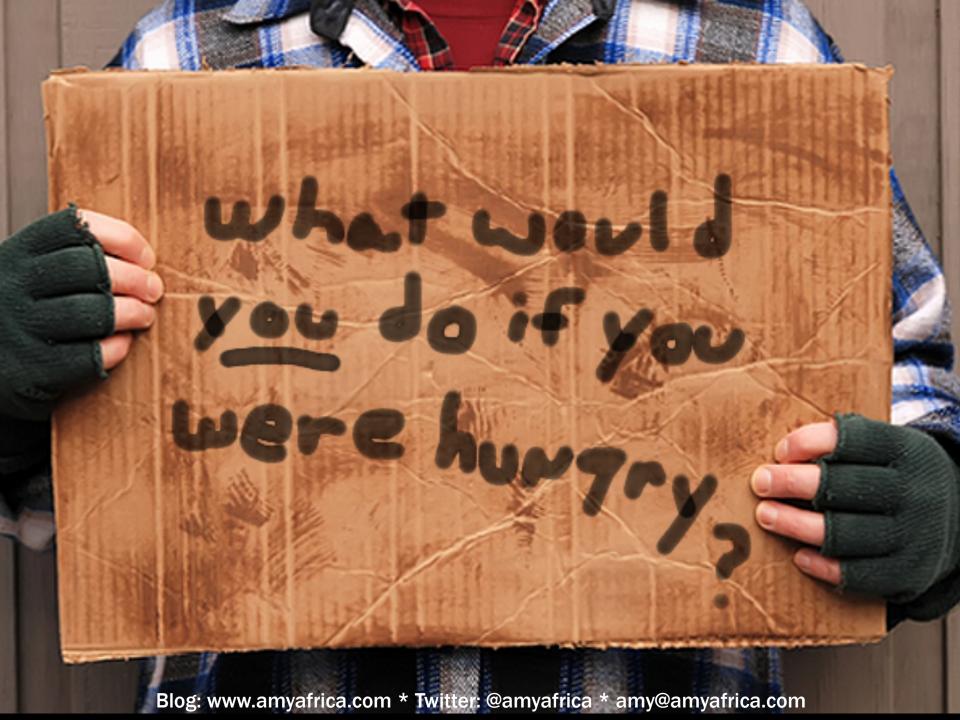




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When your users come to your site, do they see themselves?

Do they see people like them or folks they aspire to be?

Do you "talk" like them?

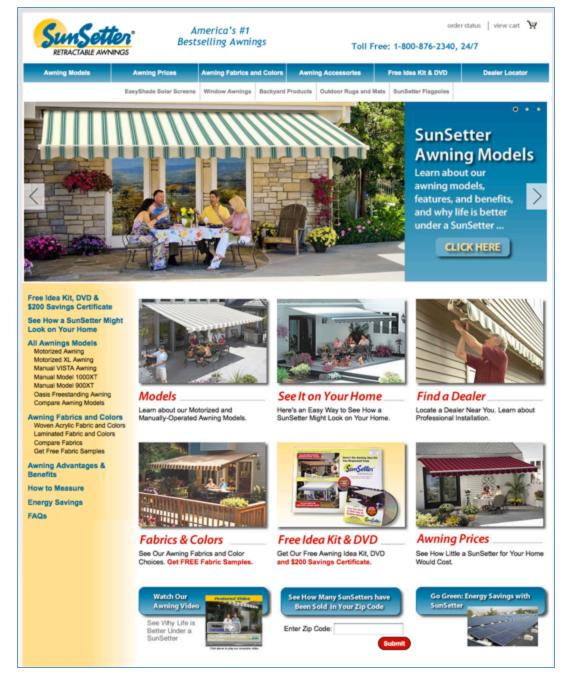
Do you speak their language?





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If someone comes to your site today and then they come back next Tuesday, will it look familiar or will they need to assess it for danger all over again?



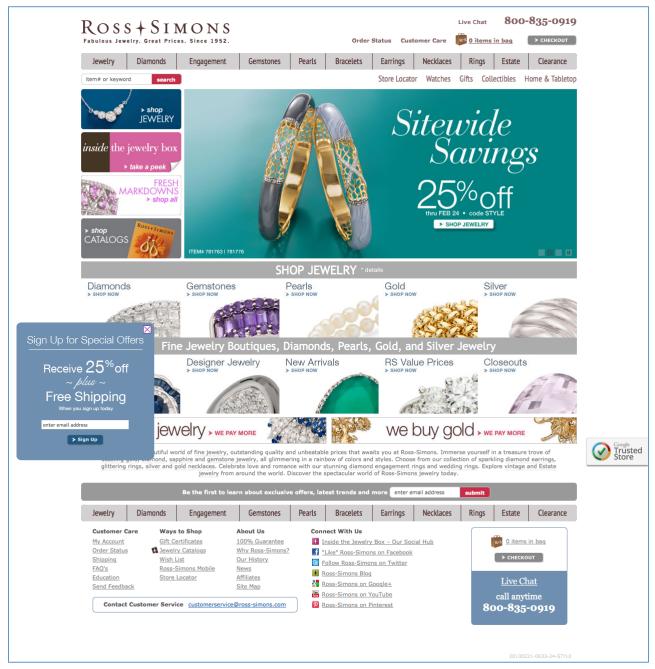
#3. YOU PROCESS BEST IN BLACK AND WHITE

Light/dark. Cold/hot. Fast/slow. Before/after. Hunter/prey.



We're programmed to notice differences and changes in our environment. It's a survival technique.

What are your pattern interrupters? (Makes you think twice about hating pop-ups, eh?)



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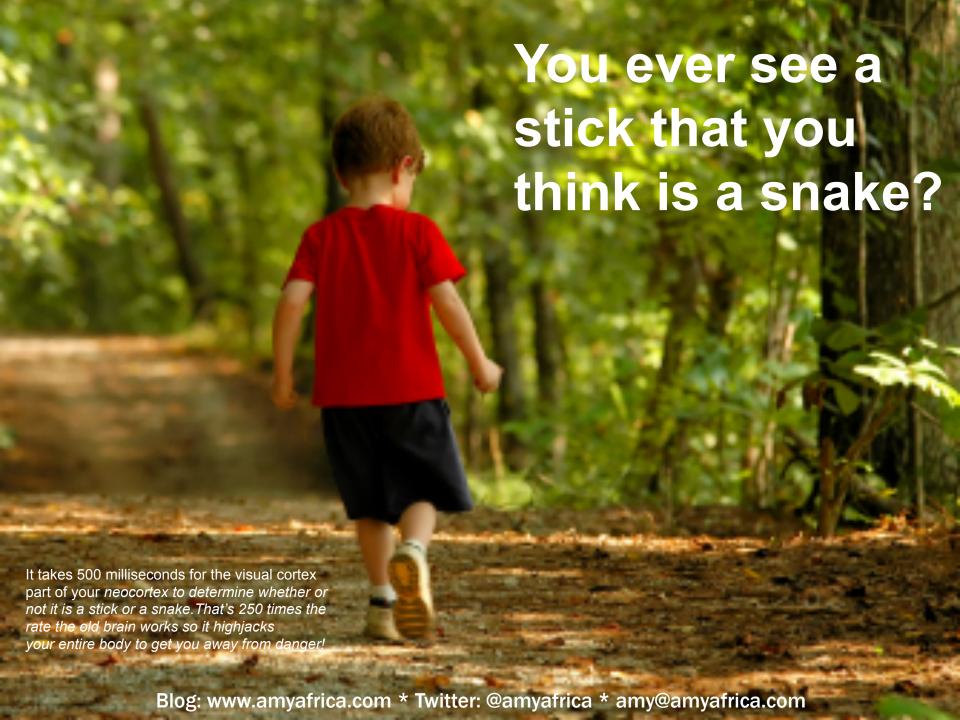


#4. YOU ARE VISUAL

You only think you think. You really just see.

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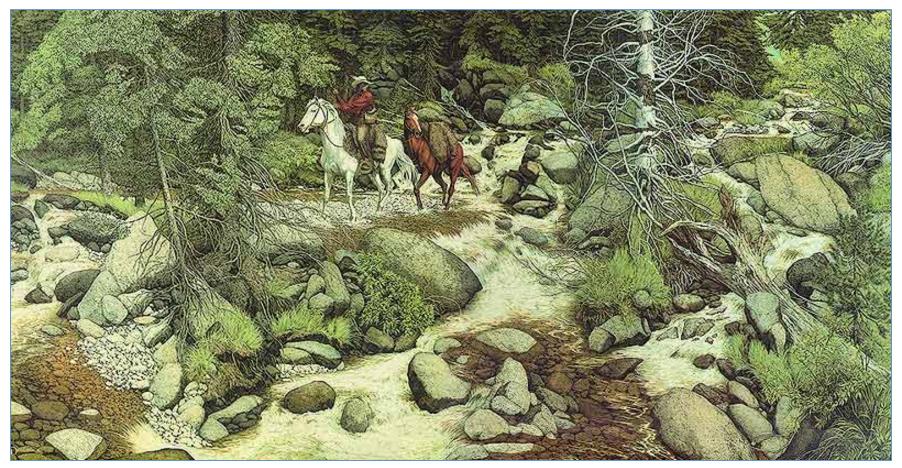
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Do you SEO your site till the cows come home so that you can be ranked #1 in Google only to forget the user who is coming in from Google doesn't see words as much as he sees pictures?



PAREIDOLIA...



You See Faces In Everything...



Pareidolia is our ability to recognize patterns in all objects. It causes us to see Hitler on Mars and the Virgin Mary on toast.



#5. YOU LOOK FOR PATTERNS

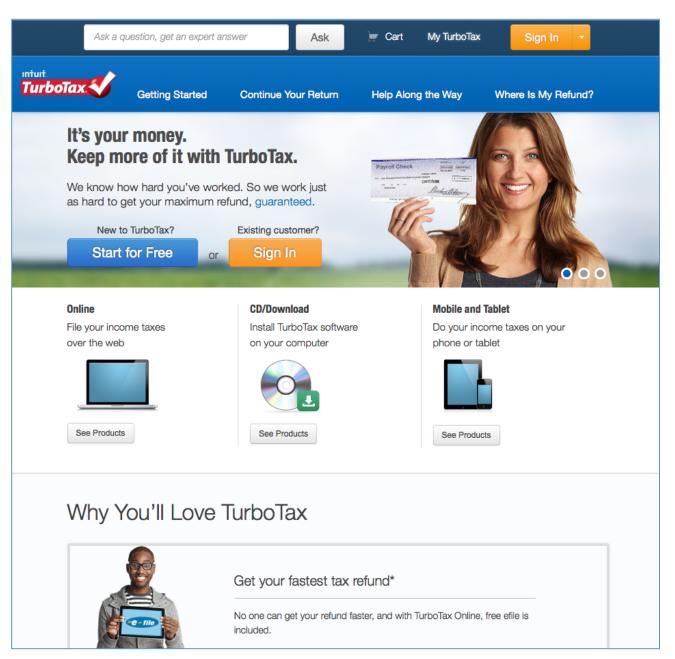
Patterns are safe – not dangerous.

You only need to see something once.

You can't "unsee" something you've seen.

We look for faces. Does your site have them? Do you have pictures of your users or people who look like them?

We also look for patterns. Does your site have patterns? (Hint: this has a lot to do with navigation.)



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What does integrated solution look like?
What about flexible approach?
Revolutionary product?

What words do you use that are meaningless to your users?





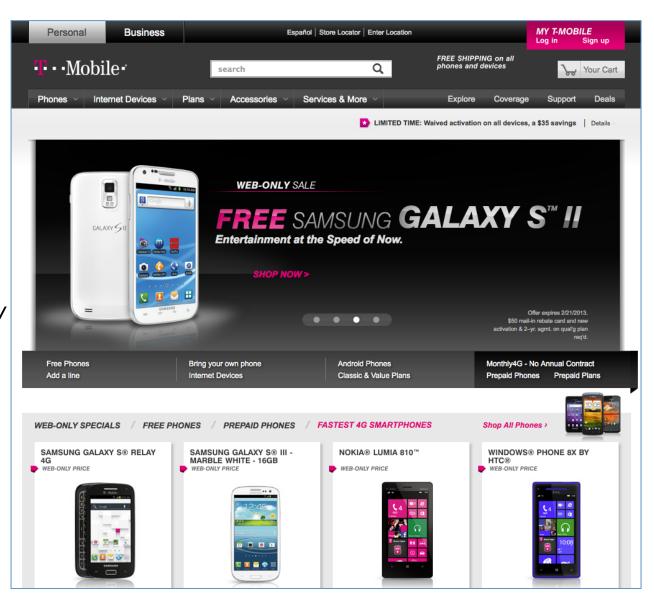
Are you using deadlines?

Deadlines create urgency and they cause users to focus





Efficiency is good except for when it's not. Are your users smart enough to understand the way you present pricing? Discounts? Shipping and delivery?



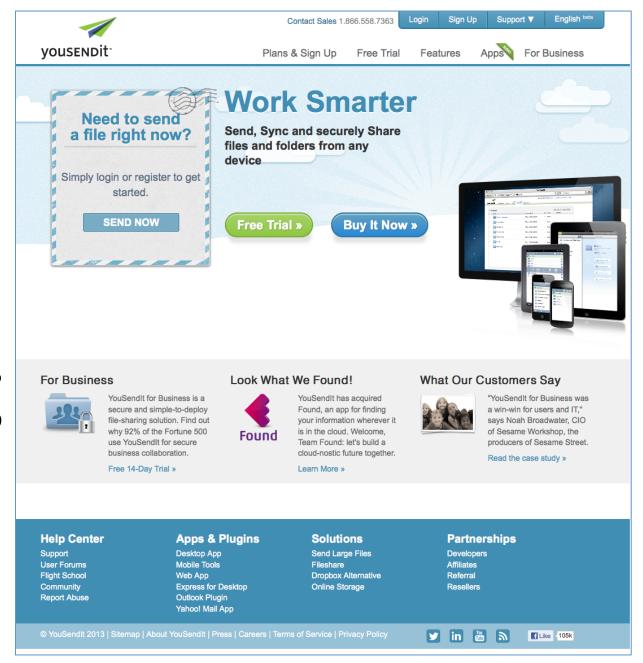
#9. YOU LIKE TO CONNECT THE CAUSE WITH THE EFFECT

(And you act before you think.)

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Our brains don't like random behaviors. We do things in hopes of particular outcomes.

Do you have buttons? How many buttons do you have? Does your site have a perpetual cart/lead form? How many places do you have it?



#10. YOU LIKE WHAT'S FIRST

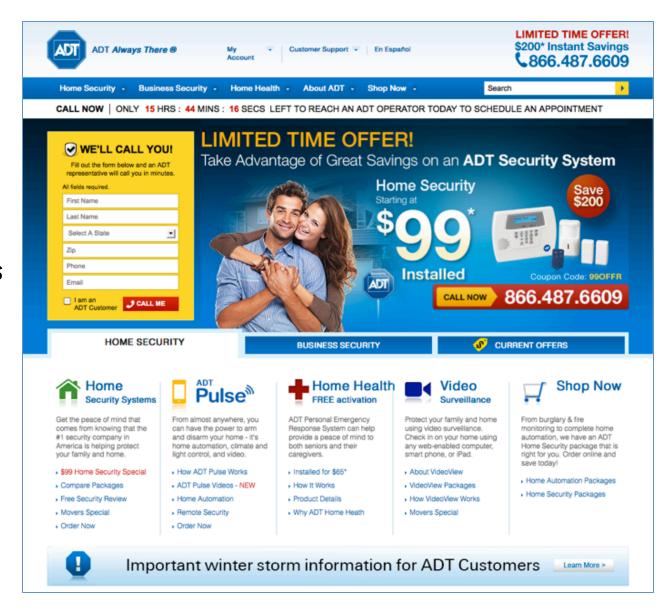
(That's why the whole chicken & egg thing drives you bonkers.)



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Would you bet your house that the first two things that people see are things they'll want to buy?

How are you prioritizing your text search? Are your bestsellers first? Are you focusing on the top 10%?





#12. YOU ARE MORE IMPACTED BY THE FEAR OF LOSS THAN THE POSSIBILITY OF GAIN



What would you do If you were hungry

