

Military is the future

So now that the colder months are upon us, winter is here... I think about the world the planet life etc.... What is the meaning of it all and what is the path forward?

So apparently... I was randomly trolling IMDb... And I was very very surprised to see Christopher Nolan putting out a new Odyssey film? This is going to be epic.

So first, my first general thought on the military is I am not for violence or killing people or whatever... Ever since I was a kid, I was a pacifist. I actually remember recalling this very vividly as a kid... Very clearly as even a 12-year-old... If the American government spent even half of their budget on defense and military endeavors, and put it into education... Paying teachers better, attracting better talent or whatever... Then if that were the case, certainly kids would be far better off. For example, even funding after school programs, keeping kids off the street etc.

But anyways a random thought about colors, a new high-gloss military green vehicle wrap caught my eye, it is a very interesting color because it wasn't really on my radar. I was more about the eye popping colors like extremely insanely high visibility orange, full fluorescent green, insanely hot pink and the like.

Green is fastening because ultimately it is the color of life. Everyone wants to see green grass, green Vista, see you there stock portfolio, their investments go green etc. It's one of those funny things that a lot of people think that certain other things are better like red, everyone wants a red Ferrari... But nobody wants to see their investments go red?

Anyways, it's interesting when it comes to vehicles... Living here in LA... It seems that also... Everyone wants their vehicle to look like some sort of military vehicle? If you think about the raised trucks SUVs... They essentially look like armored vehicles on the road. Even if you think about a cyber truck... It's kind of like an affordable urban tank? Especially since it is bulletproof.

If you think about a military lifestyle, it should be all about austerity. For example, assuming that the summit of military discipline and lifestyle was the ancient Spartans, you don't have a bunch of Spartans prancing around in purple Lamborghinis, or pink Rolls-Royce's,. Rather, they pride themselves on their military discipline their military valor, being outside all day, training for battle, in fact... **lusting after battle.**

In fact, I have an interesting theory... I think modern day man, the reason why modern day man is so depressed is because he doesn't have any avenues to express his physical courage and valor? Like, when in modern day life will you ever suit up, get a sword and spear, put on your hub light helmet with the horse crest on top, roar, and go head to head in battle? Never.

I think the closest thing we have in modern day times is either like sports or the gym? Like football... Maybe rugby, something that actually requires some sort of physical courage.

I'll give you an example I played football in high school, outside linebacker and inside linebacker my sophomore and junior year, starting, and the number one act of courage that you gotta do is go ahead to head with other highly adapt guys, all essentially suited up in their battle armor. To literally do a kickoff, run full speed to another dude, who grabs the ball and lowers his helmet and his body to accost you,,, it's like one of the most unnatural things that a human being has to override his brain and doing. It's practically 100% physical courage.

Football is interesting because certainly there's a lot of skill involved, but I would say it's like 99% physicality and courage.

There is a lot of other sports which takes physical string stamina, and skill... But not much physical courage?

What is physical courage anyways? Physical courage is like putting your skeleton your bones your muscles your brain on the line, and **if you act in such a way that is cowardly, you inflict physical damage on yourself.**

Courage

Also when it comes to investing, there needs to be some sort of exposure. Like you cannot be a fake investor ... just investing in some sort of simulation game. The reason why it never works, is because unless you have real money on the line... You will never do it honestly.

now what

1. Get some 3M High gloss military wrap for your car.

The point is to be outside!

I think the obvious thought is the purpose of life is to be outside! To be out in the wilderness in the forest in the woods, the mountains, just drive walk take the bike or public transit.

photo joy

keep it insanely easy

I'm still shocked, my old LUMIX G9 4/3 body still runs like a champ! And actually... I'm still thinking, ... smaller sensor sizes are highly underrated.

For example, and also at the end of the day... Having auto focus is insanely convenient. Especially when you're just photographing your kid running around playing with his train tracks.

The next Leica Q4 shouldn't have an electronic viewfinder

Which makes me think, I really think that the next Leica Q4 camera really doesn't need an electronic view finder. The art of subtraction is sublime.

Military lifestyle

It's kind of interesting too because you think about it... assuming that discipline is happiness... or freedom or whatever... then, the amazing idea is that happiness joy and freedom isn't some sort of abstract and notion but rather something you could start cultivating now through "askesis"--> training.

LUMIX G9 II

I still really think this body is very underrated. Because the truth is even if you're doing Fillmore media, 99% of difficulty is just having the focus. I think also what people don't understand is once you start increasing the sensor size, full frame medium format large format, cinema cameras... 99% of the work is just nailing the focus.

What's great with micro for it is extremely much more forgiving with focusing. And you can still shoot with a F1.4 lens, like the impressive Leica LUMIX 12mm f1.4 lens,, which is a 24mm full frame equivalent.

Full frame

I think for novice photographers who don't know any better... everyone wants to jump on the full frame bandwagon. But this was only an issue maybe like 15 years ago, not now. An ASPC crop sensor, like on a Fuji or Ricoh,,, could shoot like 100,000 ISO with practically no noise.

Then perhaps people want like a depth of field focus effect... But come on, we have AI and ChatGPT for that now.

--> so I think they're really big idea which is interesting is that like **99% of the old gimmicks,,, which could only be done with really expensive camera gear could instantly be done with AI.** so save your money and efforts and return back to the simple basics of photography?

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