

moral perspectives

Rev. David Strong

Summer is a time to soak up love, life

Most of us go on extended vacations during the summer. We go to a cabin where there is no telephone and no newspapers, and usually no television. Whether we have television depends upon the space being available in the car, and our youngest son remembering that he has to request that it be fit into the car.

During the week or two we are gone, the world goes on but we are unaware for the most part of what is happening. I used to feel guilty that we didn't get the news while on vacation. Now I think that we need respite from the world and its troubles.

When we return from vacation, I read through a pile of newspapers and magazines. It takes almost a day to catch up.

TWO THINGS occur to me on such occasions. It is good to have the time apart. We need the relief from the bombardment of the news of the world. A study of world religions indicates that religion plays an important part in helping us to phase in and out of involvement. We retreat from the world. This may mean we go fishing, or for a walk in the woods. Best of all we do not even plan that we are going to do, we let the spirit move us.

This phase of rest, meditation, sitting and soaking it in, is very necessary to our well being. This is the phase of life in which we can be and not have to do. It is a time for being ourselves. We can forget for a time our roles and responsibilities.

The Grubb Institute in London, England calls this the theory of oscillation. At home and on the job, we pay attention to the tasks which need to be done. We are producers, judged by what we accomplish.

AT THE OTHER pole of oscillation we can simply be ourselves. One weekend we invited several couples to get together for a weekend of just "being." There were no trips or activities planned. Meal preparation was at a minimum and shared by all. It was difficult, to resist organizing our time. We need such times to overcome the pressures to produce and plan life. It is time to just let the world go by.

I also wonder whether the world would be any different if I had read those newspapers every day. We may consume information, but it may not make any difference.

A minister once decided that every sermon he preached should encourage response to his sermons. He gave these sheets the title, "What then shall we do?"

THERE ARE times when we need such prodding. There are other times when we need to tell ourselves, "It's OK not to do anything at this time." The most important element in life, love, is in essence doing nothing. You love someone and there are times when there is nothing you can do but love them.

Summer may well be the time to learn about our need to do nothing, just be. It is a time to soak up life. It is a time to receive the gifts which are freely given. There are rare moments to be open to the gift that may come. This is part of what religion is all about.

gerontology

A. Jolayne Farrell

Dissatisfied mother makes visits difficult

Dear Jo:

My mother is being cared for in a nursing home that is over 100 miles from our home. I try to visit her weekly.

My problem is not so much the driving to and from the home, but the poor reception I get from her when I arrive. She complains about everything such as her health, her treatment at the home (which is very good really) her friendless and loveless state. . . I am so often the target of her complaints.

As far as she is concerned, I can do absolutely nothing right. This is so much more stressful for me because we used to be such good friends. I am her only child, and over the years we have spent a lot of time together and they were good times.

Lately I am finding the visits so difficult that I put them off sometimes for days and receive even a worse welcome.

My husband and children are supportive, but are seldom free to accompany me on my visits.

I am open to any advice that you could give me as to how to improve the time spent with my mom.

Mrs. B.

Dear Mrs. B.:

I think the key to a more pleasant relationship with your mom is careful planning of your visits.

Think back to what the two of you used to do together, i.e. lunches out, movies, etc., and then start doing them again. Most nursing home residents enjoy a few hours away from the home.

You may want to bring photographs, particularly of her grandchildren to the visits and leave them with her to "show off" to the other residents who, hopefully, will become her new friends. Also she might enjoy tape recordings, or letters from the children.

Once in a while bring along a friend to enjoy a day out with your mom. Lastly, try not to arrive empty handed. A bottle of wine, some candy, fruit, a best selling novel, the latest magazine, all help to promote a happier, positive attitude.

Good luck.

Dear Jo:

What is the name of the condition that affects young children causing them to age prematurely? Is it something new and how long do these children live?

Mr. H.

Dear Mr. H.:

The condition is referred to as a premature aging syndrome or progeria. To our readers who are not familiar with this rarely occurring condition in children, it presents signs and symptoms of aging such as hair loss, wrinkled skin, prominent forehead, recessed chin and certain chronic diseases associated with aging as during the first year of life.

The symptoms of progeria were first described in the medical literature in 1904, so, no it is not something new. Unfortunately, children with this condition rarely live beyond their 16th birthday.

U-M has midwife service

The University of Michigan Women's Hospital now offers pregnant women delivery by nurse midwives as an alternative to the traditional physician-assisted birth.

"Our new U-M Nurse Midwifery Service provides complete hospital-based, family-centered maternity care — including prenatal, labor and delivery, and post partum follow-up — under the direction of a certified nurse midwife," said Nurse Marge Canoy, assistant director of nursing for Women's/Holten Hospitals.

"In addition to being a registered nurse with master's degrees in maternal-child health nursing, our midwives have full resources of our physicians staff should complications arise during pregnancy or delivery."

THE SERVICE, available at only

two other hospitals in Michigan, has been designed to serve women with normal pregnancies, according to Roberta Crosby, one of two nurse midwives on the U-M staff.

"We encourage each patient and her family to participate fully in the prenatal care and delivery," Crosby said, "and we will spend a considerable amount of time with each patient, with the emphasis on education. We also will remain with the women throughout labor, no matter how long it takes, and perform the delivery."

The formal initiation of the service followed a two-year pilot program at Women's Hospital.

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