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"Please…let me introduce you to my mind…one article at a time."

FROM THE DESK OF DAN ANDERSON

Avoid "Toxic Productivity"

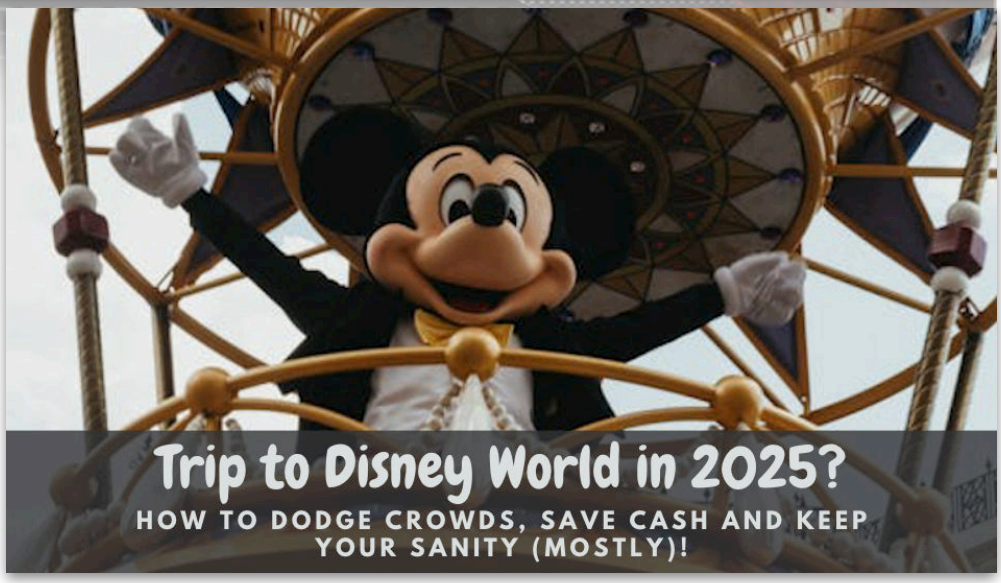
Trying to be productive in every aspect of life can damage both mind and body. Entrepreneur Eropa Stein learned this during the pandemic while running her scheduling software business.

She sacrificed sleep, nutrition, and relationships in pursuit of success, a mindset called "toxic productivity." This extreme workaholism extends beyond the workplace, driving people to constantly chase achievements. Fueled by dopamine from ticking boxes, rest feels wasteful, which can lead to burnout, anxiety, and physical health issues.

Signs include guilt when resting, neglecting self-care, and pushing others to live the same way. To break free, experts suggest unplugging from technology, clarifying personal values, and setting aside time for relaxation. Counterintuitively, these steps can boost overall productivity.

Stein discovered she got more done when she made room for rest and connection with loved ones. True success hinges on balancing work with genuine well-being. Don't let toxic productivity erode your happiness. Embrace downtime and self-care as vital foundations for a fulfilling, healthy life.

- Dan A.



Few things bring pure joy quite like strolling into Disney World, where the air smells of cotton candy, the parades dazzle with confetti, and grown adults skip around in mouse ears without judgment. Still, there's a big difference between being swept up in the fun and feeling completely drained after a three-hour wait for Space Mountain. The good news? Timing is everything. Follow these simple steps to avoid the busiest crowds, take advantage of the biggest discounts and ensure your vacation remains enjoyable—without turning into a pumpkin.

Choose the Least Crowded Months. When it comes to crowd levels, you'll want to think strategically. The coldest (and often rainiest) days in January and February see fewer people roaming Main Street, U.S.A. Just watch out for peak holiday weekends such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents Day, when the parks can still get busy. Another sweet spot? Late August through September. Yes, it's hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk, but many kids go back to school, leaving lines short. It's the perfect chance to hop from ride to ride without feeling like you're in a sardine can.

Go Midweek for Fewer Lines. Disney weekends have all the calmness of a firework finale. By Friday night, crowds have reached epic proportions, and Mondays often absorb the leftover weekend warriors clinging to those final hours of vacation. If you can manage it, plan your park days for Tuesday and Wednesday. Historically, these tend to be the quietest days, offering you precious extra minutes to savor your Dole Whip or snag a second ride on Big Thunder Mountain without risking

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heatstroke in an endless line. Of course, holidays and spring break can turn every day into a stampede, but midweek still gives you the best odds.

Take Advantage of Cheaper Times. Disney knows how to turn a profit, which is why the parks use dynamic pricing—peak days cost more. Aim for dates when people are typically too busy at work or in school to chase Mickey around. Late August and September shine once again, with relatively lower prices on tickets and rooms. Also consider those in-between weeks after spring break but before the rush of summer. Another money-saver: The longer you stay, the lower the per-day ticket cost. Yes, you'll be tempted to buy more churros and commemorative pins, but at least you won't pay top dollar at the gate every single day.

Free Dining Plan in 2025. If "unlimited Mickey waffles" speaks to your soul, you'll be thrilled by the free dining plan promotion making a comeback in 2025. Here's how it works: Purchase a non-discounted three-night, three-day Disney package (including a room at a Disney resort and theme park tickets with a Park Hopper option), and you'll get the dining plan for exactly $0. Since an adult dining plan normally runs about $94 per day, that's some serious savings. Just remember to save space for churros, turkey legs and any other snack that takes your fancy.

Complimentary Water Park Admission. Arriving on a sweltering afternoon, only to pay full price for a half day in the parks, feels about as fun as stepping on a LEGO. Thankfully, Disney is sprinkling a little extra pixie dust in 2025 for guests staying at a Disney Resort. You'll get one free admission to a Disney water park (normally $74 for an adult) on your arrival day. Cool off, avoid the theme park crowds and ride a lazy river while the rest of the world hunts for FastPass reservations.

Florida Residents Discount. If you've ever considered relocating to Florida, this might seal the deal. Through May 23, 2025, Florida residents can snag a four-day ticket for just $60 a day, which is a fraction of the usual rate (around $150 per day). That's $240 total instead of $600, leaving you $360 to spend on mouse-ear hats, Mickey pretzels and your favorite sweet treats. Of course, you'll still need a valid Florida ID to claim this incredible discount—no forging driver's licenses, folks!

Final Thoughts: Pack Pixie Dust and Patience. No matter when you decide to visit, remember to bring comfy shoes, a willingness to roll with the inevitable surprises and a sense of humor. If you follow these crowd-busting, money-saving tips, you'll have plenty of time for all the rides, parades and Mickey-shaped treats your heart desires. After all, there's no age limit on happily ever after!

When Chaos Calls: Your Go-Bag Game Plan

Between hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, and the occasional cosmic meltdown, life can feel like a never-ending disaster film. The smart move? Assemble a go-bag with essentials so you can flee at a moment's notice—dramatic slow motion optional.

Pick a backpack or small wheeled suitcase that won't sabotage your running speed. Pack personal hygiene items: face masks to filter dust or smoke, plus soap, wipes, and sanitizers. Bring electronics sparingly: phone, charger, and extra battery, but save power for emergencies instead of doomscrolling social media.

Don't forget layers of clothing, a first-aid kit with your prescription meds, and a multi-tool for MacGyver-level problem solving. Have some cash and spare keys, because chaos rarely respects plastic. Keep copies of documents like IDs, insurance, and medical records in a waterproof bag.

Include water—one day's worth per person—and nonperishable food. If you must shelter in place, gather enough supplies for two weeks, plus cleaning agents and prescription refills. Never run a generator indoors; carbon monoxide is not on anyone's wish list.

Finally, remember pets: stockpile food, water, and a carrier with ID tags. At least you'll have cuddly moral support in the midst of the whirlwind. Disasters may strike, but you'll be prepared to prevail.

Gems of Deception

A Victor Sage Mystery

by Dan Anderson

Chapter 12:

The Gathering Storm

The first pale light of morning seeped through the grand windows of Hawthorne Manor, casting muted shadows across the study's aged oak furnishings. The air held the faint aroma of parchment and tea, the weight of discovery still pressing upon the room like an unseen presence. Victor Sage stood at the long wooden desk, his fingers lightly resting on the edges of the scattered letters and maps before him. His mind, as sharp as ever, moved swiftly through the implications of the previous night's revelations.

Clara Simmons, ever the quiet observer, moved with measured precision as she prepared fresh tea. Though she said nothing, Victor was keenly aware of her glances—brief flickers of concern darting toward him as she worked. She knew his mind was already calculating possibilities, weighing risks against the necessity of action.

Lady Elizabeth entered, her morning gown a deep navy, her bearing poised yet betraying the turmoil beneath. The weight of the past, the shadow of her family's legacy, hung over her. She met Victor's gaze with quiet determination.

"Mr. Sage," she began, her voice steady, "now that we know the man's name—Desmond Deveraux—what happens next?"

Victor did not answer immediately. Instead, he picked up the folded letter before him, running his thumb across its edge as though testing its weight.

"We confirm whether he still holds the brooch," Victor said at last. "Paris was a diversion, a performance carefully staged. If he has already sold the brooch, our next move becomes far more complicated. But if he still has it…"

Clara set a porcelain teacup onto the tray with a deliberate clink. "Then you believe he never intended to part with it," she surmised. "It was never about money."

Victor glanced at her, a small flicker of approval in his grey eyes. "Precisely. The brooch isn't just a relic to him—it's a declaration. A symbol of everything taken from his family, reforged as a banner under which he now operates. No matter what Deveraux says, no matter how he manipulates the narrative, his actions betray his true intent."

Lady Elizabeth lowered herself into a nearby chair, the tension in her posture evident. "If my family played even a small part in his downfall, then his vendetta is personal."

"It is," Victor agreed, "but it extends beyond your family. Deveraux is not acting alone—there were others at that auction. Individuals who see him as more than just a thief. He's gathered support, and that makes him dangerous."

A knock interrupted them. Mr. Jenkins, the Hawthorne butler, entered with his usual composure, presenting a letter on a silver tray.

“It has no seal," Clara observed.

Victor took the letter, his sharp eyes narrowing at the precise, slanted script of his name. It was a style he recognized, having seen it scrawled on past clues, orchestrating this elaborate game. He slid a knife across the envelope’s edge and unfolded the message inside. He read aloud:

Mr. Sage,

History is not written by chance but by those who dare to shape it. You believe you stand outside its reach, a mere observer. You are mistaken. You are already part of its design.

If you wish to glimpse the full picture, come to King’s Chapel at dusk tomorrow.

...Alone.

There, the past will reveal itself. There, the final threshold awaits.

D.D.

Victor refolded the letter with a measured motion, his expression unreadable.

Lady Elizabeth’s face paled. "King’s Chapel? But that… that place hasn’t been used in years. It’s old, forgotten by most, but…" She hesitated, pressing a hand to her throat. "It holds significance to the Hawthorne line. My ancestors were interred there. Ceremonies were conducted within its walls, long before my time."

Clara crossed her arms. "And now Deveraux is using it to lure you in."

Victor studied the letter again, his mind swiftly dissecting its purpose. "He chooses his locations deliberately. This isn’t just about secrecy—it’s about message. The chapel is tied to the Hawthorne name. He wants the confrontation to happen somewhere symbolic."

Clara’s voice dropped to a cautious whisper. "And you plan to go?"

Victor’s lips quirked in a faint, humorless smile. "Of course."

Lady Elizabeth stiffened. "Mr. Sage, I must insist you reconsider. It’s far too dangerous."

Victor lifted a hand, his voice calm but firm. "If I refuse, he’ll find another way to force my hand. No—this meeting must happen. But make no mistake, I will not walk blindly into his trap.”

Clara’s eyes darkened with determination. "Then you won’t go alone."

"He demands it," Victor reminded her.

"He demands a great many things," Clara countered, "but that doesn’t mean we have to play by all of his rules. You enter alone, but we’ll be nearby. Hidden."

Victor considered this, nodding slightly. "Agreed. We’ll station watchers at the perimeter. If Deveraux has allies in the shadows, we’ll spot them first."

Lady Elizabeth still looked unsettled. "If this is about more than the brooch—if Deveraux seeks something deeper—what happens if you walk into that chapel and discover this was never just about history?"

Victor met her gaze, his grey eyes steady. "Then we adapt, my lady. As we always do."

The room fell silent, the tension thick as morning mist.

The remainder of the day passed in slow, methodical preparation. Victor poured over past notes, mentally reconstructing Deveraux's strategy. Clara ensured that every possible contingency was in place, working with quiet efficiency.

As night fell, Victor stood by the study window, watching the landscape bathed in moonlight. The storm was building, the pieces moving toward an inevitable conclusion.

Clara approached, her voice low. "What do you think Deveraux really wants from you, Victor? Beyond the brooch. Beyond history."

Victor's gaze remained on the distant horizon. "He wants a worthy adversary. He sees this as something more than a theft, more than revenge. It's a test."

Clara's brow furrowed. "And if we fail?"

Victor finally turned, his eyes sharp with quiet resolve. "Then history will repeat itself."

The wind outside howled against the manor's ancient eaves. Somewhere, unseen, Deveraux was preparing his next move.

Tomorrow, at King's Chapel, the game would reach its climax. And Victor Sage, ever the hunter, would be ready.

(To be continued…)

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The strategy, as lamplight glows soft against the study's paneled walls, illuminating the two figures deep in unspoken calculation. Victor Sage, a portrait of measured resolve, gazes toward the horizon where the future waits in the shadows. Clara Simmons, keen-eyed and unwavering, listens as they prepare for the coming confrontation. The letter lies between them—a summons, a challenge, a trap.

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How to Craft a Marketing Message That Gets Noticed

If you read last month's article about Domino's Pizza, you know that attracting more customers isn't about having the best product—it's about having the best marketing. And at the heart of great marketing is a strong, clear, and compelling marketing message.

Your marketing message is the foundation of your business's success. It's what gets you noticed, communicates your value, and convinces customers to choose you over your competition. Yet, many businesses struggle to get it right. They either focus too much on themselves or fail to connect with what their customers truly care about.

A great marketing message doesn't just explain what you do—it speaks directly to your customer's needs, solves their problems, and motivates them to act. Here's how to craft one that works.

Speak to the Problem Your Customer Wants Solved

Your customers aren't thinking about your business; they're thinking about their own challenges. Your message needs to address the specific problem you solve for them.

For example, a mobile dog groomer might say, *"Pamper your pet without leaving home."* This speaks to a busy pet owner's need for convenience while making the offer appealing. Instead of listing your services, show customers how you make their lives easier or better.

Make It Bold and Memorable

In a crowded market, it's not enough to blend in—you need to stand out. A bold promise or unique claim makes your message unforgettable and helps your business stay top of mind.

A house cleaning service might say, *"Your home spotless in 2 hours—or it's free."* This isn't just a service offer; it's a guarantee that captures attention and builds trust. The bolder your promise, the more likely customers are to take notice and remember you.

Keep It Simple and Clear

Confusion is a conversion killer. If your message is too complicated or filled with jargon, you'll lose potential customers. A clear and concise message is more likely to resonate and drive action.

For example, a mobile mechanic could say, *"We fix your car while you work."* This simple statement tells customers exactly what to expect and highlights the convenience of the service.

Why Your Message Matters

Think of the businesses you remember most. Their marketing doesn't just promote products—it connects with you by addressing your needs and solving your problems. A strong marketing message creates that connection and makes your business the obvious choice.

Your message isn't just about attracting attention; it's about standing out, building trust, and compelling action. When you focus on solving problems, making bold promises, and keeping your message simple, you create a powerful tool that works for you around the clock.

What's Next?

Take a moment to evaluate your current marketing message. Does it speak to your customer's problems? Is it bold and memorable? Is it simple and clear? If not, it's time to refine it.

In the next article, we'll show you how to take your marketing message and put it into action using email, social media, and direct mail. Stay tuned—the next step in growing your business is just around the corner.

What They Didn't Tell You

Ed was sliding precariously toward madness. If he'd been born a hundred years later, you can bet he'd be seeking comfort on a therapist's couch, probably sipping green tea while recounting every embarrassing childhood memory. But in late 19th-century Chicago, that was not an option. Instead, Ed found himself grappling with his tattered psyche all by his lonesome, a predicament that will make more sense as his story unfolds.

He entered the world in 1875, thanks to parents who had the means to enroll him in elite prep schools from Chicago to the East Coast. Unfortunately, Ed had a knack for turning academic opportunity into fiasco, managing to flunk out of every one. Then, at nineteen, his father's finances went belly up, and the man himself passed away in the same year. Suddenly, Ed had no money and no support system.

In a desperate bid to survive, Ed tried every job under the sun. He wrangled cattle, donned a badge as a railroad policeman, dabbled as a law clerk, and even lugged around a salesman's case for door-to-door peddling. Each position ended in a predictable pink slip, as if the universe were handing him comedic disclaimers: "Occupation not suitable for Ed." The final blow came when even his role as an office stenographer at Sears Roebuck disintegrated.

In a flash of questionable brilliance, Ed decided that nobody could fire him if he became his own boss. That plan culminated in bankruptcy. Undeterred, he opened a correspondence school dedicated to teaching people "how to succeed in business," unaware that it was akin to a goldfish teaching flight lessons. Predictably, that venture also capsized, leaving him even more despondent.

By the time he reached thirty-seven, life's disappointments were starting to warp his thoughts. Feeling alone and misunderstood, he began talking to himself for longer stretches each night, conjuring up strange worlds and characters in his head. Today, we'd probably recommend therapy or at least a self-help podcast, but Ed's era offered no such relief.

Eventually, he committed these fantasies to paper. Most of his written projects never made waves, but there was one story so unforgettable that it outshined everything else. It was set in an exotic place he knew absolutely nothing about, populated by a character whose feats were drawn straight from his boundless imagination.

Only then did the world learn that this struggling dreamer, beset by failures and self-doubt, was Edgar Rice Burroughs—and that the wild hero at the heart of his bestselling tale was none other than *Tarzan*.

His journey from repeated failure to literary legend remains a testament to the power of human imagination, even in the darkest of times.

Now you know what they didn't tell you.

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Spaghetti Aglio e Olio with Olives

Ingredients

1 pound dry spaghetti
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons olive oil
4 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
2 Calabrian chilis, roughly chopped (or 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes)
1/2 cup pitted and chopped Castelvetrano olives
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/4 cup dry white wine
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Instructions

Boil salted water, cook spaghetti until al dente (2 minutes less than package instructions), and reserve 2 cups of pasta water before draining.

In a skillet, heat olive oil with garlic and chilis over low heat until fragrant (3 minutes). Add olives, parsley, and white wine; cook for 3–4 minutes. Toss in drained pasta with 1 cup reserved water, stirring until absorbed.

Adjust consistency with more pasta water if needed. Finish with black pepper and serve immediately. Enjoy!

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Adele at the Brit Awards: A Serenade in Liquid Gold

In a stunning Valentino gown, Adele graced the Brit Awards stage, perched elegantly atop a grand piano. With a soulful rendition of "I Drink Wine," she captivated the audience, her voice resonating through the hall, each note a testament to her artistry. The minimalist backdrop, a golden curtain, accentuated her presence, allowing the music to take center stage. This performance not only showcased her vocal prowess but also reaffirmed her place as a luminary in the music world, leaving an indelible mark on all. Scan or tap the QR code to see the video.

Adele

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