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## Realms, virtues and spirituality

Posted by linsi - 2008/04/25 20:05

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Noticing several inspirational posts from forumers  
which is about love, spiritual song lyrics and even quotes

let us create a room and fill it up  
with something different from politics  
:laugh:

because man is not only a politician  
he has a "soft side" of intangibility.

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## Re:Realms, virtues and spirituality

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The name Asia in The Book of Revelations  
posted by Wise 2 months, 1 week ago-

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Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the word of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein:  
for the time is at hand.

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace and peace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which is to come; and from the seven spirits which are before his throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the begotten from the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (Rev chapter 1 vs 3-6)

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## Re:Realms, virtues and spirituality

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What are the causes of war  
posted by Billy- 5 months, 2 weeks ago-

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What are the causes of war?

What are the causes of war? It is a question that has often been asked in the past, and which will be asked in the future also. For war is a plague; Martin Luther said, "War is the greatest plague that can afflict humanity; it destroys religion, it destroys states, it destroys families. Any scourge is preferable to it."

The world war since 1914 plus innumerable lesser ones, and now the growing fear of a third world war which will make all former ones look like moderate skirmishes have destroyed the cushy optimism of world peace.

Modern war incorporates the harshness of human aspiration and degradation. Conditions that demand an utter disregard for the value of human life and blind indifference to suffering may be associated with excessive selfishness and courage. Greed, barbarism, totalitarian oppression, domination and submission, cowardice and bravery, self-interest, and self-denial are among the emotions, sentiments, and attitudes of war.

To different people war may have different meanings. To some it is a plague which ought to be eliminated; to some a mistake which should be avoided; to others, a crime which ought to be punished; to still others, it is an anachronism which no longer serves any purpose. On the other hand, there are some who take a more receptive attitude towards war

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and regard it as an adventure which may be interesting, an apparatus which may be useful, a procedure which may be legitimate and appropriate, or a condition of existence for which one must be prepared. There is a diversity of emphasis on different causes of war. Military nationalists have used old metaphysical arguments for war. Conflict between states, it has been said in both ancient and contemporary writings, is a manifestation of a universal principle of existence. Supporters of war bring in historical, biological, and ethical reasons for war. They maintain that, from the beginning of recorded history, the fundamental interest of different political communities have been in opposition, and with the advance of civilisation, wars have continued to increase rather than diminish in scope and intensity. There is always contention for survival and dominance between the more and the less civilised nations, and the struggle will continue to take the form of armed strife, defensive, and aggressive. The biological-historical case for war has drawn support from a few distinguished scientists Ernest Haeckel contended that egoism, which he characterised as a universal biological law, maintained itself in human society in a sort of racial cannibalism. The earth, he said, has insufficient resources for all the racial groups that appear upon its surface. The weaker groups perish not only through their incapacity to compete effectively in the common struggle for the inadequate supply of the means of life but also through their inability to defend themselves against conquest and ultimate annihilation by the stronger groups. Some writers also exalt war for its direct cultural, moral, and ethnic benefits. There are people who say that innate nature of man as well as certain psychological traits has a bearing on war-like behaviour. Man is endowed with an innate urge or instinct to dominate. The others say that cultural and ideological differences cause it. Still others think that nationalism, colonialism and militarism have been important elements in many wars. There are also economic causes of war. The economic theory of war means that in a satanic thirst for economic gain munitions makers-"merchants of death," and capitalists, provoke wars in order to profit by the blood of human beings. War arises because of the changing relations of numerous variables--technological, psychic, social, and intellectual. There is no single cause of war. Peace is equilibrium among many forces. Change in any particular force, trend, movement, or policy may at one time make for war, but under other conditions a similar change may make for peace. A state may at one time promote peace by armament, at another time by disarmament, at one time by insistence on its rights, at another time by spirit of conciliation. Whatever might have been the causes of war there is no denying the fact that war is a curse to humanity. It has brought about untold misery, devastation, and degradation to millions of people. There is no evidence that wars are necessary and inevitable consequences of nature as such. The greatest problem to the world today are leaders who regard war as inevitable, and thus prepare their people for armed conflict to kill and get killed. War is at best barbarism...Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell!

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#### Resource Box

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FROM THE ARCHIVE OF Billy I Ahmed

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## Re:Realms, virtues and spirituality

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I CAN DIE FOR NEW CREATION RELIGION. 1 Month, 3 Weeks ago Karma: 2

posted by wise  
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My greatest quest in life is to know a God that IS LOVE and my findings in life tells me that GOD has shared is love abroad in our heart through the HOLY GHOST. THE STORY OF IS REDEMPTION for humanity is a perfect one .I choose this religion with a message of (love realities )which JESUS CHRIST is the source and founder of that life. WELL, my BIBLE DID NOT TELL ME THAT IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST HE IS A CHRISTIAN...HA HA. BUT IT QUOTES "now therefore if any man be in Christ he is a NEW CREATION." this is the only religion that outstands discrimination. "there is no jew no greek but a NEW CREATION." I CAN DIE FOR LOVE REALITIES the religion that begins from the 5th

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DIMENSION. ( THIS IS THE Gospel according to saint raim aka pst raim) to friends who share like faith or might practise this religion in nearest future on Asia Observer.

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## Re:Realms, virtues and spirituality

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I hide myself in thee-2 days 6 hours ago-  
posted by Miramar

I would like to share some of the good news. Some words from one of my favorite songs.

Lord you are my hiding place  
Come now and cover me  
You are my safety  
Wind storms are raging, surrounding me

With songs of deliverer, come and surround me now

I hide myself in thee  
I hide myself in thee.....Oh Lord  
I hide myself in thee  
I hide myself in thee

That word says...  
Dear oh lord that shield above me  
You're my glory, you're the lifter of my head  
He who dwells in the shelter of the most high of the rest, in the shadow of the almighty.  
He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge  
His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart  
You will not fear the terror of night nor the arrows that fly by day  
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you, in all your ways  
The lord will watch over you, coming and going, both now and forever more.

Isn't that good news ?

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## Re:Realms, virtues and spirituality

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A Happy Marriage Possible? By: David C. Pack 6 Months ago Karma: 25

posted by zia--

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How many truly happy married couples do you know?—and are you even sure of these? Is your marriage happy? Are you enjoying the life you anticipated? Statistics suggest the answer is probably “No.”

Most married people are unhappy—with many a virtual study in misery. They have no idea what to do about it or where to turn for answers. Millions stumble along, bouncing off one marital problem into another, never knowing how to address them—let alone solve them!

Married life has been the brunt of endless jokes, where traditional conduct and the roles of husbands and wives are ridiculed—and depicted as a bondage that only foolish people enter. Many equate marriage to surrendering their “freedom” to a lesser, unhappy state of existence.

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Others choose to marry, sincerely believing they will find perfect bliss—they will “live on love”—only to discover that true happiness is far from automatic. Some even conclude, often within days, that marriage was the worst decision of their life.

Sadly, so many enter marriage with no understanding, no preparation, no training and no idea of how to achieve a lifetime of happiness with their chosen partner. Many couples spend far more time planning for a one-day wedding than for the lifelong marriage that should follow it. As a result, over half of all marriages fail, ending in divorce, often with former partners becoming mortal enemies! Other couples are just as unhappy, but perhaps cannot afford a divorce, or stay together only because of the children or other social or business reasons.

How tragic! And how completely unnecessary!

#### Programmed to Fail

Why have so few been able to find even a measure of the enjoyment they originally believed marriage would bring? Why have so many others decided to simply live together, avoiding commitment, thus artificially reducing the already skyrocketing number of divorces? Why do so many openly admit that they do not trust their mate? Why do over 80 percent of marriages experience adultery? Why such rampant confusion about marriage and its purpose?

What has brought the once sacred institution of marriage to such a deplorable state of affairs?

This is no accident. The fact that marriage has been the subject of endless jokes is only the beginning of the story.

Consider how marriage is routinely portrayed in the media. Reflect on the many television programs that countless millions of people have been watching for decades. Gone are Ozzie and Harriet (the Nelsons), Leave it to Beaver (the Cleavers), The Waltons, Little House on the Prairie and similar more wholesome pictures of families from the 50s, 60s and early 70s. In their place came All in the Family (Archie Bunker), Roseanne, The Simpsons, The Osbournes, Friends, Will and Grace, Everybody Loves Raymond, Married With Children, That 70s Show and others too numerous to mention.

Books and movies have also extended and worsened this decline in every way. Fornication, cohabitation without marriage, adultery, homosexuality and every other conceivable “alternative lifestyle,” now including same-sex “marriage,” have been depicted thousands and thousands of times in the media. Invariably, such programs, movies and books have described rampant immorality as exciting, fascinating, mysterious—and the virtual “norm” for what is now the great majority.

Their impact on marriage has been stunning. Marriage has become a laughingstock. Wholesome images of marriages, families and role models of the past have almost disappeared. Sadly, many millions have copied the new, modern role models, discarding traditional marriages and families as obsolete relics that history has properly scrapped.

Recent generations have been conditioned to believe marriage is better “the second time around.” By this logic, the third marriage would be even better!

Accompanying these trends has been a corresponding decline in traditional values and the importance of character—all over the world. Under constant attack, standards of right and wrong—good and bad—old-fashioned “righteousness” and “unrighteousness”—have been blurring and crumbling. How many people any longer even speak of character, once called virtue?

With the steep decline in basic character has come an unwillingness to remain committed to vows exchanged on the wedding day. With the near disappearance of ethics, standards, fundamental reality and basic knowledge of right and wrong, has come the assumption that when marriage difficulties arise, as they inevitably do with imperfect human beings, couples should simply take the easy way out—divorce!

#### The Author of Marriage

Why do so few understand that there are great principles—spiritual laws!—governing what most think is merely a civil agreement? How many recognize that men and women have separate, different, God-ordained roles that must be understood for marriage to succeed? How many couples have been taught the real purpose of marriage? Most no longer even know the origin of marriage, let alone the vital answers to these and other important related questions!

The answers to these questions are revealed knowledge—knowledge that men cannot themselves discern. God must reveal it.

In place of revealed truth, modern education has taught the great evolutionary lie—that life is continually evolving to a higher state. Scoffers, preferring to believe that human beings are a product of blind, dumb luck, dismiss the biblical account that God supernaturally created two literal people, Adam and Eve, and then identified them as history’s first married couple.

Of course, those who believe the unproven fiction of evolution must also believe that, at some point, men devised the marriage institution. Believing otherwise is incompatible with evolution. One cannot have it both ways. Either God created

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marriage or men did.

But human beings did not create marriage! Therefore, apart from God, they cannot know its true purpose—or the keys to decades of happiness with the same person. It is not our purpose here to prove that God exists or that the Bible is His inspired Word. We have numerous booklets that address these subjects. Therefore, we start with the fact that the Almighty God, who made the heavens and the earth, also designed and created marriage.

Though marriage appears to be merely a physical union, starting with a wedding ceremony performed by a man, it is actually a divine institution, created by God. As the true Author of marriage, God understands what makes it succeed, bringing supreme happiness and joy—or fail, ending in divorce and broken lives. This same God clearly reveals this knowledge in His Word.

For every effect, there is a cause. When a marriage experiences all the right effects, yielding happiness, it is because right causes have been understood and practiced. When a marriage is filled with problems of every sort, causing great unhappiness, right causes have been either unknown or ignored.

The Creator God designed marriage to be a source of great happiness, something every couple yearns for. You can have an exciting, happy, successful marriage, but only if you follow God's prescribed formula—the causes—for producing a happy marriage.

#### God's Instructions From the Beginning

The first biblical reference to marriage is in Genesis 2. It describes Adam and Eve being brought together by God, forming the first marital union of a man and a woman in history. The account begins in verse 18.

Notice: "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

God explains that men and women were not designed to be alone. People never work as well—are not as productive—when they are alone. Men were created—designed—to need an assistant, a help, another person to stand beside them. Of course, the woman is also aided by the man in a variety of ways.

Studies show that the average person becomes happier after marriage. This increase has actually been measured, with these studies showing that, no matter the person's prior level of happiness, it receives at least a small boost.

Verses 19 and 20 describe Adam looking at all the animals God had created and finding none suitable for him. So, in verse 21, God put him to sleep, took a rib from his side, closed it up and created the woman: "And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man" (vs. 22).

Now notice verse 23. Adam realized that the woman was literally part of him—that she had come from him: "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Here is God's first recorded instruction about the marriage institution. Next, He tells Adam and Eve what to do, once married: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (vs. 24-25).

Married couples are to live together, forming a new household, apart from their parents. The reference to "and they shall be one flesh," is a picture of sexual relations within marriage. The verse is explaining where sexual relations belong—within marriage!

This account establishes marriage as God-ordained! This institution was created, designed, and presented to the first human couple—Adam and Eve—as the way God intended the two sexes to live together.

Now notice this passage in Ecclesiastes. Solomon, the wisest man of all time, describes why the joining of two people is better than one alone: "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor" (4:9).

Verse 10 continues to explain the advantages of being married: "For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falls; for he has not another to help him up." Now notice verse 11: "Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?"

Verse 12 adds, "And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Notice the phrase "and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." This establishes the minimum number to be a family. One child makes any couple "threefold." To be a rope—a "cord"—a minimum of three strands is required, making it possible to weave them together. Each additional child further strengthens the marriage, makes the rope stronger, binds the family, making it harder for a couple to break up. God explains that producing a family is central to marriage. Adam and Eve had been told, "be fruitful, and multiply" (Gen. 1:28).

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## The Husband's Responsibility

The most important New Testament passage about marriage and the specific role of husbands and wives is Ephesians 5:22-33. This passage describes the most fundamental understanding each partner must bring to the marriage.

Beginning in verse 25, God describes, through Paul, instruction to the husband: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." This emphasizes the importance of husbands showing a real, sincere, deep love for their wives!

The husband's first and greatest responsibility is to unflinchingly love his wife! Initially, many husbands try to do this, but their effort wanes over time. Men often begin to take their wives for granted, not realizing they are to love them "as Christ loved the Church." This is the extremely high standard God sets—an unending, boundless love, paralleling the way Christ cares about His bride, the Church. Christ never gives up on the Church, but rather forgives, understands, is patient with, tolerates and works with His wife-to-be.

The next several verses describe how Christ works with the Church—how a husband should treat his wife. This example culminates in verses 28-29 with this instruction: "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord the church."

These are powerful words, especially the end of verse 29. They show an undying, never-ending, outgoing concern for the wife on the part of the husband. He is to love her as much as he loves himself. That is a tall order, but it is a reflection of the fact that the first woman (as a type of all women) literally came from a man—from his flesh.

Verses 30-31 speak directly of Genesis 2. Here, Paul explains that his instruction about marriage derives directly from the passage we have already read. The New Testament supports the Old. Notice: "For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

Now read verse 33. It summarizes the husband's role and introduces the most important aspect of the wife's role, what she must understand in the marriage: "Nevertheless let everyone of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

## The Wife's Responsibility

What about wives? What is the most important aspect—responsibility—that God requires her to perform in marriage? Let's now read the most crucial obligation for wives. Few married couples understand this great point.

Notice verse 22: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." Society has completely reversed, even denigrated, what we are reading from the pages of the Bible. Yet, this is what God, as the Author of marriage and what makes it work, requires of the woman.

Most women are taught today that they are equal in authority to their husband. Certainly women are equal before God as human beings. Men are not more important or better than women. But God places the man in charge of the marriage. This verse is plain.

The typical marriage counselor scorns this principle, seeing it as archaic, out-of-date, out-of-step. Very few brides-to-be enter marriage having been taught anything about being subject to their husband's loving authority. Most would ridicule and outright reject this idea!

Some years ago, I performed a wedding where almost none of the audience was familiar with Ephesians 5. During the ceremony, as this and related scriptures were read, the wife vowed to submit herself—be subject—to her husband. We heard snickering from a number of the more "sophisticated" women in the audience. Afterwards, several approached the bride, kidding her and asking her if she "really meant it" or if it was "just for the ceremony?"

Virtually all were hoping that she did not really mean what she said—that it was mere formality. A couple of the women actually approached me about how "novel" and "sweet" it was that some women could still think this way. Of course, the implication in their voices was that it would certainly never be this way in their marriages.

What was most astonishing was perhaps not that these women disagreed with wives submitting to their husbands, but rather that they viewed the exchange of solemn vows to God's command as little more than a formality—a statement made for show!

No wonder so many marriages do not last even five years. While all couples want to be happy, almost none follow God's formula for achieving it. Then they wonder why they are miserable!

## Parallel of Christ and the Church

Now notice the next two verses in Ephesians 5: "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the

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church: and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything" (vs. 23-24).

This passage is also most clear. Not only is the husband the head of the wife—her leader—but, as with how the husband loves his wife, this also parallels the way Christ heads the Church. Certainly, the Church is not equal in authority with Christ. All who believe this verse must recognize that the woman is under her husband's authority.

God leaves no doubt that the husband is the leader—pacesetter—in the home. His example must stand out as a leader—not just as one who is "in charge," throwing his weight around, saying, "I'm the boss!" Remember, he is to love his wife. His leadership, as head of the home, must reflect God's love. But the woman must submit herself to him. No man can lead a woman who will not yield to his authority.

Remember, verse 24 revealed that the woman is subject unto her own husband "as the church is subject unto Christ." This leaves no room for both partners being in charge.

Try telling the owner or CEO of a company that his employees should have an equal say in decisions—or a President or Prime Minister that the citizenry should be able to overrule his government—or a football coach that his players should be able to take over the team whenever they see fit.

In every organization, institution, company, football team, nation, military branch or other entity, someone has to ultimately be in charge. The governments and organizations of this world all recognize this. No one would consider joining a football team where all the players were equal with the coach. That would bring chaos—and probably every game would end in defeat.

Why, then, cannot millions of people recognize that marriage is no different—that the most basic unit of all societies, the family, must have a final decision-maker? Someone must be in charge! As children appear in the family, they must know who is the leader and who is the assistant. In Genesis, God had said that the woman was the "help" to the man—she was his assistant, and was made "suitable" for him as an assistant.

Understand that this overall pattern for marriage must be accepted as God's blueprint—the fundamental starting point for a marriage to have any hope of success. Again, the marriage "experts" and even the ministers of this world disagree. The terrible fruits of their instruction, that men and women are equals—both in charge—prove they do not know what they are talking about! Because most do not examine God's Word to see this pattern explained, divorce is exploding in most of the countries and cultures of the world.

What you have read lays a solid foundation in understanding how to achieve true and lasting happiness in marriage. To learn much more, read our booklet *You Can Build a Happy MARRIAGE*.

By: David C. Pack

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## Re:Realms, virtues and spirituality

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Surviving and living your life successfully requires courage. The goals and dreams you're seeking require courage and risk-taking. Learn from the turtle -- it only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.

Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

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## Re:Realms, virtues and spirituality

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### WORDS TO THRIVE BY

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.

We've added years to life not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

We conquered outer space but not inner space.

We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.

We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, but learn less.

We plan more, but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait.

We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes.

These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.

It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.

A time when technology can bring this letter to you and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

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Remember to say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.  
Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.  
Remember to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it.

A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.  
Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.  
Give time to love, give time to speak and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.  
Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

<http://www.fijilive.com/ecards/icons/Love.jpg>

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