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CRITICAL THINKING: The art of not swallowing everything that sparkles!

In a world where information travels faster than a spilled coffee across a keyboard, critical thinking is our mental shield. It keeps us from believing that everything well-presented must be true, because no, a 3D graph doesn't make nonsense more credible. It's what helps us sort facts from opinions and spot those messages that reek a little too much of emotional marketing.

Cultivating this skill is like working out your brain without breaking a sweat (although... sometimes it gets hot). It means learning to say, « hmm... interesting » instead of « wow, that must be true » when reading something online. You have to learn to spot biases, resist seductive phrasing, and build solid opinions, even without rhetorical corsets to hold them up.

In the workplace, critical thinking is a discreet superpower: it helps solve problems without creating new dramas, collaborate without throwing pens, and make ethical decisions without needing a council of sages. But in an age when messages are shorter than express delivery times, thinking has become almost an act of resistance.

Fostering independent thought is like gardening your mind: you need to weed out ready-made ideas, water constructive doubts, and let nuanced reflections grow. It means moving beyond knee-jerk reactions (even when they're tempting), understanding others without rushing to judgment, and remembering that our choices have an impact, even if it's not written in bold.

To sharpen our critical mind, we also need to tame our limiting thoughts. Those little inner voices that whisper « *You're not smart enough for this* » or « *everyone thinks that, so it must be true.* » Surprise: they lie. But with a bit of curiosity and a lot of self-questioning, we can turn them into fuel for better thinking.

Developing a sharp critical mind means refusing to be seduced by slickly packaged messages. It's knowing that behind a logical façade may lurk subtle manipulation, like those ads selling bottled happiness. We need to learn to keep emotional distance, not to become cold as a freezer, but to better grasp what's at stake without being swept away by the first catchy slogan.

The lack of critical thinking often stems from education that values right answers over good questions, from heavy social media use (where reflection lasts about 0.3 seconds), or simply from the cozy comfort of thinking like everyone else. But that comfort comes at a cost: the loss of genuine inquiry into the world.

So yes, critical thinking is demanding. It takes time, dialogue, a bit of reflection... and superhuman mental strength not to derail the conversation with that sketchy viral image your hamster would've scrolled past without blinking.

But it's also one of the pillars of free, enlightened, and responsible citizenship. And in a world where intellect is constantly tested, it remains our best ally to avoid mistaking virality for truth.

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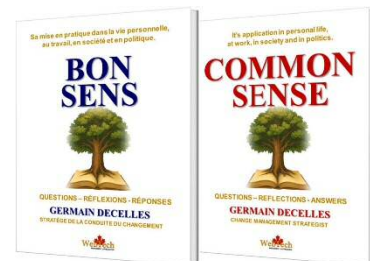
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