

ALTERNATIVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Local guru Swami Umami is imagining a small-business group focused on products and services not related to real estate and development. This includes one-man/one-woman operations, mom-and-pop shops, creative artists, writers, musicians, printers, chefs, craft workers, consultants, entrepreneurs, and freelancers seeking an independent, progressive organization to represent their unique needs and interests. If you are interested, email me your contact information and I will pass it along to Swami Umami.

MACHIAVELLIANS, PART 2

They crave status and power and the respect that comes with it. They will do anything to achieve a position of authority, and even more so to keep it. Machiavellian-type leaders are more likely to use fear to keep employees in line. Not only are Machiavellians more likely to hold grudges, they are unlikely to let slights or transgressions committed against them to go unpunished. They may even go out of their way to get back at someone who wronged them. They tend to dislike overly emotional people, and often interpret a lack of emotional discipline as a sign of weakness. They have little sympathy for people who don't think for themselves and who believe everything they hear. And given their opportunistic nature, they are likely to take advantage of people who can be easily fooled. They often take pleasure in seeing others fail, especially if it's an enemy or competitor. (Source: PsychTests, Queendom.com)

PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE

Bill Collins found this gem in "The Hidden Life of Trees" by Peter Wohlleben: "Some species of trees can determine the type of insect eating their leaves (from their saliva). These trees then disperse an attractant to the predator of that particular insect that's bothering the tree." Bill adds, "How cool is that?" As the old saying goes, the best defense is a good offense.

ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN

Novelist and radical environmentalist Edward Abbey wrote: "Do not burn yourselves out. Be as I am—a reluctant enthusiast...a part-time crusader, a half-hearted fanatic. Save the other half of yourselves and your lives for pleasure and adventure. It is not enough to fight for the land; it is even more important to enjoy it. While you can. While it's still here. So get out there and hunt and fish and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, the lovely, mysterious, and awesome space. Enjoy yourselves, keep your brain in your head and your head firmly attached to the body, the body active and alive, and I promise you this much; I promise you this one sweet victory over our enemies, over those desk-bound men and women with their hearts in a safe deposit box, and their eyes hypnotized by desk calculators. I promise you this: You will outlive the bastards."

SWAMI SEZ

“If you had half a brain, you would have half a brain.”
(Anonymous)

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