

Yesterday's Birthday Thoughts

Yesterday was my birthday, and I took the day off. For most of the day, I was at my favorite coffee shop (beer and wine too) called JoJo's Rise and Wine. It's a great place. When you come to Burnsville, Minnesota we'll have coffee here together.

Anyway, I want to talk about my birthday. You know, a person really can't hide from their birthday. I mean, yesterday I heard it everywhere I went. Of course, these days, "I went" includes Facebook. Those birthday wishes came from everywhere. They were from my town, my state, all over the USA and from every corner of the globe. Wow!

My first thought was that clearly I am very lucky and I am blessed. Yes, I am blessed to be living during these times, and that my journey has taken me to meet so many wonderful people. These are things I didn't plan. They just happened, and I wouldn't change anything even if I could.

Now here's the point. With these kinds of blessings, how can a person not look to the future without a smile? How do you fall asleep at night when you're so excited by what tomorrow will bring? We live during a time like none other. There are so many good things going on. There is so much opportunity. At every turn, and everywhere we look, there is a chance for all of us to reach our potential, and for each of us to strive toward fulfilling our passion. Even today as I breathe the sweet air of the present, I am filled with excitement as I imagine a future that will come true for all of us in a way that is special for each of us.

This brings to mind something I read not too long ago. I don't know who the author is or was, but it is meaningful. They wrote, "The youth of your life must outlive the length of your life." Yesterday, on my birthday as I thought of this sentence, and the optimism it contains, I decided I would say it differently. I would say, "Because the youth of your life can be eternal at your own choosing, you can thereby choose to live for a long time." So let's choose correctly!

Guys, I don't know about you, but I want to hang around for the New Year's celebration in 2200. Wouldn't that be great? Just think about what we can accomplish between now and then. OK, so let's get it done!

Yes, it was a very Happy Birthday.

Thanks everyone!!

Dave

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