

Weaving Our Way Word by Word

Into a New Life

We each have special interests. Many believe, because of that, when we all come together, we'll create a full picture or perhaps a full pitcher! As for me, I have always been fascinated with words. My interest perhaps stems from inheriting an Oxford International Unabridged Dictionary, bound in 1958. I love the excitement of researching words, as they jostle for position in a lifelong story.

Words, like people in various circumstances, can express more than one meaning. They come together as unique combinations and weave into short stories, rise into monumental novels, make us laugh with the best of them and sometimes completely change our lives. Stories where every word is carefully chosen, make everything better with their vibration...often giving us a model to create our own lives.

Like this old chair that supports me. (*Every chair can tell a story if one sits still long enough to listen. Perhaps this is where Chairman of the 'Bored' originated.*), I can tell enough stories to outlast the oak tree that was once its father. ENOUGH - now there's a word with power. Stories defining "Enough", identifying "enough", and eventually perhaps inspiring us to simply "Become Enough". The words from a bumper sticker on my VW van "Hoarding is Passe" come to mind. It's just another way of saying 'enough is enough' as we dive headfirst into creating simpler lives.

Like our lives, key elements called the beginning, middle and end of the stories demand order be brought from the chaos while simultaneously giving access to a horde of feelings. But what does that really mean? Research tells me if I were a member of a **horde** in

Poland, in 1855 we would have been travelers setting up camp. Imagine how quickly and quietly the old troops could re-group when focused on a joint purpose. I consider the many possibilities available now for belonging to such a group. Seemingly the modern collective "WE" needs reminding every once in a while about where we were going in the first place. With all the extra 'offramps', it seems there aren't enough signposts along 'today's way'. We beg for more maps that pinpoint "you are HERE". Our minds become easily confused, as we run amuck in the 'Here, There and Everywhere' syndrome.

SO what is our next step? How do we rise up to a higher level where we can see clearer? To start, it's time to de-clutter our minds like we do our closets, so we can think clearly and access a bigger perspective. Time to choose every word carefully before we speak... weighing the potential impact it may have on the listener. Time to sit quietly on the chair, hear the stories, listen to our sweet hearts guiding us in the direction that feels best for ourselves and those we love. Our modern hoarding transforms into an ancient one as we band together to support each other on a journey through the backroads and super highways of life on Mother Earth!

I no longer feel a need to research thought and disclose my sources. I know it comes straight from my heart, an ordinary heart, happy to be part of a collective of other extraordinary ordinary people. People weaving a new design where each of our talents is a thread of many colours beyond definition, wielding a powerful tool to change the world with a word.

I smile at the worn pages of the beloved Oxford, comforted knowing our "fore-bearers" already agreed to meanings so I can relax at the end of my day and let my heart soar.

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