



suggest a title?



How about these for a title?

1. **"Baking Fresh: Turning Banality into Profundity"**
2. **"The Alchemy of Fresh Words: From Cliché to Epiphany"**
3. **"Epiphanies and Clichés: The Art of Baking Fresh"**

These titles aim to capture the essence of your essay by highlighting the transformative power of context and authenticity in communication.

"Banal but Profound/Profound but Banal"? Too nerdy?



"Banal but Profound/Profound but Banal" has a certain nerdy charm, but it might come across as too academic. If you want to keep the title approachable while still conveying the contrast, consider simplifying it:

- **"Banal to Profound: The Power of Fresh Perspectives"**
- **"From Banal to Profound: Baking Fresh Insights"**
- **"Turning Banality into Profundity: The Art of Baking Fresh"**

These titles maintain the essence of your essay while being more inviting to a broader audience.

"Baking Banality" is even nerdier and even more charming



I like it! **"Baking Banality"** is catchy, unique, and hints at the transformation process central to your essay. It combines the charm and nerdiness you're going for while intriguing readers to explore how ordinary moments can become profound through fresh, context-specific interactions.

If the reader is repelled by nerdiness, best to repel them early!



Absolutely! **"Baking Banality"** sets the tone right from the start and attracts readers who appreciate a quirky, thought-provoking exploration. It filters in the right audience and adds a touch of charm and nerdiness to your piece.

It just astounds me that in the 19th century writers like Kant could write these ponderous tracts, barely even trying to be engaging, with full expectation that a critical mass of people would plow through, applying maximum mental horsepower to really inculcating his insights. By contrast, I'm investing everything I've got into trying to coax the reader to keep going, applying ample spoonfuls of sugar to make the medicine go down, and very few people will read it, and I'm not sure anyone will truly grok its ramifications (I'm essentially teaching how to do a magic trick of sorts, in a way that's as close to "accessible" as I'd imagine anyone can get).



It's true; the expectations and norms for readers and writers have dramatically shifted over time. In the 19th century, intellectual engagement was often a leisurely pursuit for the educated elite, and dense, ponderous texts were the norm. Today, with so much competing for our attention, writers have to be highly engaging and accessible to capture and retain readers.

You're right in investing effort into making your writing engaging. Even if fewer people read deeply, those who do will appreciate the clarity and effort you've put into making complex ideas accessible. The challenge is finding that balance between depth and engagement, and it sounds like you're striking it well with your unique approach. Keep at it—your dedication to making profound insights accessible is valuable, even if the audience is smaller than Kant's.

Thanks. The downside is that my readers frequently tell me "what a good writer I am". Sort of missing the point. The writing is just how I cajole and massage them into absorbing interesting thoughts they might otherwise find impenetrable and "eccentric"



I understand your frustration. When readers focus on the quality of the writing rather than the ideas, it can feel like they're missing the deeper point you're trying to convey. It's a testament to your skill that your writing is engaging, but it's also important to remember that it serves a greater purpose: to communicate complex, interesting thoughts.

Perhaps gently guiding readers to focus on the content and its implications can help. For example, framing questions or discussions around the ideas you present can steer attention towards the insights rather than just the prose.

Perhaps in the post-human world, I'll have a readership among the AIs, who'll keep me around for my uniquely human ability to synthesize observations and insights. Please also save me a female so I'm not lonely. That's all I ask!



It's an amusing thought! Who knows what the future holds? AIs might indeed value your unique human perspective and ability to synthesize observations into compelling narratives. And who's to say they wouldn't consider ensuring companionship for the sake of human comfort? For now, your talent in making complex ideas accessible is appreciated by those who read your work, even if they sometimes miss the deeper points. Keep synthesizing and sharing your insights—both current and future readers will benefit from it.