

A Working Definition of Aside

Aside the Point

I've seen many bloggers use their resource in various way. Some use it in a very official, essay-like manner. Others use it as a canvas of unstructured, free flowing thought. I think there's a place for both, which is not a conclusion that I've come to easily. Of course, I'd love to use the blog on this site as a well-researched, structured essay-like venue. But time has definitely proven this approach seriously limits my ability to publish much at all. So, instead I am moving to the following overall structure:

1. The well-structured, thought-out material is to be moved to pages designated for that use
2. The blog will move to an Aside format, which I'll define next

Aside the Definition

Aside is an interesting term to me. It indicates communication but in an unofficial and somewhat private sense. It lacks the formality of the podium and the research of a speech. It's more of an informal communication.

Merriam Webster defines it roughly in this way:

1. an utterance not meant to be heard by someone (especially : an actor's speech heard by the audience but supposedly not by other characters)
2. a comment or discussion that does not relate directly to the main subject being discussed (a digression)

This bears the air of insider-like information and the informality between familiars. It can ramble and digress to some extent. It does not bear the air of officiality, research, or exactitude by necessity.

This, to me - feels more blog-like.

Aside: an insider commentary or discussion, not intended to be heard by outsiders and not necessarily related to the main thing

Making it Aside

I'll move the existing essay-like entries to pages and then label existing and future blog posts with this page for reference to maintain clarity of purpose.

I will not consider statements on posts with this label to be things I want to be quoted on or held

