

8th July 2020

Greetings one and all. It's pretty wet here this morning and according to the weather app looks like it's settled in for the day! Still it may make digging the garden a bit easier.

I was thinking about the issue of discomfort the other day. No one likes discomfort it's not a nice thing but it can be something useful. A nagging pain can be a sign of something more serious, a warning if you will, to help us discover some deeper underlying issue. That's why it's important to take notice of the little things because they may be highlighting something bigger that we haven't yet identified.

I wonder if the discomfort that has come with the lockdown, whilst not pleasant, is an opportunity to look at our society and see some other underlying problems, that we may now want to try and do something about. For example we saw a noticeable and quick improvement in the environment during lockdown. The air seemed clearer, rivers were cleaner, we saw (at least on TV and the internet) how nature blossomed and animals were seen in places where they had not been seen for many years. Is this an opportunity to think about our impact on the environment and realise that we can actually do something to improve it.

Before lockdown there was a sense that the problem with the environment was just too big to deal with but now we see that that's not so.

I hope that, as we emerge from lockdown, we might use the time to take stock of how we do things in future and work to make the world a better place for all and not just rush back to the way things were.

Tom

And finally...I was runner up in the 'Astronomer of the year' awards. I got the constellation prize.

Canon Tom Page

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