

A LOST GENERATION

George Calin once wrote: “The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways but narrower viewpoints. We spend more but have less, buy more but enjoy less. Have bigger houses but smaller families, more conveniences but less time. Have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgement, more experts yet more problems.”

So tell me where have we lost the plot? This world is suppose to be our oyster, the play in which we enact, enjoy! We had such a beautiful introduction but there has been a series of complications and we just won't stop... The climax to this historic play will not be good. I compare it to a Greek tragedy where Mother Nature will the hero, the protagonist who survives... I don't understand how we've made a peaceful, calm women so angry; and we still don't know it.

Ok...let me not me jump the gun here. Let us go back to the beginning...it was mankind and their surroundings; at peace, righteous, thankful it was a give and take relationship but then

‘BANG’...**money,corruption,power,disease,technology,sex,greed!**It was TAKE,TAKE,TAKE we never get enough!

Who can we blame? We cannot keep on pointing fingers backwards to our forefathers, we still alive carrying on the mistakes they started. We live in a world with so much choice but still find it hard to choose. You probably asking what is she whinnying about? What is it that is so terrible...?

1. Our lands are running out, overpopulation is ruining us. No space for plantation, vegetation and we end up relying on shortcuts like genetically modified foods that may in the long run, have a dangerous effect's mean we don't even have space to bury our dead let alone live...
2. Sex...children as young as 12 are sexually active, hormonally active (pregnant) and motherly active. Married women are pushing in lines with these girls in the hospitals, why? Patience has become but a word and a condom is but a rubber...
3. AIDS...the 'oh so famous' epidemic that everyone knows about but everyone seems to get. The angel of death where the cases are endless and the cure...nonexistent!
4. Climate change is actually a natural cycle but mankind has made it a sad case. It is changing too fast and animals and plants may not be able to adapt as quickly as humans...
5. Disease...we live life simpler, better, faster! It must all be fast and convenient, unhealthy and unbalanced leading to disease. We are digging our own graves...
6. Technology...It has proved to be the best innovation to mankind, easing our lives but don't you think that we've gone too far...clones, mind chips and" pick a baby">blue eyes, fair skin! Too much...
7. Lastly there is money, finance...The recession. What more can say but "Greedy, Greedy, Greedy that's what you get". It's funny hey, money runs scarce that's when we're awake...

Now there are so many more I could count but with truth and complications comes relieve. We need solutions. How? Who? We, simple human beings got ourselves into this mess now we have to get ourselves out. Now how can plain old Joe, Thabo, Diresh and Carmell be the solution... well firstly, **safe sex or no sex at all**, straight to the point... less babies, less AIDS, more land. SIMPLE! Learn to live balance lives, let greed not get the better of us. Become physical, healthy compromise. Watch your energy consumption, your fuel usage, your littering... use a bin, simple! Let technology ease your life not become your life. Things like our hands were created for a reason so leave the dishwasher alone. Whatever happened to witting a love letter now we just copy-click, paste-click and send-click. We need to stick to what we need to survive, what we want shall be the blessing that follows. These solutions may seem useless, pathetic and irrelevant but 6 billion people of the world all doing their part, there can be difference. We think we such 'big' people but we just too many people! We think we are such reasonable people but we just 'big headed' people! We think we such intelligent people but soon we will be DEAD PEOPLE!!!

So let us allow ourselves to dream, dream of a nation abundant and beautiful one that still exist in the future. Let us leave a legacy for the future Mthethwa's, Van Der Merwe's and Naidoo's. Why should we still be dreaming?! If we could just get one thing back... her name... COMMONSENSE! It is defined as good sense and sound judgement in practical matters. Bring her back and as she remains she can be the lasting key to the existence of you and me.