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Why did you sign up for this seminar?

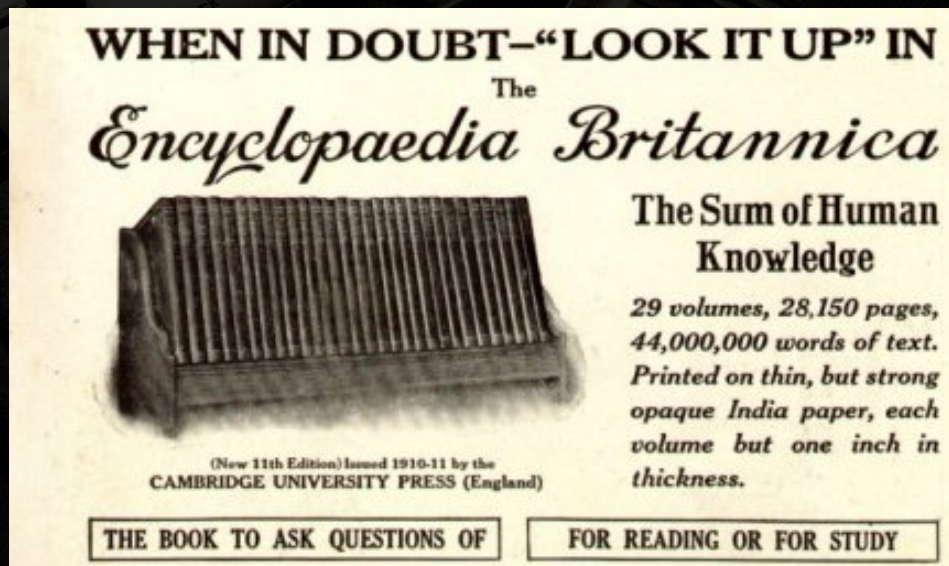
What are you hoping we cover?

What questions do you want answered?

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INFORMATION REVOLUTION



AD80 - The First Encyclopedia
1768 - Encyclopedia Britannica
1917 - World Book Encyclopedia
1990s - Internet became popular
2000 - Nupedia.com
2001 - Wikipedia.com

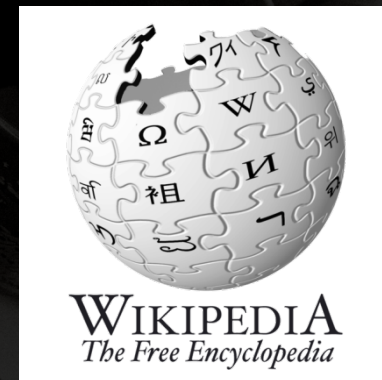
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"If Britannica had as many articles as **Wikipedia** it would fill 8,000 volumes and cost \$250k for a set. "A" would take 230 volumes."

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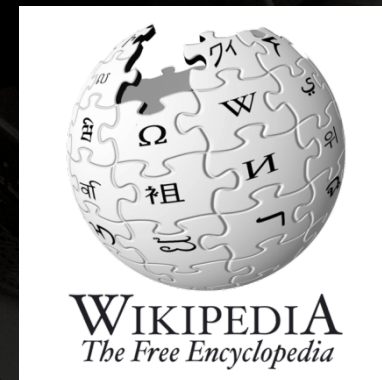


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Wikipedia reflects the
internet today:
user-driven, interactive,
dynamic, not static.
It's alive!



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NEW TRIBAL RULES

A 'Digital Native' is someone who has grown up in a digital and web-connected world.

How do we effectively minister to 'Digital Natives'?

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NEW TRIBAL RULES

*"Surprised that my 5 year old
knows how to search Google."*

(My friend via Twitter)

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NEW TRIBAL RULES

"Ours is the only era in the entire history of human life on this planet in which the 'elders' of the tribe ask its newer members what the tribal rules and standards of expected behaviour would be."

(Paul Ramsey, Ethicist, Princeton University)

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NEW TRIBAL RULES

Yet Digital Natives lack the WISDOM
that (often) comes with age.

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A vintage typewriter is the central focus, with a cup of coffee and various papers scattered around it. The typewriter has a visible keyboard with keys like 'Q', 'W', 'E', 'R', 'T', 'Y', 'U', 'I', 'O', 'P', 'A', 'S', 'D', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'J', 'K', 'L', 'Z', 'X', 'C', 'V', 'B', 'N', 'M', 'P', 'R', 'S', 'T', 'Y', 'U', 'I', 'O', 'P', 'A', 'S', 'D', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'J', 'K', 'L', 'Z', 'X', 'C', 'V', 'B', 'N', 'M'. The background is a dark, moody photograph of a desk with a typewriter, a cup of coffee, and some papers. The text 'LIVING ONLINE' is overlaid in a bright yellow, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, the text 'Life - not just offline' and 'Social Media - takes life online' are overlaid in a white, monospaced font. At the bottom, the text 'ONLINE YOUTH MINISTRY [NYMC11 SEMINAR]' and '[tw] davemiers [fb] thedavemiers [wb] davemiers.com [ym] www.soulies.net' is overlaid in a white, monospaced font.

LIVING ONLINE

Life - not just offline

Social Media - takes life online

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What social media sites do you use?

How often do you check in?

How many hours do you spend per week?

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LIVING ONLINE

MySpace?

Facebook – 750 million

Twitter – 250 million

Google Plus – 50 million

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IT'S A BIG DEAL!

Person of the Year
TIME
Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg
THE CONNECTOR

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IT'S A BIG DEAL!

STEVE JOBS 1955 - 2011

 iGod

THE MAN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD



VIDEO



GALLERY



TWITTER



FACEBOOK

LIVE UPDATES »



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*Have you ever had social media get in
the way of offline life?*

*Why do you think it can be so
addictive and distracting?*

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KEBAB WORLD



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AIM OF THIS ELECTIVE

**ONLINE WORLD IS MORALLY
NEUTRAL**

FLEE FROM DANGERS...

UNLEASH FOR GOOD !

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RESPONDING TO CULTURE

1) RECEIVE IT

2) REJECT IT

3) REDEEM IT

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THEOLOGY OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Relationship/Connection

Creation

Fall

Redemption

Identity in Christ

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CHRISTIAN ONLINE + OFFLINE

Online – not virtual
reality, but reality

1 Corinthians 10:31

Colossians 3:1-4

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Christians often fail to live out
their Christian identity online.

In what ways have you seen this?

How should you respond?

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Generation Y so connected, but oh so lonely: survey

MICHELLE GRIFFIN
July 20, 2011

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PLAY

'People need to learn to be alone'

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HELPING FAMILIES

PARENTS NEED HELP!

TEENAGERS NEED WISDOM!

YOUTH LEADERS CAN HELP BE A BRIDGE!

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POTENTIAL DANGERS

CYBERBULLYING

Bullying isn't new
24/7 bullying is

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POTENTIAL DANGERS

GAMING

Mature Content
Online Interaction
Balanced life

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POTENTIAL DANGERS

INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY

The Old Days
AAA Rating
Dial up internet
Smart phones

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POTENTIAL DANGERS

ONLINE PREDATORS

Forensic Investigator
Normally teenager
Personal Details

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IT'S NOT ALL BAD!

Education
Commerce
Communication
Entertainment
Charities & Causes
Encouragement

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TOP 10 TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. COMMUNICATE COMMUNICATE COMMUNICATE
2. WORK HARD TO UNDERSTAND ONLINE WORLD
3. LEARN FEATURES OF NEW DEVICES
4. PROTECT YOUR COMPUTER // PHONES
5. COMPUTER IN PUBLIC // RETHINK WIFI
6. AGREE ON INTERNET USAGE RULES
7. SHOULDER SURF – DISCOURAGE SECRETS
8. PROCEDURES IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG
9. FIND USEFUL WEBSITES
10. MODEL GOOD INTERNET USE

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ONLINE RESOURCES

www.cybersmart.gov.au/

www.facebook.com/help/safety

www.covenanteyes.com

www.xxxchurch.com

www.fervr.net

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UNLEASHING FOR GOOD

**(APPROPRIATE) RELATIONSHIP
BUILDING**

Virtual Skatepark

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A vintage Underwood typewriter is the central focus, resting on a dark surface. To its right is a dark mug. Various papers and documents are scattered around, including one with the word 'WRITINGS' and another with 'BRUXELLES - BRISSE'. The scene is dimly lit, creating a moody atmosphere.

UNLEASHING FOR GOOD

DISCIPLESHIP

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UNLEASHING FOR GOOD

PRAYER

"One of the great uses of Twitter and Facebook will be to prove at the Last Day that prayerlessness was not from lack of time."

John Piper

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EVANGELISM

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UNLEASHING FOR GOOD

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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UNLEASHING FOR GOOD

24/7 CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

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How is your youth ministry currently represented online?

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GETTING UR MINISTRY ONLINE

You don't need to be an expert

Don't start from scratch

Create a hub

Share the content you're
already creating

Networks channel to hub

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wordpress.com

podomatic.com

tumblr.com

creationswap.com

dafont.com

churchm.ag

sxc.hu

mailchimp.com

simplyyouthministry.com/freebies-images.html

stufficanuse.com

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***What is your action plan to increase
your online youth ministry presence?***

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Q+A

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