



These Are The Best Moments of Your Life

Shhhh, hush...listen quietly to that sound. Do you hear it? That faint rumbling off in the distance. I think it's getting louder. At first I thought it might be a far away train, but the sound is definitely getting louder.

Louder still. Don't you hear it yet? It's starting to be more than noticeable, more than present. The rumbling is getting positively persistent. Rumbling, roaring louder and louder. Almost like a jet plane warming up, or a waterfall that grows more deafening with every second.

The decibels continue to go up as the rumbling grows nearer and nearer.

Faster and louder.

Louder and faster.

Here it comes... *whoosh*...did you miss it? That was the sound of a moment passing. Did you miss it? Did you miss that moment?

Don't worry... *whoosh*...there goes another.

Moments are flying past us at a furious rate. There can be many moments in a second and, let's face it, a second lasts just a second.

Whoosh...

Whoosh...

Whoosh...

There go three more.

Life is just a collective succession of moments and since those moments don't stand still, they are either in the past or the future. I am **not** an historian nor am I a "noted futurist" so I shan't try to guess what past or future moments may hold.

Predicting the future is best left up to stock brokers and bookies.

Reciting the past I prefer to leave to bards and politicians.

The thing I **can** do best is observe. I observe patterns. Human behavior, trends, environmental problems, Roulette wheels, clouds, all follow patterns.

Last night JoHn and I were discussing

whether those patterns are best described with modern Chaos Theory (see JoHn for a good explanation of his theory), or if some other "belief system" (his quotes, not mine) would more successfully explain such patterns. I tend to agree with JoHn, that the Life, the Universe, and Everything is chaotic.

Whoosh...there goes another moment, don't forget those.

"But my moments are coming fast, and furiously, and sequentially. That's not chaotic, is it JoHn?"

I think JoHn's answer might be something philosophical like, "No, your *moments* may be one after another, but they are **not** sequential. Each moment carries with it a set of choices. The different choices may lead to completely different sets of moments. The specific sequence of **your** moments is chosen chaotically, so Chaos Theory *still* best explains the patterns in your life."

What a minute, this is the JoHn Hardin we're talking about. His response would probably be more like, "Huh? Were you talking to me? I was reading."

That's okay, JoHn. Go back to your 'zine. We'll leave you alone ...for the moment.

Whoosh...

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