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CATS!

Stephen Hassler

I believe that people who like cats generally make good, loyal friends. I try to keep track. There may be some people who like cats and are disloyal, but not many. There is a group of people of whom I used to be suspicious; people who don't like cats. How can one not admire an animal so independent, proud, and at times, mystical? Some people have detected that disliking cats puts them in a negative light, so they say they are "allergic to cats". I'm a little bit allergic to cats, so I know that it happens, but I still like cats. Some people come right out and say they don't like cats. I appreciate honesty, but their confessions sound boastful, as in not liking cold mornings, or Brussels sprouts.

I'm not sure of the reason for this unfortunate condition in some people. The reputation of cats being superior or independent might be something to envy. Perhaps people lacking in those virtues just can't handle the negative vibes and they feel threatened. Or they see no use for living things that can't be captured, dominated, or ordered around. And what seems to bother them more, is that cats seem to know! And that makes a cat seem even more annoying around some people. Especially if the cat goes directly to the person and rubs against their legs. I learned recently that this could be a cat's desire to "heal" the person, but maybe they don't want to be "healed"; at least, not that way. So is the cat being empathetic or just rubbing salt in the wound? I guess it depends on which side you're on.

So I pity my friends who are annoyed by cats. Those same feline actions that are annoying to them are pleasurable to others, me included. I consider it a compliment when a stranger's cat jumps up and reclines in my lap.

Note that if you are an acquaintance or friend of mine who dislikes cats, please take this article lightly. We all are who we are and can never understand each other completely, but if you are one of those humans who dislike cats, let's save us each some fuss and bother; be nice, unless you want me to call, "Here, kitty, kitty!"

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Vibrating with light, the October sky is a deep, azure pool of air, rising high into the outer edge of the earthly atmosphere. Gone is the smothering summer blanket of heat and haze that has smudged the distance, and in its place is a clarity of detail that draws sharp edges around objects that are miles away. Sounds are sharp and clear, carrying for miles, until they float to the ground, and we know that those who ride the wind are saying goodbye to their summer lives.

PASSING THROUGH

Highways in the air are busy, with so many migrations moving from summer to winter, here to there, from now to tomorrow. Flitters of monarchs are sailing on delicate wings that somehow survive the journey to Mexico, except when they don't. Then they become front end ornaments on vehicles. Pelicans are like ships, sailing together in graceful loops, catching the sun and then throwing it back in white flashes. Tiny birds, with big voices, come in groups, and never stop chattering. The waxwings will stop for berries, if winter doesn't hit them really early. Cardinal kids are still filling out their sets of feathers, waiting for winter that will be a big surprise, after balmy days. Turkey vultures gather in giant spirals, waiting to go south together on the river thermals. Soon the sky will fill with the rushing of thousands of wings, as geese and ducks race in front of winter to find safe haven far from the northern breeding grounds, spurring themselves on with plaintive voices that echo through the daylight and the longer and longer nights of autumn.

Poetry by Devon Adams

SIDEWAYS

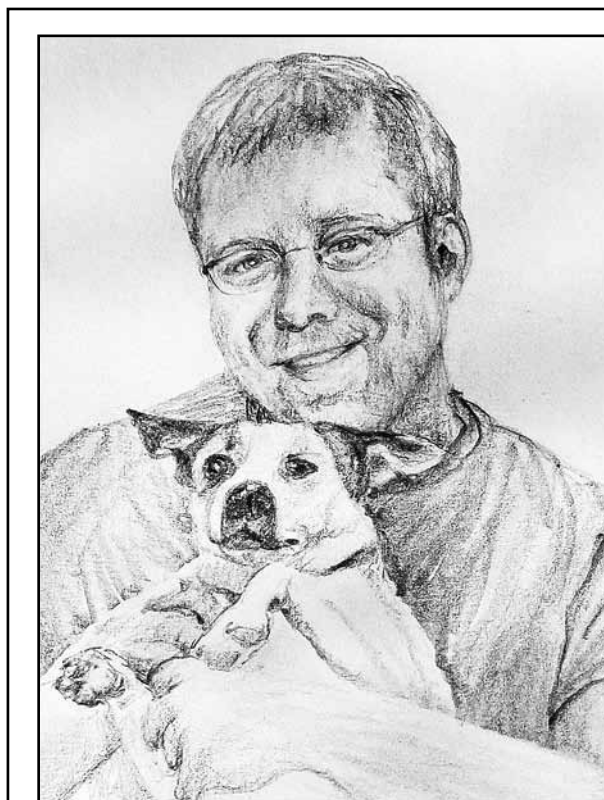
Sometimes problems are like walls: too high to climb, and too thick to demolish. The harder you think, the less you know. Using your head as a bulldozer to move a mountain just gives you a headache. So you have to sneak around the road block inside your head, and come at it from angles. Instead of concentrating only on the issue, put it aside for awhile and do something you like. Shift your energy to unconscious gear and trust the twists and turns of brain tissue to do their computer trick and make some connections you hadn't thought about. Come at your problem sideways, using peripheral vision, noticing elements you ignored before. You'll wake up in the dead of night, or when you're running on a trail, or fishing, or cooking, or reading, and a solution will be staring at you, as if it is a ghost that came alive.

BEFORE THE FALL

Time remains, before the fall, to savor summer's softness. Leaves are speaking with dry throats, but their green life will soon bleed out in gaudy colors too extravagant to last. Cool blades of grass invite a body to recline and inhale the last of the green before a hard frost brings autumn scents. Low fogs wrap mornings in chilly dew, as giant river bucks patrol the trails and scrape velvet off their racks of antlers. Lightning flashes into rolls of thunder, as the last storms drag their cumulous mountains across the plains. One morning soon, dawn will be full of ice, and July memories won't be enough to keep the cold out of your bones.

SILENT LIVES

In the peaceful garden, the colors may be loud but the plants are mute. Flowers and vegetables change as they grow, but they seem to have no voices. Wind shakes leaves and petals and branches and grass, as weather runs around the clock of the seasons, but without such manipulation, the stillness of vegetation persists. Perhaps there is a conversation taking place just beneath the level of human comprehension. Are there tribal tongues being spoken? Can trees hear what sunflowers say, or do stalks of corn debate with fields of beans about what the creeping vines believe? We hear animals speak, but couldn't write their words, even if we understood them. So, are there secrets hiding in the silence?



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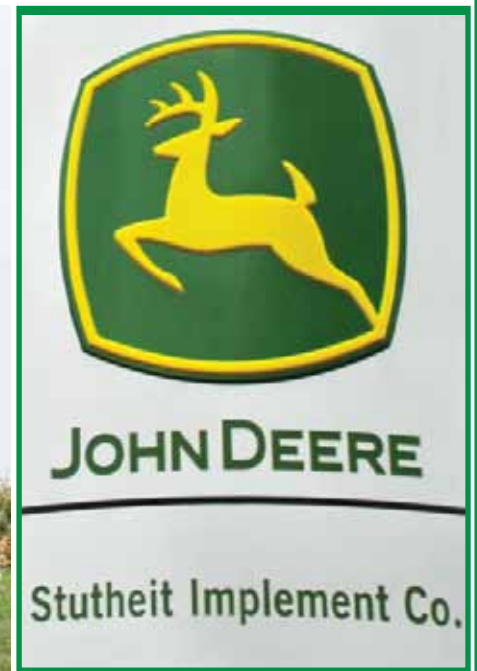
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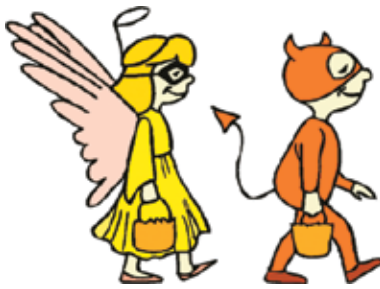


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Marilyn Woerth

The earth turns on its axis, its orbit sways closer and then further away from the sun, turning, and turning. A change is in the air as there always is this time of the year; a shift in light, temperature. These changes are always there when the seasons segue from one into the next much like our lives.

There is a song that melodically vibrates within my being, a memory, a soft whisper that could well be the theme song of all humanity with every animal, the great oceans, the purple mountains majesty, the chemistry of the breath we inhale and all the celestial organisms that surround us into the depth of the known and unknown. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

In the late 1950's, the great singer, song writer Pete Seeger adapted the words from the Bible, The Book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3 into a song. By 1962, this song was set to music and several groups lovingly performed it. In 1965, the gentle soft voices of a folk band The Byrds brought it to popularity, the song "Turn, Turn, Turn".

My husband has retired...for the second time. I know that this is becoming an all too familiar statement for many retired employees. My stepfather was called back by his former employer to help finesse his newly hired replacement and to fill in some gaps his leaving had created. But he was home with my mother every night. Not so was my reality.

In my husband's case, after 40 plus years of marriage and a three month retirement under his belt he moved into an apartment 2 ½ hours away from our home. He would work for four days and then come home for three. For the past twenty-two months, this is how our lives have turned. Recently, we cleaned his apartment and moved him back, back to our home where I will begrudgingly share him sparingly.

When I was a new bride now forty-four years ago, my life was turned up-side down when my husband's draft number was drawn, number 32. He joined the Navy and our life became an adventure. After eight years, and two sons he exchanged his Navy uniform (loved him in his uniform) for civies (civilian clothes) and reentered the work-force. And our family life turned once more. Idaho was a beautiful state and our sons thrived as did our love. But there were also challenges that help shape and strengthen us yet there was always that tug at our heart strings of family and home. Almost thirty years ago, we moved to our present home, back to our family, state, and the football team we loved. We have never looked back.

Outside my front door there is a sidewalk that leads to a few steps that go down into our driveway, as we live on the side of a hill. When my knees were replaced Steve added a hand rail to help me up the stairs. The area around the steps has plantings of Autumn Joy sedum, Early Amethyst' Beautyberry bush with its tiny purple berries and on the rail itself the white flowering Sweet Autumn Clematis that perfumes the air with a gardenia type of scent. By itself the railing would be stark, uneventful, but with the plantings the area becomes so inviting.

As with our marriage, without our rich, ever changing past that we have lived and grown though, our lives would be uneventful, unadorned. Now as we segue once again into our next season, a season of hope, love and dreams, we will once again find our time under the heavens. We embrace it, seek it, for it fills our hearts and souls with all that there is as we turn, turn, turn. So thankful that we still live and retire every night where life is good.

Photography & Poetry by Carol Carpenter



Red-winged Blackbird at Holmes Lake

An extraordinarily bad host
no invitation to sit
no biscuits or tea
pestering the tall, quiet gentleman
with the yellow eyes and long nose
to step away from his house
to move away from the front door.

While chaperoning his wife and too many
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dressed in black flashing
his scarlet epaulets
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out from under the willow tree
into the sunlight, his wrathful hiss
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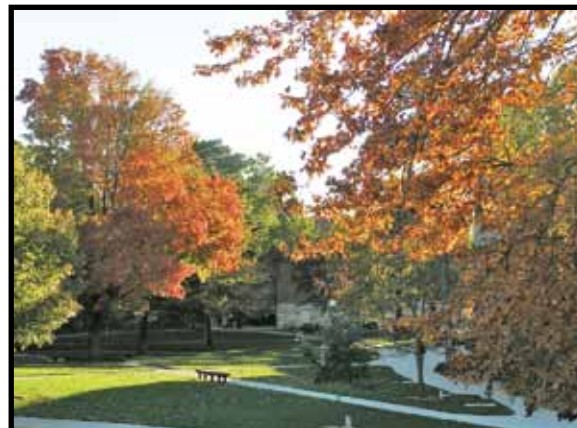
Indian Summer

North wind breathes
over blond prairie grass

Nestled on Mother's warm lap
I gaze overhead at a perfect sky,
deep azure, amber light
blessed by October.

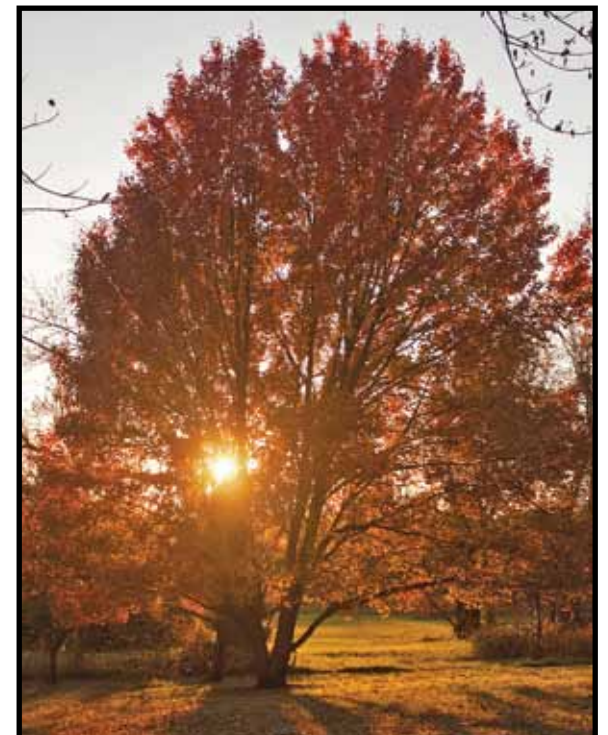
Big bluestem sings softly;
sunlight ripples,
spilling across russet blades.

When day shuffles off to bed
I wrap myself in a blanket
of wild oats and Indian grass
while a Great Horned Owl
beckons up the stars.



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Alzheimer's Affects Us All



Dementia Care: When the Child Must Become the Parent

By Lee Nyberg

You may have noticed a few changes in your parent, such as forgetting the rules of a game you've played together since childhood. You might have been surprised when your mother clearly did not remember you visited just yesterday. You may have been a little shocked that you needed to tell her it was the 4th of July and too hot to wear a heavy coat. Maybe you were startled when looking at herself, she asked, "Who is the woman in the mirror?"

Many people with dementia deny they need support. Sometimes adult children choose to overlook warning signs in a parent's behavior. Living alone compounds the problem, dramatically increasing the chances for self-neglect and dangerous behavior. If a parent fiercely resists help, adult children must change both their approach and role in the relationship. The child must become the parent, for safety's sake.

Admit there is a need for help. A pile of unpaid bills lurks as a classic sign of a problem. Becoming forgetful is not normal aging. Check out this list; "Know the 10 Signs," at Alz.org and evaluate whether the changes you've seen in your parent are impairing daily functioning. Encourage your parent to have testing done to rule out reversible dementia which might be due to: a vitamin b-12 deficiency, a thyroid condition, a toxic reaction to medication, depression, alcoholism, or fluid or clots on the brain.

Find out as much as you can about your parent's legal and financial situation. At the very least, learn the location of legal and financial documents and bank accounts, safety deposit boxes/keys and passwords. Your parent needs both legal and medical Powers of Attorney; without them, you will need to establish guardian and conservatorship before you can legally take over. Dementia is a progressive disease and your parent's need for care will grow.

Learn to live with your parent's insistence that no help is needed, even if she becomes angry and difficult. Your parent is trying to maintain control. Total control has been forever lost to dementia. Avoid attempting to reason with your parent and disengage from arguments. Be as respectful as possible, preserving her dignity. "I am sorry, I know this is hard," is a very useful phrase. Remember your goal is her safety, not her friendship.

Establish rules and limits. These often begin with a parent ceding financial tasks to the adult child. In early to middle dementia, you may need to insist on keeping the pantry and refrigerator stocked and taking your parent's car keys. As dementia progresses, 24-hour memory care will be required, whether in-home or facility-based.

This new role is not an easy one for many adult children. The stress and anxiety of dementia care are magnified when a parent has a difficult personality, and treats those around her in a demanding and domineering fashion, all the while being unable to live independently. Remember, you are not the only person who can provide this support. From the start, share these duties with siblings, friends and professional caregivers. Seek help before you become ill or depressed. Know you're doing the best you can; you're working to keep your parent as safe as possible.

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