

A Language for the Spiritual Landscape by Drayton and Taber

Yesterday morning we enjoyed breakfast at Cafe Loco with one of our representatives to the Vermont legislature, one Michelle Bos-lun. I'm amazed and pleased at the hard work of that good body to which she awaits re-election. They and the rest of us await good legislative and societal answers to so much: homelessness, health care, racism, financial equity and fairness for all, and they are all waiting the good answers to be worked out and arise. We all await that, and want God's good guidance to help us work through it all. The little bit on waiting and time quoted from below struck a chord for me.

It is Saturday afternoon. Now on to working on a sermon as if it is worth working on even if it is not up to my standards. So sharing that and the bit below.

On "waiting", if waiting is to be an opening for spiritual growth, it "should not be seen as primarily a search for relaxation and "recharging," but as an encounter with the living God. “

“Time is one of the most sacred resources we have. As Frances Taber wrote: 'Filling the time is in truth the real danger we face as a religious society. It is a problem endemic to our age. " We can respond most directly, and most radically, by finding ways to reclaim time and inward attention. In doing so, remember that anything worth doing is worth doing badly (not up to our envisioned standards) - at first. Learning from mistakes is a productive path forward, as any artist or scientist knows. - if we keep our eye on the goal, 'failure' can be a productive discipline.”

A couple of quotes and notes from "A Language for the Spiritual Landscape" by Drayton and Taber (Tract Association of Friends, 2015,p. 21)