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My failure to communicate



After commenting on a LinkedIn article I was in a way berated by a fairly well-known author of non-fiction, now turning to fiction who informed me that he was just not able to see how any of my comments were relevant to any part of his writing. In essence, I was trying to understand his point of view and probably it was my naïve way of saying the following:

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..., this is in response to your comment on the LinkedIn site. Due to its space limitations, I was not able to post my full comment.

I am not trying to 'drag' this anywhere. I will let this lie after I take this opportunity to respond.

I am trying my hardest to understand your point of view, i.e. how and why you approach a subject (EA) that I too have devoted 45+ years of my life to and perhaps why you have turned to writing a fictional story in an attempt to put your point of view across in a different form. In other words, I am trying to find the common ground. I wrote my article which I published in my LinkedIn Pulse article to identify some form of common ground but you are yet to respond.

Unlike you, I am not a professional author. I have dabbled at trying to put my thoughts on paper in the form of a book and all I managed to succeed at doing was to self-publish a 127-page book on why and how I persisted using my approach.

As a 'failed' author all I am now able to do is to read other people's work to try to see that if I am wrong, where I erred.

I once thought that Ayn Rand knew what she was talking about when I read 'Atlas shrugged' and 'The fountainhead'. I tried to see the mechanism behind her take on 'Objectivism'. Alas, I had to come to the conclusion that her philosophy may sound plausible in fiction but is just not capable of working in reality.

Perhaps it was naïve of me to have thought that a person like myself without a string of academic degrees behind my name, managed in reality, to develop an approach which combined (or in my mind did) the 'best' from diverse practices as strategic planning (with all its diverse approaches such as SWOT and critical success factors); management by objectives; business process reengineering; information engineering; business analysis; enterprise architecture; balanced scorecard; key performance indicators; business architecture; knowledge management; object-orientation; universal modelling language; systems development lifecycle; data flow diagrams; project management; data analysis; data warehousing; data vaulting; data analytics; big data; data normalisation; as well as computer languages and created a seamless approach to all of these (or at least I think I did – then again the proof of this is that I managed to produce a piece of work embedded in a piece of software which in my opinion is an example of an artificial intelligent engine, together with a 'book of knowledge').

Perhaps others may look upon me as a 'dilettante' and simply dismiss me by ignoring everything I say and write. At nearly 70 years of age, with a string of successes in producing over a dozen small business automated solutions (which were all written in an obscure integrated development environment engine without gaining any 'popular' support from a group like the 'Open Group'), I can look back on my life's work, smile and say 'Those were my finest hours'. If I go to my grave without leaving my 2 offspring (Ripose and Caspar) in the capable hands of another, then so be it. No one can take anything with them on their final journey to who knows where.

Perhaps you would like to write my autobiography, but to do that you may have to walk a mile in my shoes, for I sure have walked hundreds of miles in yours.

Regards}

End of comment.

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