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**Getting off the Subject**  
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Getting off the subject is a common occurrence in conversation and communication. Of course getting off a horse would be getting off the subject because a horse is a noun, which is called a Subject in English, therefore getting off a horse could be getting off the subject. However, even though the substitution principle allows for that, this article will not. Through the course of this writing, "getting off the subject" shall only concern subjects or topics of discussion.

Still on the subject of getting off the subject, there are several questions that can be raised concerning this human phenomenon. Is it good? Is it bad? Should you? This line of questioning brings up still another question. Do we need the answers?

To find answers, we must analyze. To analyze we must ask questions beyond those present already. Once we find the answers we were analyzing for, we can decide if we need them. If we find that we do not, then was our analysis a waste? Certainly not, for otherwise we could not have known.

Analysis of human nature is necessary in order to improve it. Improvement is progress, and progress is necessary at least to prevent stagnation or regression. Progress is also an ingredient of happiness. But what is happiness?

The answer to that type of question is usually philosophical. Philosophy is what much of this article is comprised of. Philosophy is often profound and confusing, but still necessary. Through philosophy we can really get into a subject.

This article, supposedly on the subject of getting off the subject, has gotten off the subject by getting into it.

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