

How Infectious Ideas Are Killing Common Sense

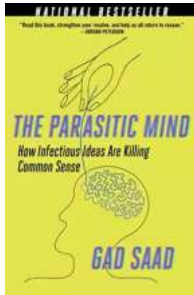
Common sense, defined as the ability to think logically and rationally based on practical experiences and knowledge, seems to be fading away in today's society. We are witnessing a rise in infectious ideas that spread rapidly and dominate public discourse, often leading to irrational decisions and actions. In this article, we will explore the impact of infectious ideas on our common sense and how they are contributing to the erosion of critical thinking skills.

Understanding Infectious Ideas

Infectious ideas are powerful concepts or beliefs that have the ability to spread quickly among individuals and populations, influencing their thoughts and decisions. These ideas often stem from influential sources such as media, social networks, or charismatic individuals. They can capture the public's attention and spark strong emotions and reactions, making them highly contagious.

One of the reasons infectious ideas are spreading rapidly is due to our reliance on technology and the omnipresence of social media. People are increasingly interconnected, making it easier for ideas to quickly gain traction and become viral. This acceleration of information dissemination leaves little time for critical analysis and evaluation, resulting in an erosion of common sense.

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The Impact on Common Sense

When infectious ideas prevail over common sense, we witness a decline in rational decision-making. People tend to adopt and promote ideas without thoroughly examining their validity or considering the consequences. This blind acceptance can lead to hasty judgments, illogical actions, and a disregard for evidence-based reasoning.

Moreover, infectious ideas often appeal to emotions rather than logical reasoning. They can be framed in a way that triggers fear, anger, or excitement, leveraging our natural instinct to react impulsively. Consequently, individuals are more susceptible to manipulation, misinformation, and the distortion of facts.

The Role of Confirmation Bias

Confirmation bias, the tendency to favor information that confirms one's existing beliefs or preconceptions, acts as a catalyst for the spread of infectious ideas. Individuals often seek out information that aligns with their pre-established notions, reinforcing and perpetuating these ideas within their social circles.

This confirmation bias leads to selective exposure, where people willingly consume content that supports their beliefs, creating echo chambers that amplify infectious ideas. By isolating themselves from opposing viewpoints, individuals become less receptive to alternative perspectives and critical thinking, further deteriorating their common sense.

The Need for Critical Thinking

To counteract the impact of infectious ideas on common sense, cultivating critical thinking skills is imperative. Critical thinking encourages individuals to evaluate ideas and arguments objectively, rather than succumbing to emotional biases or peer pressure.

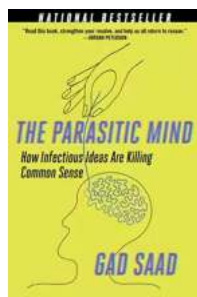
By enhancing critical thinking, individuals can recognize logical fallacies, analyze evidence in a systematic manner, and identify manipulative or false information. This ability to discern between fact and fiction is vital in combating the spread of infectious ideas.

Cultivating Common Sense

Rebuilding common sense in society requires collective efforts. Education systems play a vital role in nurturing critical thinking skills from an early age. Teaching students how to evaluate information critically, question assumptions, and engage in respectful debates helps build a foundation of common sense.

Additionally, promoting media literacy is crucial. Encouraging individuals to critically analyze the content they consume and question its credibility can empower them to discern between infectious ideas and well-founded arguments.

The prevalence of infectious ideas in today's society poses a threat to our common sense. However, by recognizing their impact, fostering critical thinking skills, and promoting media literacy, we can rebuild the foundation of rational decision-making and reclaim the value of common sense.



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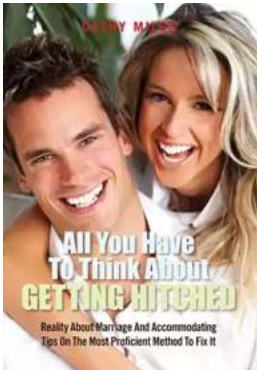
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"Read this book, strengthen your resolve, and help us all return to reason."
—JORDAN PETERSON

The West's commitment to freedom, reason, and true liberalism have become endangered by a series of viral forces in our society today. Renowned host of the popular YouTube show "The SAAD Truth", Dr. Gad Saad exposes how an epidemic of idea pathogens are spreading like a virus and killing common sense in the West. Serving as a powerful follow-up to Jordan Peterson's book 12 Rules for Life Dr. Saad unpacks what is really happening in progressive safe zones, why we need to be paying more attention to these trends, and what we must do to stop the spread of dangerous thinking. A professor at Concordia University who has witnessed

this troubling epidemic first-hand, Dr. Saad dissects a multitude of these concerning forces (corrupt thought patterns, belief systems, attitudes, etc.) that have given rise to a stifling political correctness in our society and how these have created serious consequences that must be remedied—before it's too late.



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