Thoughts and Smiles - August 28, 2023

An open poem to a world-weary empath, you can't leave Earth yet ~ because I just flipped ahead about a hundred pages in your story and I read that someday you will be the reason someone else doesn't give up on their life I'm sorry to spoil the end of your epic tale ~ but someday you will be the one who ignites the blaze in another person's heart that won't ever be put out again don't complicate the plot of your story ~ you are here to be a lamplighter that hands out little bits of your flame to ensure the rest of the world doesn't exist in darkness I know you have been scorched so many times ~ to love the world is to sometimes be burned at the stake by others who mistake your gift of compassion as a personal weakness I know it's not easy to be a bringer of light to those who have become addicted to shadows ~ but we need you to be a gardener of effervescent seeds that you will perhaps never see grow into burning rosebushes that can be seen from space



Oh, my love, don't give into the calling despair

~ set your life on fire with kindness and watch how many other people come out of their caves to sit by your campfire heart to share their own stories of survival Oh my love, you are my favorite element

~ john roedel (Artist: Yogeshkumar Velari) We die to each other daily. What we know of other people is only our memory of the moments during which we knew them. And they have changed since then. To pretend that they and we are the same is a useful and convenient social convention that must sometimes be broken. We must also remember that we are meeting a stranger at every meeting.

~T.S. Eliot

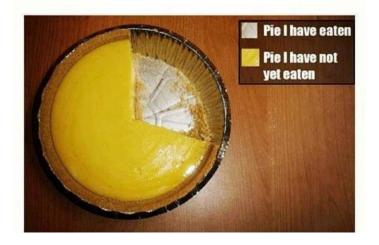


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When I retire, I will have little house on a lakeside..



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Have a terrific week! Blessings to you all!

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