

# Update: When New Blog Posts Will Resume...

On May 26, new content will appear on this blog. This break will allow for completion of the *Finding Your Niche* book revision for 2016.

This decision was reached yesterday after tech support admitted that they too were in the midst of a tech glitch and could not step in to troubleshoot until their tools were back online.

And now after a lovely 7-hour remote tech session yesterday, all factory settings must be reset because of a trackpad glitch...which will wipe out everything since March 2016. And although there's a backup, it means that a lot of work that cannot be backed up must once again be replaced manually.

You know, there are billionaire entrepreneurs who avoid using computers in their work and I see the wisdom in that strategy.

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## Updates: Computer Quiz Post, Book Revision, And File Conversation Misery

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1. Three new paragraphs have been added to the end of the post link below..y.

2. March-April: Converting files proved challenging due to compatibilit issues after an upgrade. One final tech sessionthis week should resolve the problem.. So the new target date for completion of Finding Your Nicherevisions 2016 is this coming month. New upgrade

[Quick Computer Quiz: Tech-Savvy Tips for Biz Beginners](#)

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# Prince: Beyond the Music...



**Prince, Rodgers, Nelson  
Artist, Entrepreneur, Social  
activist, humanitarian...**

***Control your music...Use creative talent to build economic prosperity for self and community was the philosophy the music legend espoused for aspiring musicians.***

**As fans pay tribute and download the**

icon's tunes, aspiring artists would do well to track down and study Prince's opinions about technology and the changing nature of the music business, and what he believed artists needed to do to avoid being enslaved in an industry that often fails to compensate fairly many members. see

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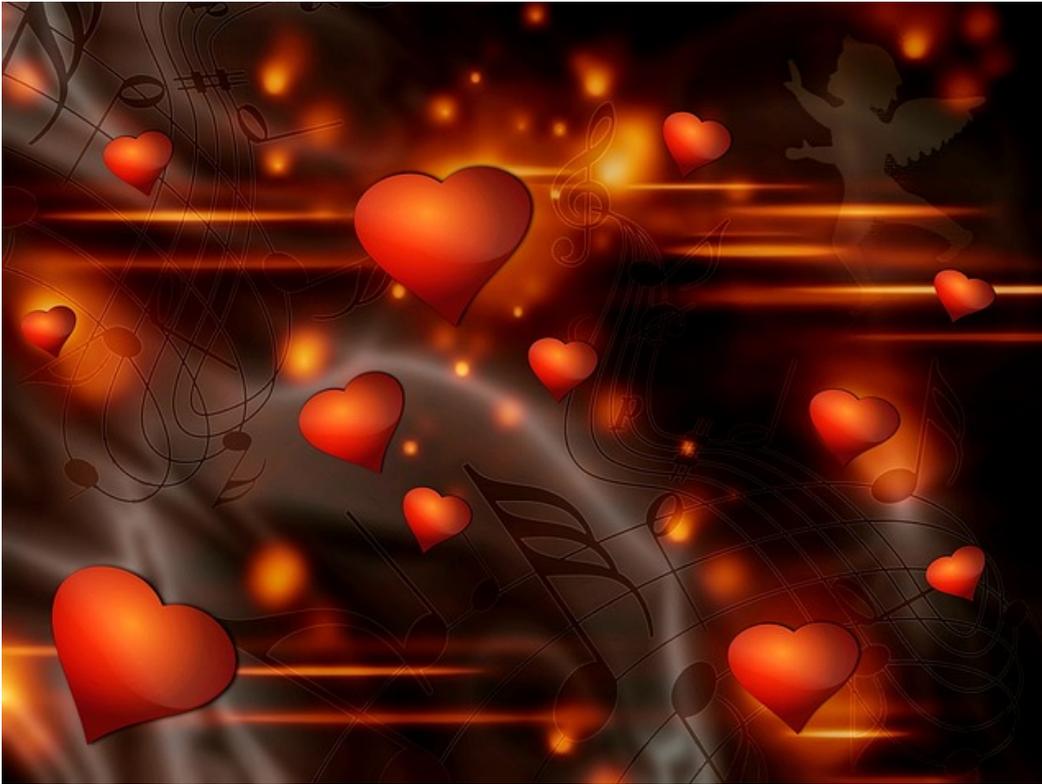
PBS.org/Tavis Smiley

Tribute to Prince...Part 1

<http://tinyurl.com/h4efuxd>

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**Why A Star Violinist Helps Musicians in Need:From Mozart to Metallica**



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The amazing story of a former child prodigy who never forgot her humble upbringing and now uses her musical talent to help disadvantaged musicians globally.

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## Tips, Resources, and Gossip

# About the Business Side of Writing



Two panels of interest to aspiring writers at the recent Los Angeles Times Festival of Books ...

1. A publishing panel of industry professionals underscores how writers are depending on social media skills to promote their work.  
Q and A
2. A panel of authors who specialize in the biography genre..  
The challenging nature of the genre and how they tackle reporting on the lives of famous and infamous historical figures

## References

C-Span/Publishing

<http://tinyurl.com/jlnw84z><http://tinyurl.com/jlnw84z>

C-Span/Biographies

<http://tinyurl.com/zcghbqp>

[Sunmittable.com](http://Sunmittable.com)

<http://www.submittable.com/>

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# **How an Academic Used the Creative Arts to Transform Dry Anthropology Topics into Interesting Reading for the Public**



Do not be fooled by Infrastructure, the less than exciting title of a panel discussion at this past weekend's Los Angeles Times Festival of Books.

And though rust was the riveting ad copy used to lure in droves of viewers, the forum of three authors offered an array of humorous, insightful, thought-provoking sometimes alarming bits of information about rusty weapons, soda cans, donkeys as transportation back in 1000 BC, ponies used in mines in modern times, super tankers, sailing, Google cars, drones, the environment, gender and the engineering profession, pets, trends in transportation.

One author, in particular, featured on the panel, a former anthropologist and retired professor, Bruce Fagan occupies a unique niche. As the writer of more than 40 books, Fagan is one of few who specializes in his field.

## **References**

Los Angeles Times Festival of Books

Panel Discussion on Infrastructure

<http://tinyurl.com/gllhyhw>

**Bloomsbury.com/Bruce Fagan**

**The Intimat Bond; How Animals Shaped  
Human History**

**<http://www.bloomsbury.com/us/the-intimate-bond-9781620405727/>**

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**The Traumatic Personal  
Experience That Led A Federal  
Prosecutor to Leave Law to  
Teach and Write**



Lawyers leave the profession and become entrepreneurs or pursue creative paths for reasons often related to burnout, but professor Paul Butler had a different personal experience that forced him to rethink his career path when he was a federal prosecutor.

Harvard graduate and author of *Let's Get Free: A Hip-Hop Theory of Justice*, professor Butler recounted the details on C-Span back in 2009...themes still topical 2016.

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Update:

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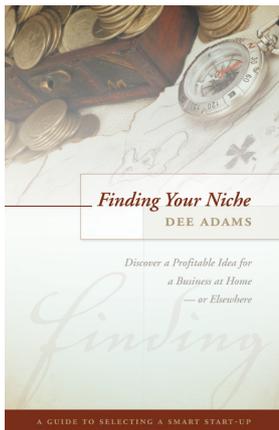
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# Book Revision Update 2016 for

# Finding Your Niche



## New content will include...

1. Nifty work-life balance tips article reprinted from the *San Francisco Chronicle*
2. Top 10 web articles and go-to resources
3. Popular posts from the Niche Creativity blog via links.

And with the arrival of new software last week, revisions on existing content will be completed within two weeks.