Good-Bye - Forever !



Relatives, Friends! If we could only ask the departed how he felt about his life? It would be an occasion to learn that we should not miss. Here is my humble contribution.

I have enjoyed living and knowing you. I admit, I could have done better. While I have to regret what I did wrong, I am grateful to the spirits that helped me somehow from doing worse, and protected me from the terrible things in this world. I was able to learn and use the opportunities that came my way! At age forty-five, my half-life point, I had done everything that I dreamed about as a youngster plus a participation in WWII, although this was not in my plans. I had followed the Wegeners on the Greenland Ice, and had my own little expedition to the South Pole. A great blessing was that I always had new interests - I found the universe, great nature, truly fascinating. Life was a terrific adventure for which I am deeply grateful. It is too bad if we get stuck with problems instead of moving beyond them. But, you here, have still time! Use it, for your sake! Time is too precious to be wasted with trifles, gossip, hate, and infantile stupidities which have to be regretted later.

I appreciated living in this great country with so many worthwhile things to do - and as a fringe benefit, great people to meet. It is a blessing, in a small country, even the minds may not expand!

When we are making our most consequential decisions, we take them too lightly. Good spirits have helped me making two outstanding selections: Whom I married, and what profession to take up. I cannot imagine better choices - with better results, i.e., our dear children!

In case you are interested in what I learned "About the world in eighty years", I refer you to my Essays. I hope you find them worthwhile because, as Socrates has it, "The unexamined life is not worth living." Anyhow, my time has come to its end. I wish you well; I close my life, and leave with gratitude in my heart, following my beloved parents. I remain indebted to them and to my dear Bammy forever. Good-Bye ! (Go to Internet address http://gmrwinkler.net)

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