

*Death
Dying
and*

LIFE

(A Conversation)

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Some Thoughts...

Those afraid of dying will never learn to live.

Every beginning starts with an ending.

To live is to change, to change is to die, to die is to live.

If nothing died, the planet would be unlivable.

13.7 billion years have passed since the Big Bang, and it is still with us.

We are but stardust.

The Evolution of a Species requires the ending of each individual.

Biologically, we terminate every seven years.

How do we deal with the pain?

Conditions for Great Conversations...

A Real Issue that people *really* care about.

Massive complexity such that no single person/group
could figure it out.

Rich diversity: people and opinions.

A sense of urgency.

NOW!

5 Characteristics...

Whoever comes is the right people.

Whatever happens is the only thing that could have.

Wherever it happens is the right place.

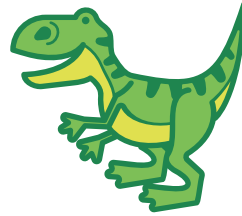
Whenever it starts is the right time.

When it's over, it's over.

A Single Law *(The Law of Two Feet)*

If at any time during our time together you find yourself neither learning nor contributing – *Use your two feet.* Move to a more productive place.

***Odd Creatures
show up...***



**Bumble Bees
and Butterflies**

What's the Answer?

What's the Question?

Quest...

***Be prepared to be
Surprised!***

Our Book...

There is no required reading. But.
We may write the book.

The agenda will be created by all of us. Each person may introduce the issue(s) they have passion for, and lead whoever cares to join them in an exploration. The leader need not be expert, perhaps only having the question. But there is a responsibility: *To summarize the discussion (or get somebody else to)*. Nothing fancy, no footnotes needed, but a computer (laptop) will help.

Format is simple:

Issue: (Your topic)

Convener: (That would be you)

Participants: (Whoever came)

Discussion: (High Points only, or as much as you like)

Send to hhowensr@gmail.com I will re-send to everybody, and at the end... combine, paginate, index, and create a PDF file for whomever cares.

Of course, if there are no issues of passionate concern, no sessions convened, and no summaries generated...