

2007-11-07 Show Notes

<u>Offset</u>	<u>Topic</u>
00:17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intro
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Few additional notes on tribe<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Households in living history similar to bands or tribes• Mutual fan-boy-ism• Having fun also a common characteristic of my tribe• A little hoarse from earlier recording, completed interview with Professor Lessig
04:09	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Word of the Week: copious free time
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://catb.org/jargon/html/C/copious-free-time.html
05:12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monologue: Tribe
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Haven't reflect on the nature of my newfound tribe<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matt Selznick first really identified what many of us feel• Based on his experience at Balticon• For me, first connections were at Farpoint, in February• Fewer, closer connections grew into many more, broader connections• Really connected with local friends• Defined by shared culture, dialect<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traditionally also denoted familial relationship• Band may be more accurate as doesn't necessarily speak to blood ties• Tribe feels right, though, somehow• Encompasses many different relationships• Close friends to mere acquaintances• All share a culture and a certain way of thinking, speaking, seeing• Reminds me of stories of early homebrew computer clubs, phreakers and hackers• Why?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generally, easy to talk about change from extended family to nuclear<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Also, fewer purely social settings, in US perhaps because of work fixation• Puritan work ethic gone awry, guilt over socializing just for fun?• Perhaps reaction to increasing globalization<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As the world grows larger, feel smaller, disconnected• Finding smaller, self selected groups easier to relate, ground• For me, family is physically distant<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My family is full of loners, though• Strong, shared geek streak with mother, brother• Do have fond memories growing of my parents with their tribe

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- Massive Summer parties, silly in-jokes I didn't get at the time
- For wife, family is local
 - She is closer to her family, sees them every week
 - Only some of her family shares her geekiness
- Neither of us have found social settings with like minded individuals
- Conventions filled some of that
- Tribe mates more like minded within the large setting of convention goers
- All creative types, very open and sharing
- Mutual respect for that creativity, for skill, dedication
- A particular sense of humor, off kilter, intelligent but strange
- A sense of kinship for having been outcasts, misfits
- Not unusual for a con, but somehow different from general geekdom
- Had similar experience with historical re-enactment
 - Many of the same kinds of people
 - Geeks, misfits
 - The organization we played with was highly politicized
 - Current tribe is mostly egalitarian
 - There is some drama, not quite politics
 - But it is in minority and majority seems to frown on or just tolerate
- Uneasy lessons
 - Many of the relationships are conducted online
 - I warned in my social spaces monologue that changing spaces can change the nature of the relationship
 - Despite multiplicity of tools, still not the same as face-to-face
 - Share creative works is one thing
 - On recent trip, shared hospitality
 - Hadn't seen any of these people's homes
 - For the most part, was fine
 - Had one sharp reminder that despite the persistent online connection, many of these friends are new, not much face time
 - Even in that one case, though, values of honesty, despising drama, served well

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• **Outro**

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