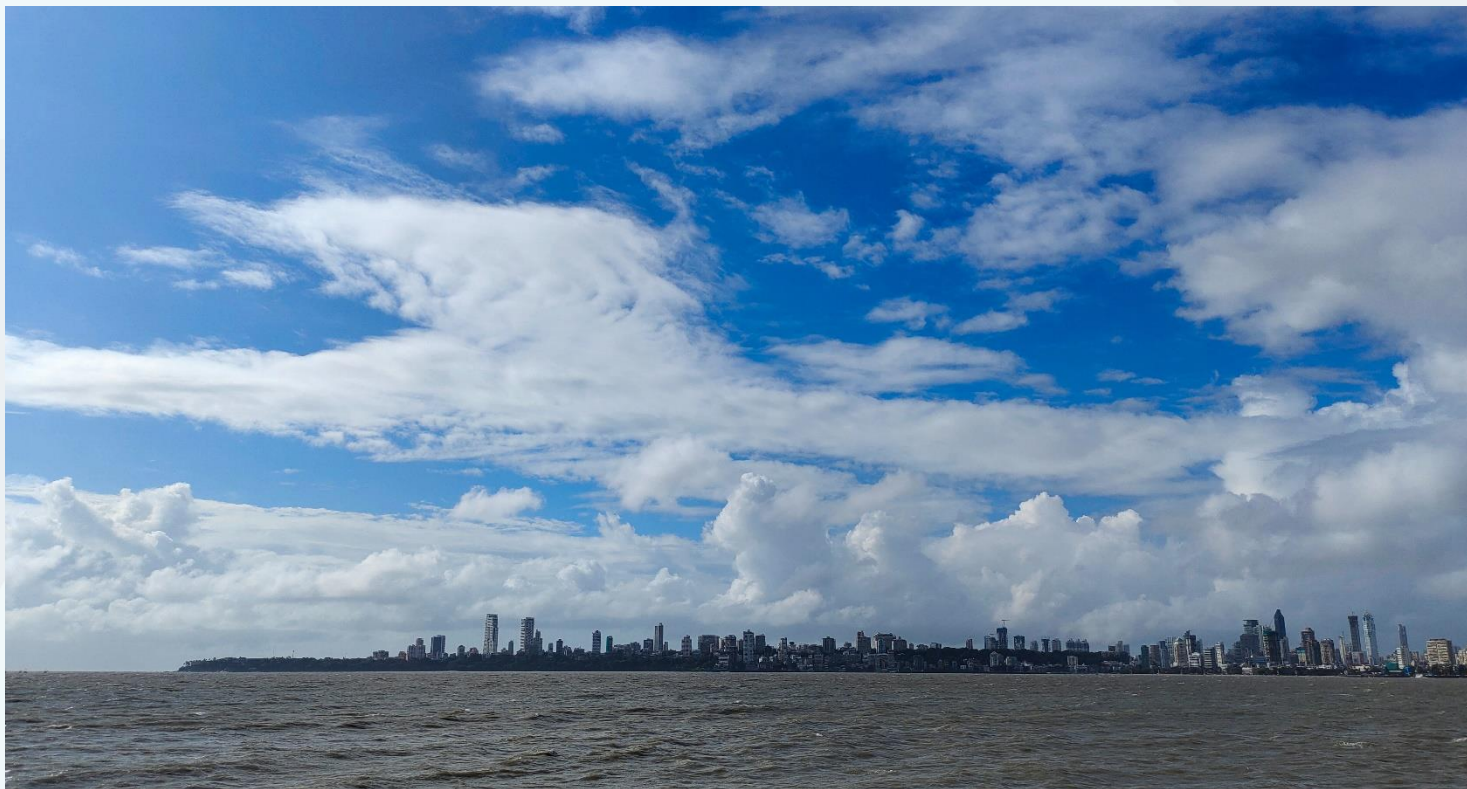
They say the books have long gone, the
digital age is here. But there's something
about the smell of those pages and the
words on weathered paper to draw you
near. As you blow the dust off its aged
covers and folded corner lines, jumping
headfirst into the world of literary delight.

That is what they know in the heart and soul,
jobs and people come and go but stories
always live on.

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A New Perspective to the Ever

going discussion of Generation Gap

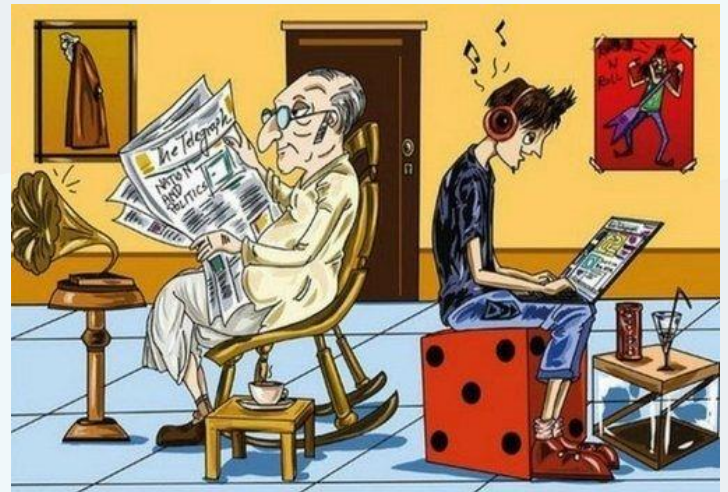
It is very often that we, as the younger generation hear about "Generation gap". In some cases, even before we understand the term, it is thrust upon us.

Before we question that, let us first understand the meaning of this term. Ideally, the term means a difference of opinions among two generations regarding beliefs, politics, values, etc. Although in today's usage, it often means 'a perceived gap between the younger people and their parents or grandparents.

It is very often that either of the younger or older generation are unable to get their thought process, their point of views clear and understandable to the other generation which stems up various problems in their communication. An excerpt from a book i was reading recently, portrays it as a very good example of this situation.

In the book, a class about the youth of today and how they have a bloated sense of entitlement, feeling like we are owed everything and we need to have it now. He gave an example to justify his statement saying why would we want to suffer the sweet agony of watching a television series just to find out the big reveal we've waited years to discover when we can just wait for the entire series to appear on Netflix and watch all fifty episodes in three days.

He further picks a student, and asks them for their opinion, to which the student replies with that in a way, what he was saying was not justified. They say how it isn't right to get aggravated with the public for utilizing conveniences that are made available to them. The older generation might think it as a convenience but the younger generation won't because whatever they see around



is their normal. Their reference to normal and convenience would be different as it is different for both of them growing up. For the upcoming generation too, their reference of normal and convenience would be different as that was how it was.

Therefore, from that excerpt, I would like to point out how it is visible that there is a difference of opinion around because the way both these generations perceive things is different. The want to make things for our upcoming generation convenient is always there, but there are times where we forget that we are and will be held accountable for that, for what they will grow up around. Therefore, being their normal, which is why we should always remember that it may have been something that was convenient for us but it sure won't be a convenience to them.

Well, this was a different perspective to the ever-going discussion of generation gap!

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Second Chances

Everyone makes errors in life, but some people—including you—deserve another opportunity. It isn't easy to get second chances. To get what you desire, you must put up a lot of effort and battle for your goals. Give it your all when life provides you with a second chance.

This holds for both individuals and a wide range of events. Never be hesitant to try again at a career opportunity or a task you struggled with.

This holds for both individuals and a wide range of events. Always be bold and try again at a career opportunity or a task you struggled with.

If you are capable of achieving something and have the motivation and drive to do it, you deserve a second chance. Take responsibility for your choices, or someone else will make you the slave of their dreams, leaving you to wonder why you didn't offer a second chance to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Keep going even if your initial effort fails. Instead of attempting to break destructive behaviors, concentrate on creating new, healthy ones. You must be prepared to put everything you have into it if you want a genuine second chance. No laziness allowed! You must therefore maintain and enhance your self-control. Life is complicated, particularly if you want to accomplish something significant. Even the second time, achieving your dreams might take a lot of work.

Second chances are important, but you might be reluctant to give them to someone who may have wronged you in the past. However, people develop with time, adapt, and make mistakes.


The strongest tie a person can have is friendship since it is devoid of comparison and jealousy. Just two people who vow to stand by one other no matter what and

embrace each other for who they are, flaws and all. Unusual circumstances can occasionally cause a group of friends to split away or harbour resentment toward one another, but if someone is making an effort to make amends and is repentant, they definitely deserve another chance. Few individuals will actually listen to our pointless talk at the end of the day. These are the individuals with whom we have some truly special memories. Give them a chance at repentance if they haven't betrayed you or caused you irreparable harm.

The most wonderful thing that has ever occurred to a person is love. It involves a vow to remain together forever as well as passion and romance. However, not all love stories have happy endings. Parental pressure, incompatibility, miscommunication, and treachery are the main causes of broken relationships. It is up to the second person in a relationship to decide if they want to take them back if a person has betrayed your trust or cheated on you. If improper timing was the cause of an unfulfilled relationship, you absolutely deserve another chance. If the person you lost was your genuine love and your heart still hurts for them, then you are meant to be together since you can never truly unlove someone. What if relationships end in order for people to rekindle them?

Sometimes we lose people just to find them again. Sometimes the second time just makes more sense. Honestly, that timing in life has a lot to do with everything. Sometimes, you just aren't ready for each other yet, and that's okay. Now you are. Make it spectacular and magical, and savour every second.

You have to remember that when someone is giving you a second chance, you need to have some patience. You can't rush forgiveness and acceptance.



You can't make someone feel comfortable.
You can't force them to take your word for it again. Remember, you messed up and this person is brave enough to risk looking over your mistakes again. It's never easy so the next time you get upset at them for struggling with believing you, remember that you damaged your credibility. Never stop trying if you are really seeking forgiveness.

There's a fine line between forgiving, giving second chances, and allowing something that shouldn't be tolerated. If this difference is understood, a person will have no regret or problems in life.

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What your music taste says

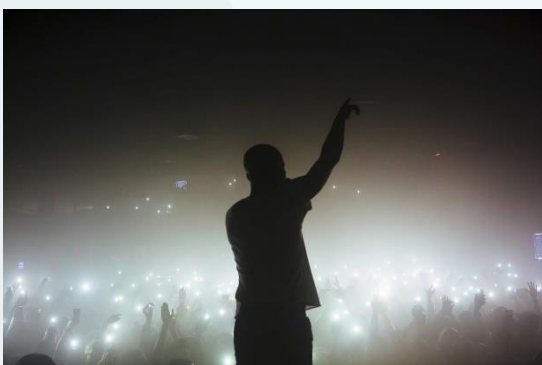
about your personality



Have you ever had a time when you bonded with someone because of their playlist? Music has the power to connect people, help us express ourselves, transform mood, set the required ambience, and more! It is a universal language. It has become such a crucial part of people's lives that one cannot imagine a party, shopping, a sports event, or even a movie without music. Although sometimes we listen to music based on the current situation, circumstances, mood, to prompt a workout, etc. as a general thumb rule, as per the results obtained from the research **Adam North** conducted, here's what your music choice says about your underlying personality traits:

Pop music: Research suggests that pop music fans tend to be extroverted, gentle, and at ease. They can also be conventional and high in self-esteem. So, the next time you're listening to Ariana Grande, blast the music and play it with pride! Yet, studies show how such people can be less creative, more uneasy with others, and nervous from time to time.

Rap/Hip-hop: Contrary to the traditional stereotype that rap lovers tend to be aggressive or violent, research proves otherwise. Rap or hip-hop fans are likely to be outgoing people, fun-loving, and high in self-esteem.



Jazz/Blues: Studies and research show how jazz or blues lovers are likely to be more extroverted, creative, intelligent, have a good sense of self-esteem, and are at ease. So go all crazy over jazz/blues the next time you're listening to it!

Classical/Opera Music: Does classical music or opera music resonate with you? If yes, then according to psychology you're creative and have an even greater sense of self-esteem. Classical and opera music fans tend to be introverted, creative, and at ease. I mean how can anyone not be at ease listening to Beethoven or Chopin? Experiments have even shown how such people can have higher IQ scores.



Rock/Heavy Metallic Music: Are you someone who's drawn to rock music but discouraged or hesitant because of the aggressive and rough image it projects? Well then here's good news. Studies show how rock music fans can be gentle, hard-working, intuitive, and creative introverts. Yet, research suggests they can have a low sense of self-esteem. Contrary to the sometimes-rough image rock music can portray, research shows how such fans can often be gentle.

Indie music: Love jamming to Nucleya or The Smith's songs? Such fans tend to be introverted, intellectual, and creative. However, they also rank low in self-esteem, work ethic, are anxious, passive, less hardworking, and less gentle.

Country music: Is listening to country roads while driving down the road or doing chores part of your routine? Or your go-to song during karaoke time? Well, although most country songs are heartbreak-oriented, research suggests such people are hardworking, outgoing, and emotionally stable. Yet, such individuals can rank low in openness and often tend to be conservative.

Dance music: Had to include this one for all you dance lovers! Although research suggests such individuals can be less gentle, they can often be social, outgoing, assertive, adventurous and open to experiences. So, the next time you're jamming to some dance music, dance your heart out!

Can some music types affect your personality?

Now that we've learned about what your music choice can reveal about your personality, let's find out if the music you listen to can affect your personality. According to CNN, music can influence spending, productivity, depression, illness, our perception of the world, encourage aggressive thoughts, and foster crime. A paper that was published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology explains how music can encourage aggressive thoughts and feelings. This was proved in an experiment that observed 75 females and 70 males who were made to listen to a violent song and a nonviolent song. It was noted that the people who were made to listen to violent music, were shown to feel more hostile than those who didn't (the artist being the same for either of the songs.). We tend to identify ourselves with music based on 'who we think we are,' CNN explains.

"If you see classical music as the music of the fancy, white elite, you might think, 'I am not any of those things,' and then disassociate yourself from the music," leading to, for example, leaving this area, Hirsch, musicologist, explains. In this situation, people identify themselves in the negative namely, who they are not- through certain music, she added.

It's crucial to understand that while music can be a good way to express self-identity, other factors may play an important role too. For instance, age, gender, social and cultural background. Sometimes music may even be heard to evoke a certain emotion, amplify an existing emotion, or provoke the imagination. People with similar tastes in music also have similar personalities since this is their way of relating individual experiences with emotions produced by music. Besides these exceptional cases, yes, your music taste can reveal a lot about your personality. So, the next time you're on a date and they're giving you vague hints about themselves, you know what you have to do!!

- Alicia Dias,
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World Kindness Day

The Importance of Awareness

Awareness days always elicit a mixed response from people, while a segment of people always think that days like World Kindness Day are a little pointless, there is always a group of people that choose to embrace the joy in spreading the feeling of being kind to others. As difficult as it may be to understand for a hyper cynical generation like ours, World Kindness Day gives people a chance to take the extra effort and remember that being kind to someone can be one of the most rewarding feelings on the planet.

Being kind is a natural instinct and yet so often as human beings we fight against that instinct in a bid to feel powerful or strong. Kindness is an emotion that has proven to have health benefits as well, it helps with cognitive impairment, improves depression, lowers blood pressure and simply being kind as well as doing kind acts can help us live longer. The science behind kindness has to do with the hormone that gets released in our brain when we perform an act of kindness, dopamine.


Dopamine is easily described as the happy feeling that encompasses a person when they perform a kind act or a good deed. The hormone has been known to boost moods and to contribute to overall well-being. Hence kindness is a trait that Gen Z is particularly drawn to because despite their cynicism, Gen Z is a generation that has been known to prioritize their mental health and kindness is so effective at releasing helpful hormones that its being formally incorporated into some types of psychotherapy.

One could even open up social media and no doubt some of the top few trending posts would be random acts of kindness such as



homeless people being given food or a celebrity being charitable to people in need. The most popular online figure Mr. Beast has much of his persona built around him being extremely generous and overly charitable to people around him, gifting ordinary people lavish gifts that could potentially change their lives. Kindness is most often described as a behaviour or a character trait however after looking at the benefits it has for us and looking at how regularly we chase it and its effects, on social media or otherwise, kindness should live in our lives more as a routine than a type of behaviour. A testament to the power of kindness would be asking a person for a memory of an act of kindness someone performed for them and more often than not the mere act of remembering the act of kindness would result in a display of emotion.

November 13th World Kindness Day gives us a chance to acknowledge how important an emotion like kindness is for us as a people. Scientifically, behaviourally, and socially Kindness is the stepping stone for us to build better relationships with ourselves and others. Most people would still go through most of their lives without knowing that November 13th is World Kindness Day and



they probably would not even care that much if they did know but that does not diminish the importance the day holds, kind acts are one of the most memorable things a person can do. Whether it is something as simple as helping out a person in need, the act of kindness will benefit you both in such paramount ways, it's a wonder world kindness day isn't every day!

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