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Social Acceptance

A Natural Delight

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My standard disclaimer:

The ideas that follow are far from risk free.



What better place to think?

For a proposed course of action: define "common sense" as the ability to predict and avoid secondary and tertiary catastrophes, and define "judgment" as the ability to predict and achieve secondary and tertiary benefits. Any particular course of action may be seriously deficient in both "common sense" and "judgment". (The 2008 world-financial-system-meltdown illustrates the point.) Include both common sense and judgment in considering the ideas presented here, and how, and where, and in what context they might be applied. In particular, "efficient techniques" (skills) not tied to common sense resemble "loose cannons rolling around the deck"... purely destructive power.

The flip side is that humanity faces grave dangers if socialization doesn't become <u>much</u> more peaceful; this is another of my attempts to help the transition.

Introduction

"Who is sleeping with whom" seems to be a fascination of many news reporters, and may be of substantial interest to many news viewers, including you and me.

A candidate attitude change:

I consider it likely that, in the course of your lifetime, you have encountered more than ten people who brightened your whole day by their presence. Furthermore, if any of those people acknowledged your presence in a positive way (= acceptance), your day was further brightened. What you have experienced is the almost-effortless receipt of happiness. And, most interestingly, recognize that you didn't have to shack-up to achieve that state of mind. Also note that, with little recurring effort, you could brighten the days of other people.

As a social attitude, consider:

The giving and receiving of **natural mental happiness** (~endorphins) is the desired objective of social interactions.

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