

POEM OF THE WEEK

A MÉNAGE OR TWO

Do you understand what a “ménage” is?
I don’t think you comprehend. Why do you say that?
The addition of “or two”? Gotcha! Follow your drift!
A “ménage” by definition refers to three:

“A ménage à trois is a domestic arrangement
and committed relationships with three people
in polyamorous romantic and/or sexual relations
with each other, and often dwelling together.”¹

Yes, got that, Comprendre. I understand.
Your problem is the “or two” when there are three
Fret no longer, the answer is here: a “ménage”
I define it as a singular noun; the “or two” refers to

Multiple “ménage”s. Still confused? I will use “ménage”
As a metaphor. Let us explore. A “ménage”, by definition
Is committed, involves three parties and involves attachment
Look now at our relationships in the modern world

What are we attached to? Technology? Yes. Information?
At our fingertips. Communication? Almost instantaneous
What are the things that are essential to our lives?
Mobile phones, tablets, computers, wi-fi, broadband

What is missing from the equation? A significant other?
Bingo. A “ménage a trois”. That’s our personal life catered for
How about our business life? Technology and I need what?
Work associates, clients, competitors? One or more “ménage”

Style relationships in the making. Leave our expiration there
I live alone and lead a solitary life; it is my choice, until an opportunity
Presents itself. I communicate with the world - via technology
Share poems, am part of communities - thus my sense of inclusion

The third part, also provided by technology, is the ability to express myself
To unload stuff from my brain before it bursts; okay, a bit dramatic
But you get my drift (the river is calm, the jazz is mellow). So, improbable
as it sounds, I’m set up. I have my metaphor. My own “ménage”

But, there’s only one! In metaphors, Do numbers matter?
Am I missing something?

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