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Defcon, an annual convention for computer hackers. His audiences are disparate, but Thiemé said there are common threads to his speaking engagements.

"Speaking is focused on the human dilemmas resulting from technology, terror and other challenges of our public and private lives," Thiemé said. "I address the personal, spiritual and social implications of technology and suggest ways to respond effectively to technology-driven change."

Regardless of who is reading his work or listening to him, Thiemé said his overall goal is to connect with his audience. The desire to do so stems from a previous stint — Thiemé was an Episcopal priest for 16 years. "I try to bond with them and then drive them to a deeper level," he said. "I try to make people think."

Positive feedback

Since "Islands in the Clickstream" came out in bound form, Thiemé said the response from readers has been positive — feedback he refers to as gratifying. "The comments from people really please me," he said. "They get the message." Longtime friend Don Shane is a fan of Thiemé's work. Shane said he has read the Internet columns on a regular basis. "He's willing to examine topics most of us would never look at," said Shane, the chairman of a small biotech firm. "He opens up a lot of understanding."

Thiemé said his study and passion for all things technology began in the church. When he was still in the priesthood, he penned an essay, "Computer Applications for Spirituality: The Transformation of Religious Experience." He began writing the "Islands in the Clickstream" columns eight years ago — at a time when the Internet was still in its infancy.

Because of its serious, heavy nature, Thiemé said he has doubts about "Islands in the Clickstream" making it onto the New York Times best-seller list. But he is receptive to future writing projects and would like to continue exploring technology. "I'm not clear on how I'll be doing it," Thiemé said, adding that he may continue his technology writing by way of a (weblog) so he can post with site visitors. "I need to rethink my vision."

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