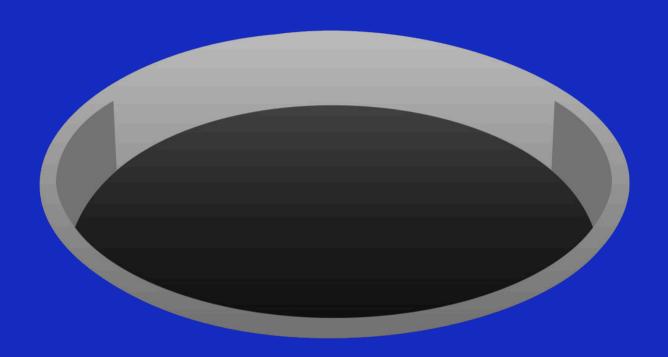


"Al is going to take over!"



only over those who can't bloody think for themselves.





The examples of human hivemind are even more staggering on this platform that is supposed to be "expert" and "professional".





The Jaguar screaming contest.

The witch hunt for the Em Dash.

The Studio Ghibli avatars.

I can continue.



The internet gives you the possibility to

do literally anything,

look for anything,

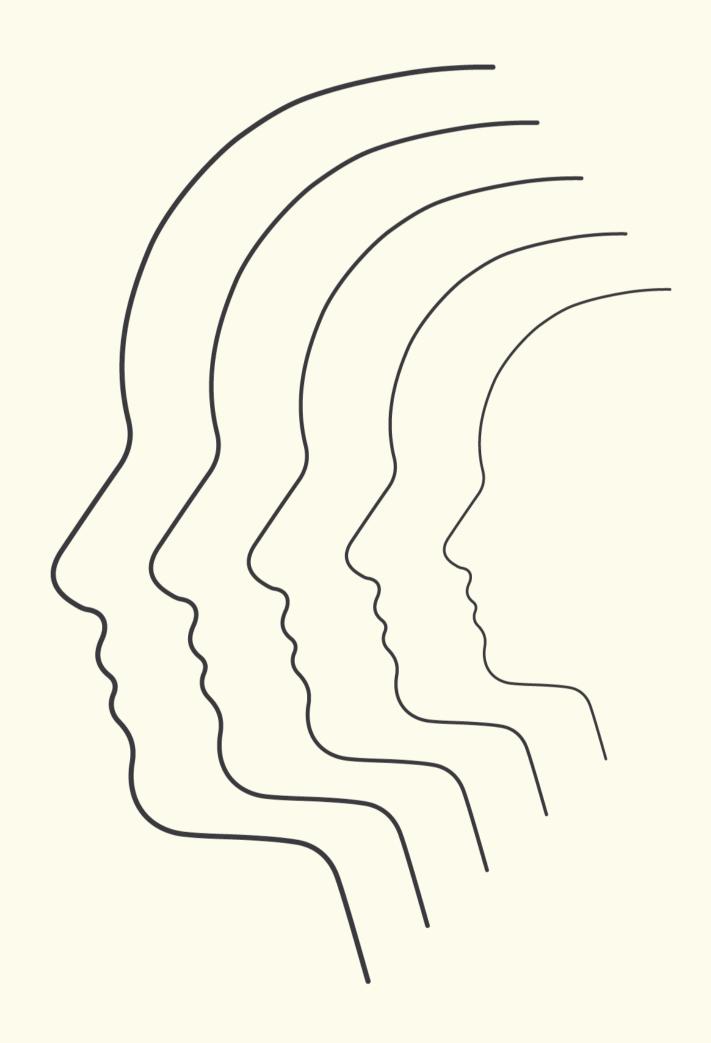
try anything,

say anything.





And you choose to say, do, and read exactly the same thing as anyone else.







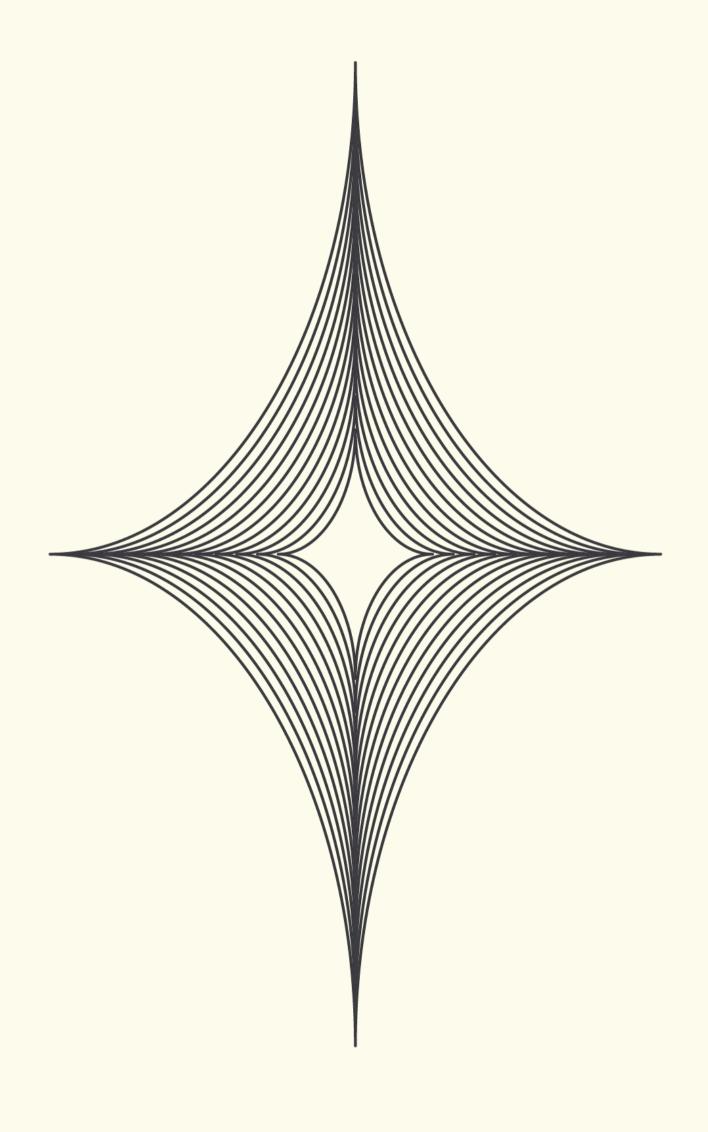
Well, conformism is a very good survival strategy.

You could be paid well for doing what everybody else was doing for most of human civilisation.





But AI can do the same thing as everybody else for \$20 a month and in four seconds.







It is indeed over for intellectual conformism.



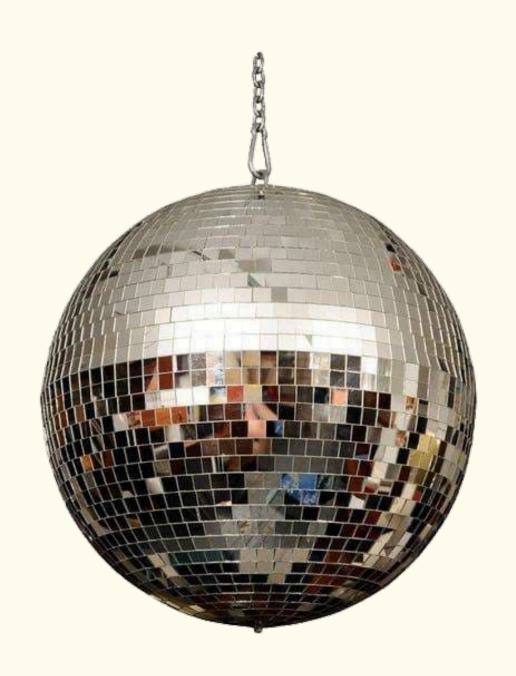






But there is a cure.

Here is how to learn to think for yourself.

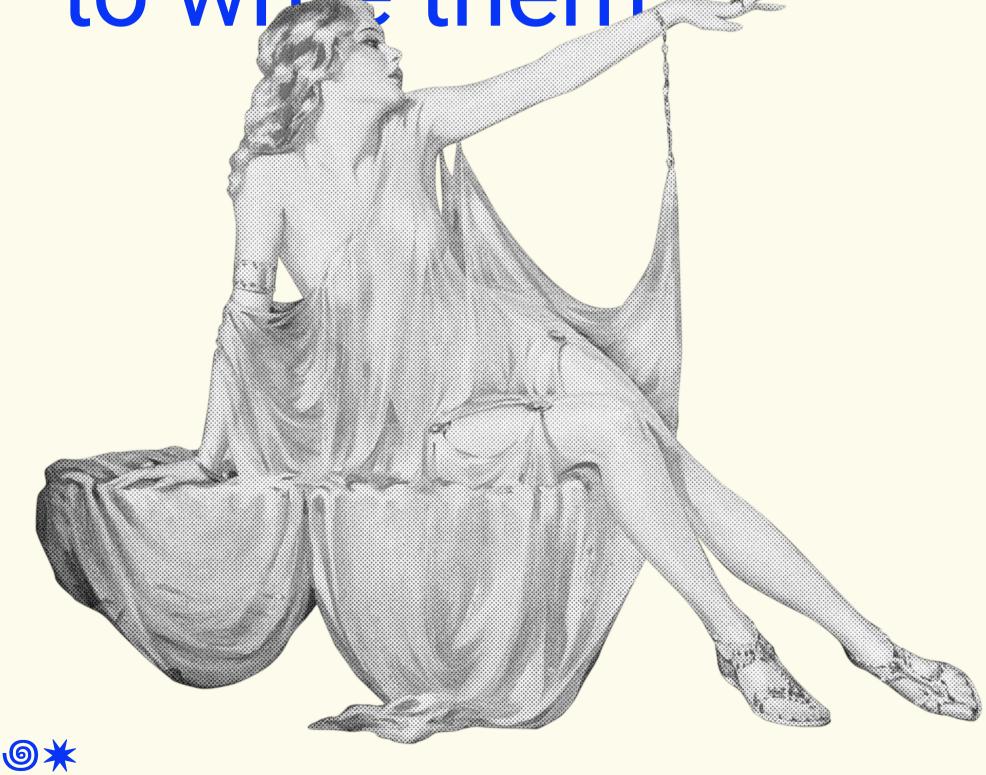






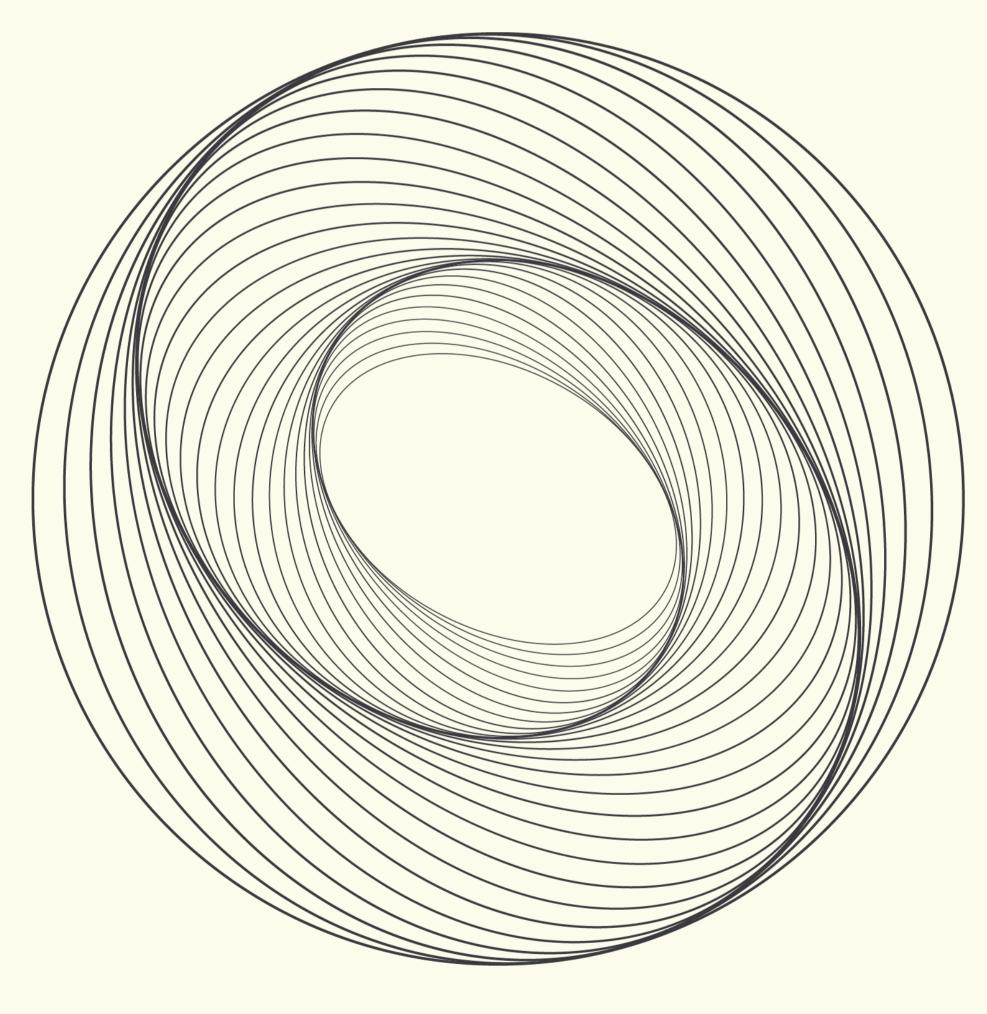
1. Write

The common misconception is that you first need to have ideas in your head, then to write them.





It's the other way around.







First you start unloading the thoughts,

then your brain starts the mechanism of generating new ideas.





What you write will suck for a while.

But soon your brain will use up all the second-hand thoughts in your head and will be forced to create original ones.







2. Find original sources.

Not the social media feed, but a newsletter.

Not a newsletter, but an

old website.

Not a website, but book.



Not a book, but a medieval tractate on practical black magic.

Not a tractate, but a dadaist painting.

Not a painting, but a reading of classical Arabic poetry.





Not a reading, but Scythian gold and the history of Indo-European mythology.





Keep digging.





3. Explore new contexts

Jump, wriggle, crawl out of the party with your same-industry friends and run barefoot into the real world.







Find where the artists hand out.

Listen to a symphonic concert in a church.

Talk to people on a train.

Join a burlesque collective.





The world is choke-full of raw, uninhibited, joyful human creativity that we completely overlook while we're stuck in our feeds and bubbles.







l am guilty of this myself.

The digital doom is comfortable, the outside world is scary.





Yet every time I force myself to dive into the unknown



I come back less of a bot and more of a real human person.





please start now.



