



ANALOG FAITH IN DIGITAL BABYLON

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THE GENERATION GAP

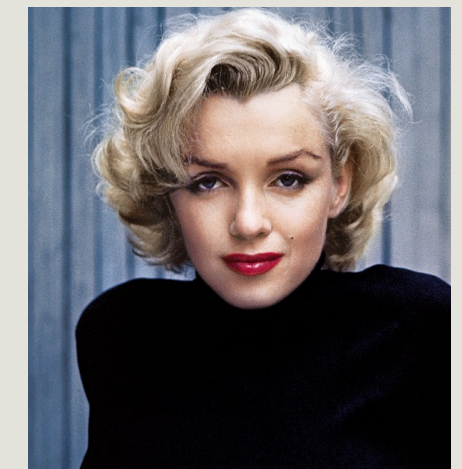
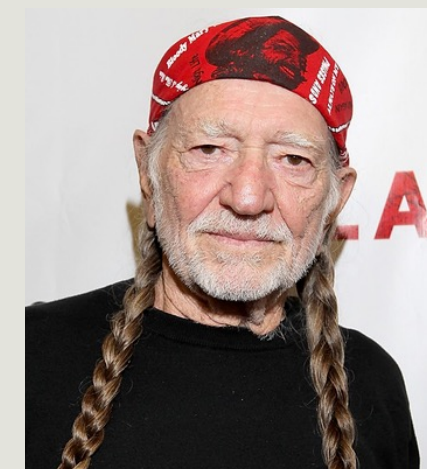
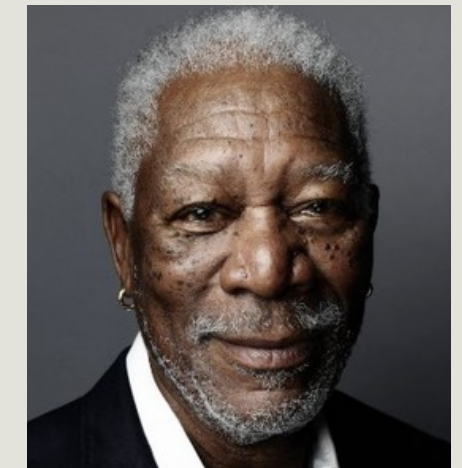
How does our relationship with **technology** impact
our relationship with other **generations**?



THE **SILENT** GENERATION

1925 - 1945

- Known for bridging gaps
- Less cynical and more trusting of others
- Civil rights pioneers (race & gender)
- Early marriages, lots of kids
- More educated
- Consistent political power



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THE **BOOMER** GENERATION

1946 – 1964

- 21.1% of U.S. population in 2021
- Comfort with drug use
- Rise in self-focus
- Strive for gender equality
- Increase in mental distress & depression
- Dominant political chameleons
- Fewer kids, more divorce
- Increased awareness of sexual harassment
- First generation to re-define the word "is"*



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GENERATION X

1965 - 1979

- 18.5% of US population in 2020
- Analog & digital communicators
- TV generation - love to share pop culture
- Children of divorce
- Rise & fall of the latchkey kid
- Tough & resilient
- Shorter childhood and longer adolescence
- High self-esteem & focused on self
- Materialistic lifestyles
- Political apathy, more crunchy & accepting

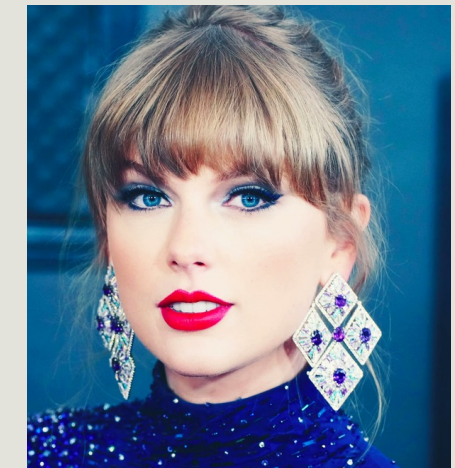


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THE MILLENNIALS

1980 – 1994

- 20.5% of U.S. population in 2020
- Relentlessly self-confident
- Entitlement (for some)
- Digital natives
- Highly educated
- High earners despite pervasive perceptions of poverty

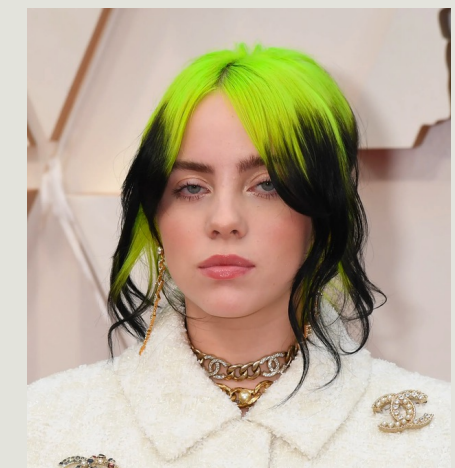
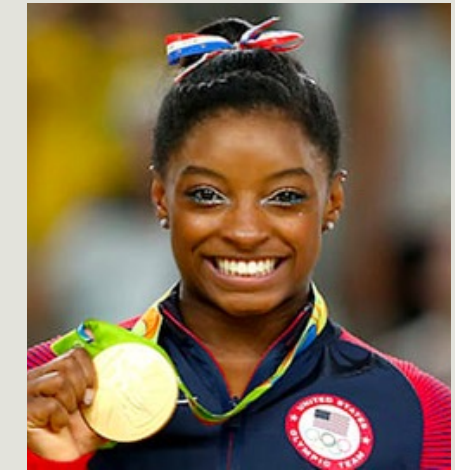
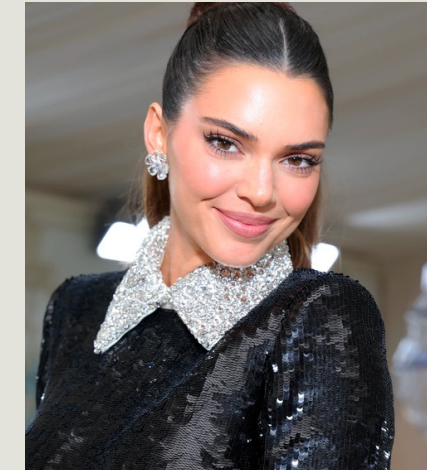


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GENERATION Z

1995 – 2012

- 23% of the U.S. population in 2020
- Gender fluidity
- Rise in LGBTQ community
- Growing up slowly / delayed adulthood
- Restricting speech
- Interest in physical and emotional safety
- Racially conscious
- Dissatisfied, depressed, & pessimistic
- Increased online communication
- Political polarization



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GENERATION ALPHA

2013 – 2029

- 9.5% of U.S. population in 2020



Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2



Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:15-17



THE GENERATION GAP

4 Major Revolutions

1. Tech Revolution
2. Sexual Revolution
3. Women's Movement
4. Youth Movement



THE TECH REVOLUTION

- Manufacturing economy vs. knowledge economy
 - Manufacturing is 6x the amount it was in 1950 but uses half the amount of people
- Extended education
 - More people get more education for longer which pushes "family" later in life
 - It takes longer to prepare for a knowledge economy than it did a manufacturing economy

What does a generation of
“work smarter, not harder”
look like?



THE SEX REVOLUTION

- The birth control pill (1964) broke the link between sexuality & reproduction & marriage.
 - Most people today begin being sexually active 10 years or more before marriage.
 - A longer period where kids are making and breaking relationships.

THE TWO GREATEST CHALLENGES OF EMERGING GENERATIONS

- 1) Accurately identifying truth.
- 2) Discerning what relationships are worth investing in.



WHY START HERE?

All fall short.

All are shaped by technology.

We need each other.





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