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# Why Generation X Might Be Our Last, Best Hope

Caught between vast, self-regarding waves of boomers and millennials, Generation X is steeped in irony, detachment, and a sense of dread. One of their rank argues that this attitude makes it the best suited to preserve American tradition in these dark new days.

BY RICH COHEN  
AUGUST 11, 2017

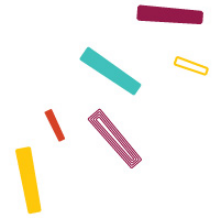
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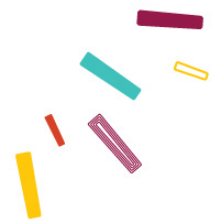
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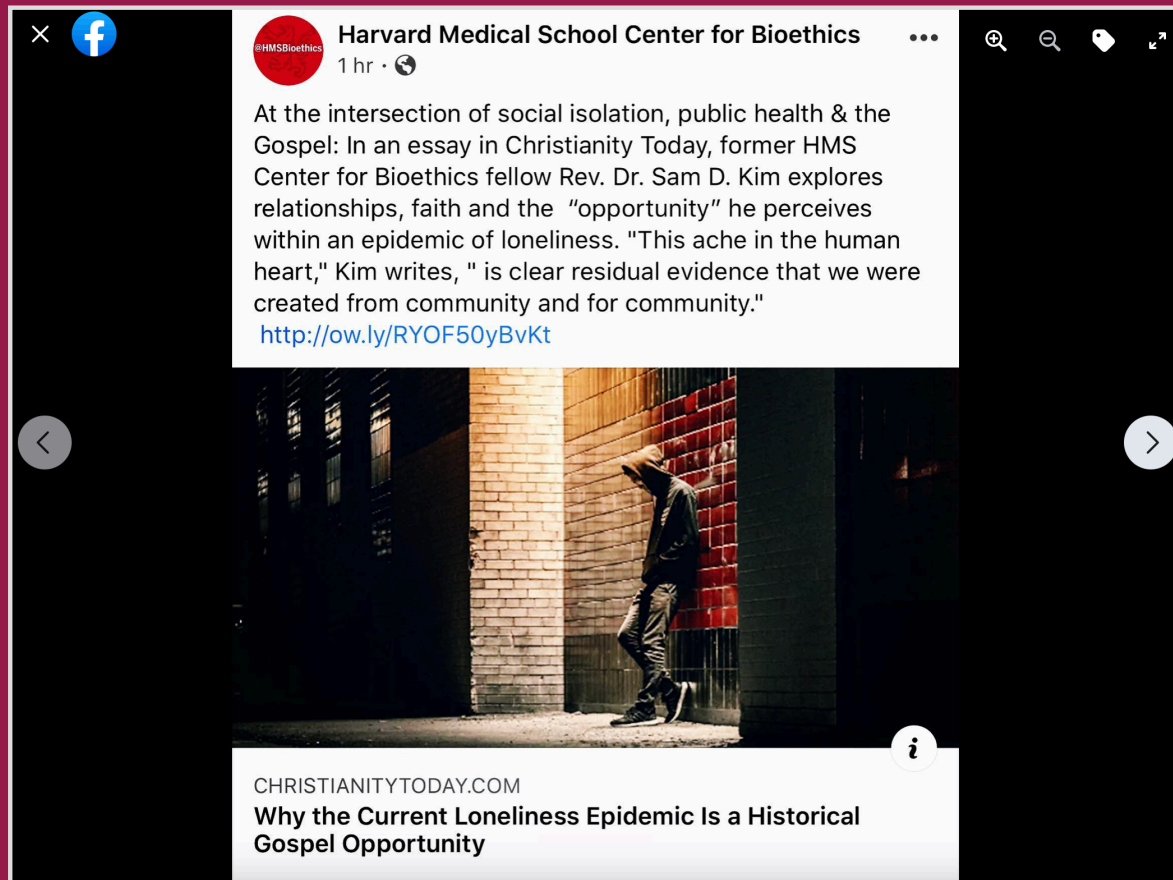


**“We are the last Americans to have the old-time childhood.  
It was coherent, hands-on, dirty, and fun.”**

**- Rich Cohen Vanity Fair, August 2017**









# A HOLY HAUNTING

IS FAITH JUST A LEAP INTO THE DARK ARMED NOTHING BUT WITH A WHIM  
OR AN ECHO RESOUNDING FROM ETERNITY?



"GIVES US ALL – SKEPTICS  
AND BELIEVERS ALIKE – A  
ROADMAP TO DISCOVERY  
AND WONDER."

*-YALE*

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"AT A TIME WHEN SCIENCE AND  
FAITH ARE PERCEIVED TO BE  
IMPECCABLE FOES, I BELIEVE  
DR. SAM D. KIM IS DESTINED  
TO BECOME A BRIDGE."

*-COLUMBIA*

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"TENDER, WARM AND  
INVITING. I LOVED IT SO  
MUCH I NOW WANT TO  
MAKE THE MOVIE."

*-SONY*

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"A WORK OF UNDENIABLE  
GENIUS."

*-HBO*

MICHELLE SOHN  
LEAD, WELCOME TO 8TH STREET



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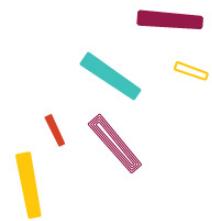
# Exploring the Intersection of Social Isolation, Public Health, and the Gospel.

Rev. Dr. Sam D. Kim

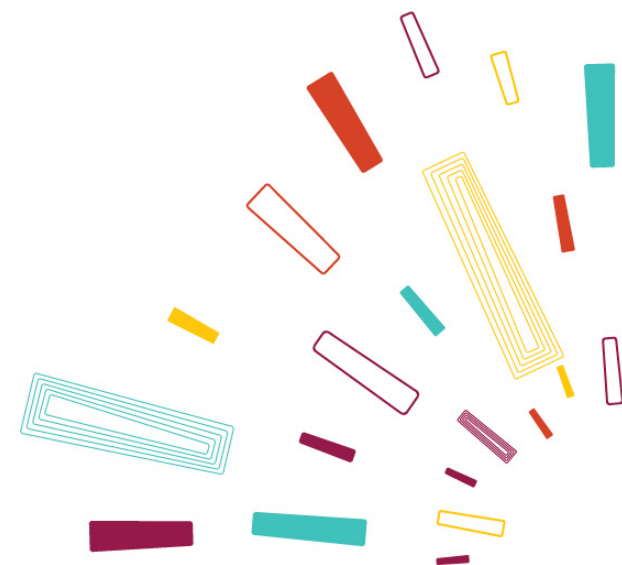
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Depression/Stress ( Harvard)



Suicide  
Ideation

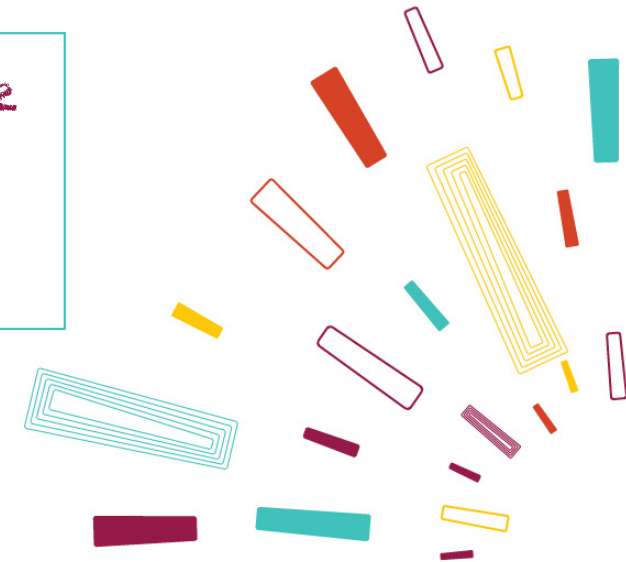
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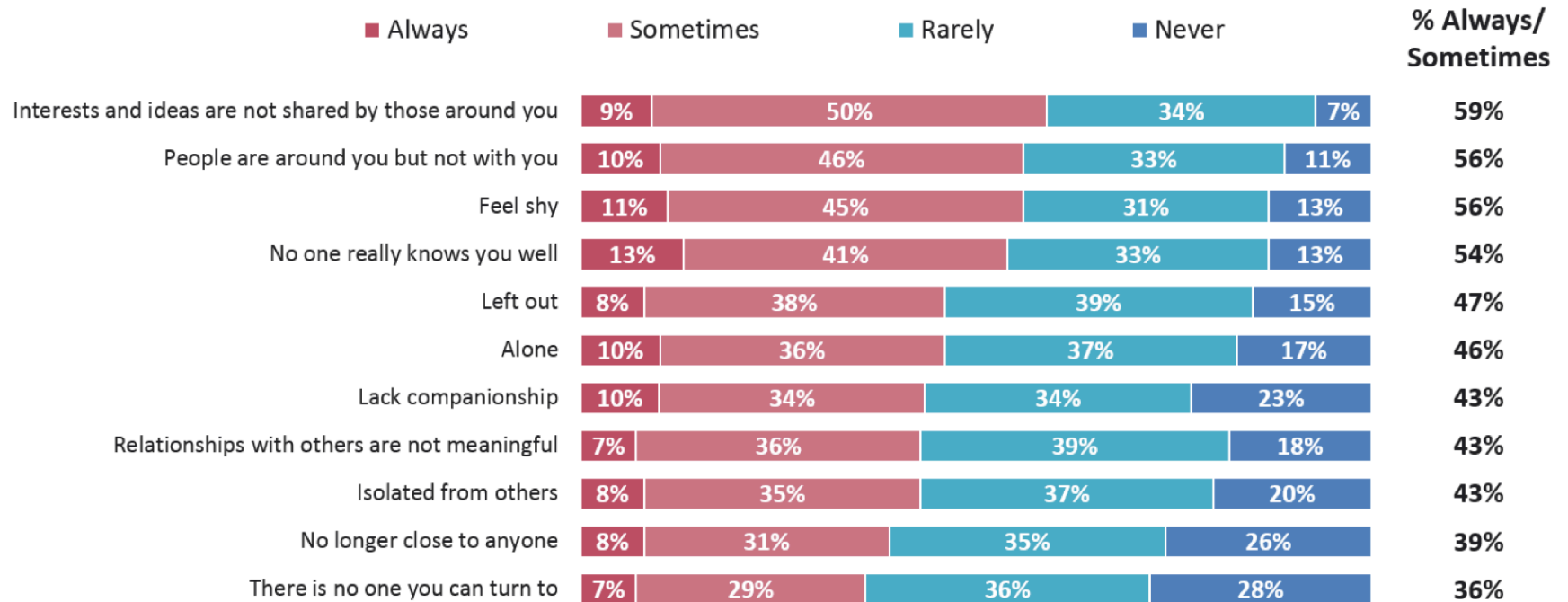


# The Great Conundrum of Urban Density

Why do we feel more alone when (1) we live closer in proximity, and (2) around more people than ever before in human history?

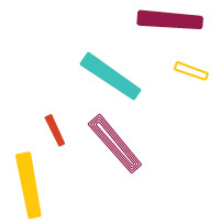


# AT LEAST A THIRD EXPERIENCE FEELINGS ASSOCIATED WITH LONELINESS



Loneliness is a signpost to something chasmic

What then does the debilitating impact of loneliness unveil about Humanity's deepest longing?



“The psalmist writes in Psalm 42:7 that the “deep calls unto the deep. Sometimes many confuse this inconsolable longing as a form of chronic anxiety, or something gone wrong when it is a holy haunting for the presence of God. The deep calling unto the deep is no other than the voice of God echoing from eternity. Faith is the echo and eternity is the origin.”

– Sam D. Kim, A Holy Haunting: Why Faith Isn't a Leap But a Series of Stagers from One Safe Place to Another

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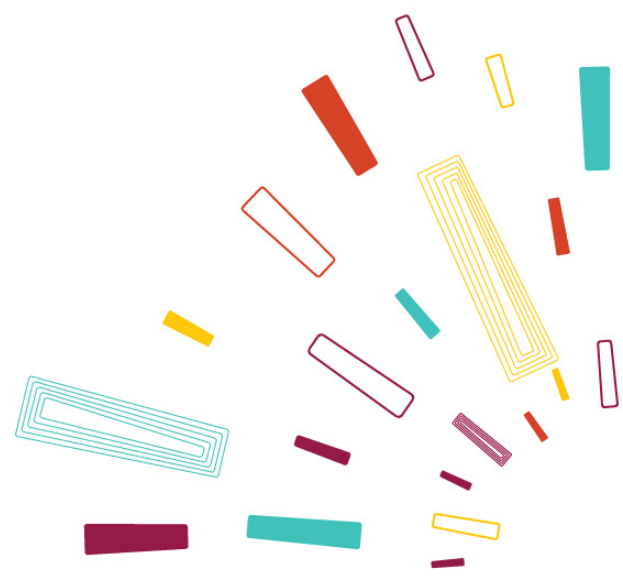
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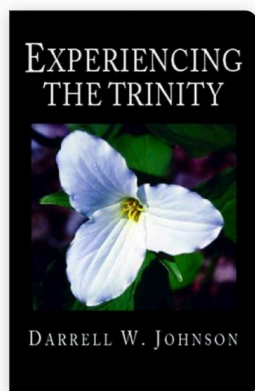
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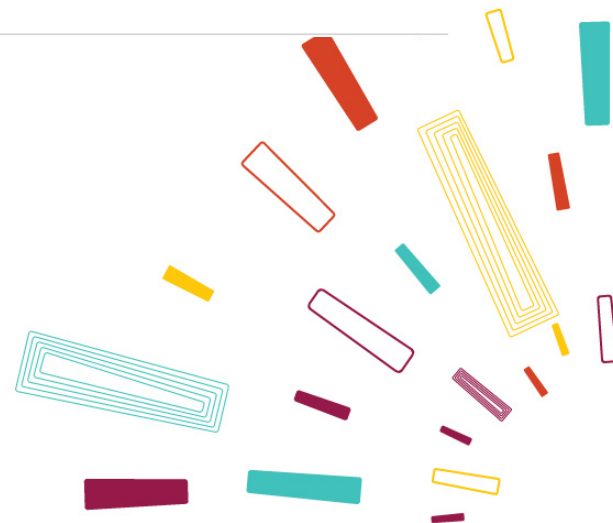
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“At the center of the universe is a relationship, that is the most fundamental truth I know. At the center of the universe is a community. It is out and for that relationship you and I were created and redeemed.”

– Darrell Johnson

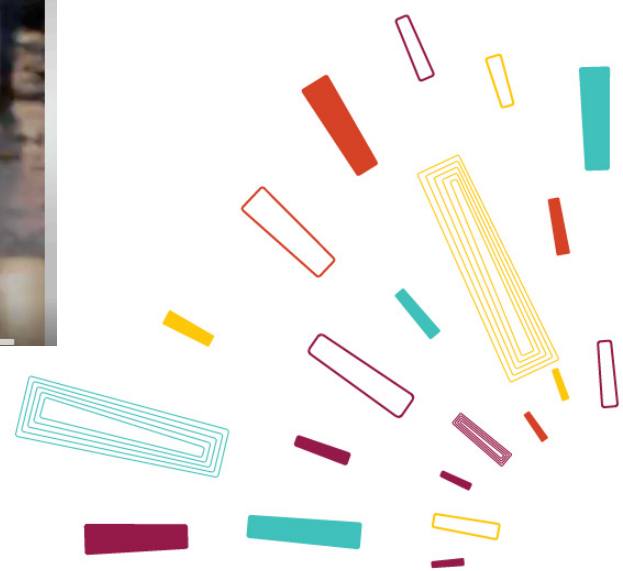
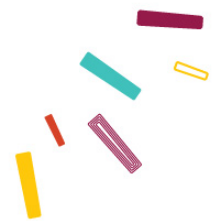
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At the most fundamental level our desire to "belong" is what makes us human.

What then does the debilitating impact of loneliness unveil about what it really means to be human?







**Science is still exploring the shocking distress social isolation has on our basic biology....**

**It's the moral equivalent to slowing drinking rat  poison **

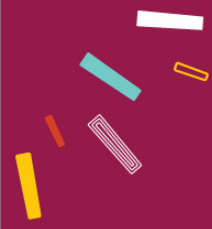


# The Social Media Conundrum

How is the (1) most technologically connected Gen (Z)  
(2) with the greatest access to community be the loneliest in  
human history?

"STUDIES REVEALED THAT SOCIAL INTERACTIONS ONLINE CANNOT FILL THE NEED FOR FACE-TO-FACE INTERACTIONS AS A GENERATION OR AS A SOCIETY."

-DR. SAMMY D. KIM



*The great call of our time is not*

*productivity, but presence.*



# THE GOSPEL OPPORTUNITY



Closing the Gap

Verge Meter

Verge Meter

- Fellowship - - - - - Friendship - - - - - Formation



## Stephen King > Quotes > Quotable Quote <sup>(?)</sup>



“The most important things are the hardest to say. They are the things you get ashamed of, because words diminish them -- words shrink things that seemed limitless when they were in your head to no more than living size when they're brought out. But it's more than that, isn't it? The most important things lie too close to wherever your secret heart is buried, like landmarks to a treasure your enemies would love to steal away. And you may make revelations that cost you dearly only to have people look at you in a funny way, not understanding what you've said at all, or why you thought it was so important that you almost cried while you were saying it. That's the worst, I think. When the secret stays locked within not for want of a teller but for want of an understanding ear.”

— Stephen King

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