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## Binge Thinking Xavier Toby

**People still believe in the stock market and fast food, and that nothing's wrong with the environment. Fewer of us than ever before are pausing to contemplate anything, instead we're busy updating our Facebook and Twitter saying, 'Look at me'. But nobody's looking unless we're naked, famous or covered in vomit. Evolution is going backwards. 'Binge Thinking' is a stand-up comedy show where Xavier Toby tries to figure out why.**

After being overseas for the last few years, Xavier has dinner with three old school friends and their partners.

He's amazed at their poorly considered and selfish views on everything from politics to immigration, sport to terrorism, safe strollers to cars that park themselves. Equally confusing is why the tablecloths have to match the curtains, and anything needs to be drizzled over a steak.

"They brag about investment properties and how smart they all are, and make fun of me for wasting my money on good food, great holidays and really unappreciative women. But I'll be laughing when the environment packs it in, or a virus kills off most of the population. And I get their huge house for three cans of baked beans and two shotgun shells."

A one-man stand-up show where Xavier points out the inconsistencies in everyday society, wondering why we don't read anymore, look up to footballers instead of intellectuals, and trust bankers and stockbrokers at all.

"It's like giving a fat man a big jar of lollies to look after. Then coming back a year later and being surprised when the fat bastard has eaten the lot. Num num num."

Inspired by the comedy of Bill Hicks and George Carlin, Xavier examines the big issues, and how society gets caught up trying to placate the majority instead of solving any problems.

"Think about the environment like a hotel room. If you empty the mini-bar, steal the dressing gown and throw the television out the window, someone's going to have to pay for it."

A stand-up comedian and writer, Xavier's writing has been widely published, and he's previously performed at the Edinburgh Fringe, and the Glasgow and Melbourne Comedy Festivals.

"Achingly funny ... with pitch perfect timing" - Inpress  
"\*\*\*\* Effortlessly funny" - Metro (UK)

### Binge Thinking

#### VENUE

Portland Hotel - The Locker Room  
Cnr Russell & Little Collins St  
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

DATES: 22-25 Sept  
29 Sept - 2 Oct  
and 6 - 9 Oct  
TIME: 6.00pm (60min)

#### TICKETS

Full: \$15.00  
Concession: \$10.00  
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