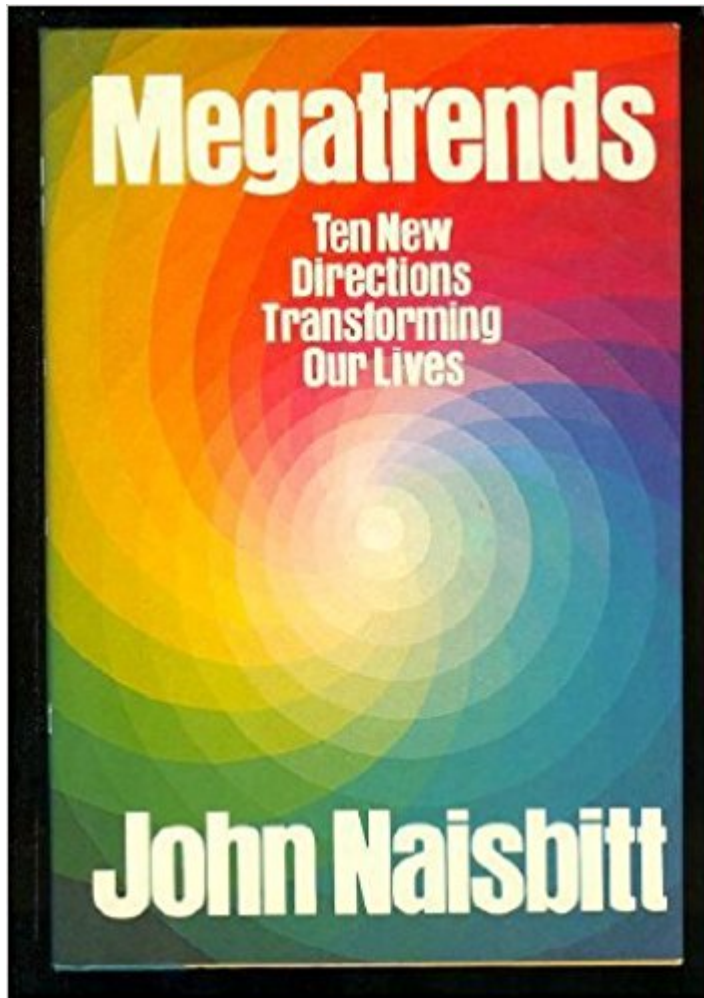


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Trend 1 – The Daily Me.

Not broadened horizons – only personalized horizons. The personalization of information only insulates us from anything that would challenge our thinking or make us uncomfortable.

Trend 2 – Neo- Medieval

In the early middle ages, they mixed paganism with Christianity - syncretism.

In the Renaissance, man became the measure of all things.

Following history – 5 Dynamics:

- Spiritual illiteracy.
- Spiritual openness to anything.
- Visual communication.
- Attraction to spiritual experience.
- Ethos of amorality.

Trend 3 – The Culture of Offense.

Microaggressions are small actions or word choices that seem, on their face, to have no malicious intent, but that are thought of as a kind of violence nonetheless.

Trigger warnings are alerts that professors are expected to issue if something in a course might cause a strong emotional response.

Vindictive protectiveness is creating a culture in which everyone must think twice before speaking up, lest they face charges of insensitivity, aggression, or worse.

Trend 4 – Age of Rage.

Trend 5 – New meaning of Words.

Tolerance = Acceptance.

Acceptance = Affirmation.

Three understandings of tolerance:

1. Legal tolerance
2. Social tolerance
3. Intellectual tolerance

God is now an idea or a philosophy.