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Subject: *Making sense of the world around us by finding the truth*

Dear ……,

The desire to see patterns to make sense of confusion has been a recurring theme throughout human history. Patterns seem to be buried deeply. It is about solving the puzzle to recognize patterns. Our natural desire is to see order and coherence. Trying to make sense of the world around us, particularly in the current AI wave, trying to avoid following ‘false patterns’. The book Counter-Intelligence teach us how to challenge these ‘false patterns’ with a clear purpose of finding the truth.

Finding the truth is done by code-making and codebreaking. Essentially this is done through scientific exercises. However, there must be a clear method for decoding, based on an underlying truth. A method that is testable and obtains the same result each time, so that we can see the moving difference in patterns. The truth must be somewhere.

The serious side of puzzling can teach us how to keep ahead of the curve, recognizing patterns. It is essential to keep ahead to avoid being left behind, becoming obsolete in our position of being in power. We must maintain the culture of staying ahead of the curve.

Tech companies tend to be optimists and utopians, by building their vision with an outlook, ignoring the dark side of commercializing data and therefore our live. Commercial drivers dominate while safety is lagging. The ‘Secret World’ has quite a different approach by spending time and resources looking for the abuse of data, doing harmful things. They are in constant search for the truth, respecting humanity, whereas commercial driven companies are mostly driven by money.

Codebreaking started to develop in the British Secret Service school during the first world war. It is the story of solving a large-scale of messages from the enemy of poorly understood problems. The question was what kind of skills were needed to decode messages? What sort of people had these skills? And once decoded, how could this information be best used? The early and growing successes in codebreaking came about by the inspired choice of some unusual staff, performing extraordinary difficult analytical work. The Secret Service embraced a collection of people no one else wanted or to be considered important.

What they found was a system, where power was held by people based on ability, as this was the best way to deal with the complexity of the codebreaking process. And by being at the cutting-edge, which meant being close to falling off the edge, providing an irresistible challenge to keep the organization on the track? It creates an atmosphere in which innovation and progressive ideas flourishes.

We have seen from the stories in this book that these pointers do not revolve around technology, but around people. In pursuit of innovation and creativity it meant prizing imagination over simple rationality. It also meant prioritizing curiosity and curiousness over conventional expectations and behaviors. In short, odd people are welcome absorbing and enabling counter-intuitively. Some separation from the world is at the heart of this success in creativity and innovation. And If individuals are not seeking personal glory, they are free to pursue the ultimate team sport.

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