

What have we Learned, Re-learned, or had Confirmed, in the Past Year (March to March)?

“Waiting for the Sunrise” Program Group

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It was a year when events challenged our assumptions, and we noticed those things we took for granted.

Global / Politics / Science:

-- The rest of nature is largely indifferent to our particular human concerns.

-- Problems, like a pandemic, or climate change, can't be solved unilaterally.

-- The world doesn't stop at these shores.

-- Inequalities, illustrated by the many essential jobs that can only be done face to face, by those who can't easily avoid exposure to the virus.

-- The dangers of social media as a source of information.

-- The Importance of being aware of the journalistic quality of News Sources (see graphic on next page, below).

-- Jan 6th as a warning of the fragility of a democracy already flawed -- as if we needed another warning.

On a more personal level:

-- I shook a friend's hand last weekend (post vaccinations of course), and then realized it had been over a year since I shook someone's hand.

-- The importance of community / togetherness / sharing.

-- The things we took for granted – brief encounters with both strangers and acquaintances – were more valuable than we thought. It's one of the few things I miss about the hours of daily commuting.

-- The desire to experience other places, and faces!

-- The complexity of Birdsong.