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Change by Carl E Beyer

The past couple of weeks have been interesting. I was speaking with a friend about what was happening, and it occurred to me how much we humans like change. Actually, let me clarify that generality, we human males like change.

To semi-quote a US President “Of course, all new candidates run on change. People always want change.” Starting with the old saying of, “The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.” BTW cows will break down a fence to get to the grass on the other side. I often wonder how many divorces happen because people think the grass is greener just to find crab grass on the other side and are unable to surmount the new higher fence to return to where they truly had the good grass.

My present job is a roller coaster. I have seldom seen so many people come and go in one place of work. Now that we are quite sure the CEO was embezzling it may have accounted for the problems. While I personally would enjoy the stability of staying employed, I do enjoy the constant change. It adds excitement and makes life interesting.

I have known people that have a routine and do the same thing most every day. Go to work, do the same job, return home, watch TV, and go to sleep, ditto for the next day. Is that living or existing? While I can image the wonders of Heaven, I do not think we should discount the blessings we have here on earth. Different foods, different friends, different entertainments, different problems to overcome, and the different places and times where we find joy.

Problems which can break our hearts are the change that we strive on. If this was not true why then are they often the most vibrate memories we have? Only through struggle and strife do we develop the character to have the compassion God so strives to be in our hearts. At the time of the struggle we may wonder where our God is. Fear not, he is there merely molding and strengthening our hearts, our characters, and our souls. We can never know the pain we cause others unless pain is inflected on us. So, the next time you find yourselves in circumstances unfamiliar be sure and say a quick prayer to thank God for allowing you to build your character.

Men let us all confess how we have daydreamed of a world in turmoil. One in which we can step forward and be the hero, the leader, the martyr or simply the peg that holds the system together.

Or let us do it on a small scale. I hope this winter we have a 5ft snowstorm so that it forces all my neighbors out of their comfortable homes. During struggle it is in our human nature to come together and seek and offer assistance. I know my neighbors on both sides of me but that is about it. I want to see “change”. I want to see a neighbor stuck and be the hero who pushes them out. Or these days yell at my kids to hurry up and push them out.

Do you have a best friend? Well with no change, you cannot say you do. Without your friend being there in your time of need, you have no clue if you have a best friend. It is easy having friends during good times, ask any rich person. But let there be turmoil and see who is left

standing by your side.

Is change always good? Surely it is not since we live in times where evil exist. Evil can cause change that makes no sense and simply leaves us shaking our heads in disbelief in the senseless action.

Is change always bad? Surely not. Ever lose that job, that girlfriend, that boyfriend, that best friend etc and you thought life was over just to find a better opportunity around the corner.

Change keeps our lives interesting; change keeps our character growing, and change should always grow our belief in this wonderful God of ours. People often ask why God allows this or that to happen. Think if God did not allow this or that to happen. If we knew every day that we would be doing the same thing day in and day out. All we would be doing is existing.

Forgive me for quoting Agent Smith from the *Matrix* movie. "Did you know that the first Matrix was designed to be a perfect human world? Where none suffered, where everyone would be happy. It was a disaster. No one would accept the program. Entire crops were lost. Some believed we lacked the programming language to describe your perfect world. But I believe that, as a species, human beings define their reality through suffering and misery. The perfect world was a dream that your primitive cerebrum kept trying to wake up from. Which is why the Matrix was redesigned to this: the peak of your civilization."

Who needs Amusement Park's roller coasters? Life is the most exciting roller coaster of them all. Go forth and enjoy the daily changes that come along. Go forth and smile when God throws that curve ball your way.

God Bless you all.