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**HorseHead** - February 22, 2026, 1:16 pm

I don't even know where to start. I understand that every era needs to be analyzed within its own unique context and demographic makeup, but for us, the men born in the Millennium Era, the circumstances and societal dynamics seem to exist on an entirely different, almost incomprehensible level.

When I look back to our childhood, a time when technology and social media hadn't yet taken over our lives so aggressively, I can't help but feel how genuine and heartfelt everything was. Good and bad, beautiful and ugly, simple and complex—there were always just two clear choices, and nothing felt as overwhelmingly complicated as it does now.

Sure, the world has always been a mix of suffering and joy—it was never all sunshine and rainbows, and I'm not trying to romanticize it. What I mean is that life seemed to follow a certain set of rules back then. It felt fairer, more predictable, as though everyone understood the unspoken guidelines of the "game."

Now, when I look around—especially after the COVID-19 pandemic—interpersonal relationships (friendship, love, trust, etc.) seem to have become entirely transactional. It feels like people have run out of patience for one another. It's as though we've been trapped in some sort of Matrix.

And if that weren't enough, we're culturally and socially fragmented as well. We're witnessing such a level of consumerism that people don't even buy products anymore—they buy the advertisements. The rapid integration of artificial intelligence into our daily lives seems to be slowly eroding the authenticity in areas like art, science, philosophy, and music—the intangible elements that nourish the human soul.

On top of all this, we have the increasing financial struggles to deal with. It's like we're in a maze with no way out.

Maybe we truly are the "middle children of history," as the movie suggests. [warn]