



STOP DRIVING IN REVERSE

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ARE YOU HOPING TO MOVE FORWARD
BY DWELLING ON THE PAST?



WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...

- We remember what we have experienced.
 - Significant emotional events imprint more strongly than other events.
 - We prefer to remember the good things, even though the bad things may outweigh the good.

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...

- We favor information that agrees with us.
 - Familiarity creates a sense of comfort, while change can be difficult.
 - Confirmation bias is the tendency to use information that confirms or supports our beliefs or values.

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...

- We want reality to mimic our idealized perceptions.
 - The Mandela effect refers to a situation in which a large mass of people believes that an event occurred when it did not.

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...

- Don't dwell on the past.
 - Events of the past may have had a significant impact on us, but they cannot be re-created.
 - We may have had a significant impact on the world around us at one time, but that can not be re-created.

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...

- We should respect, not revere, tradition.
 - Respect for tradition can provide a firm foundation for the future.
 - Reverence for tradition can create resistance to or prevent change.
 - How can one find a balance point?

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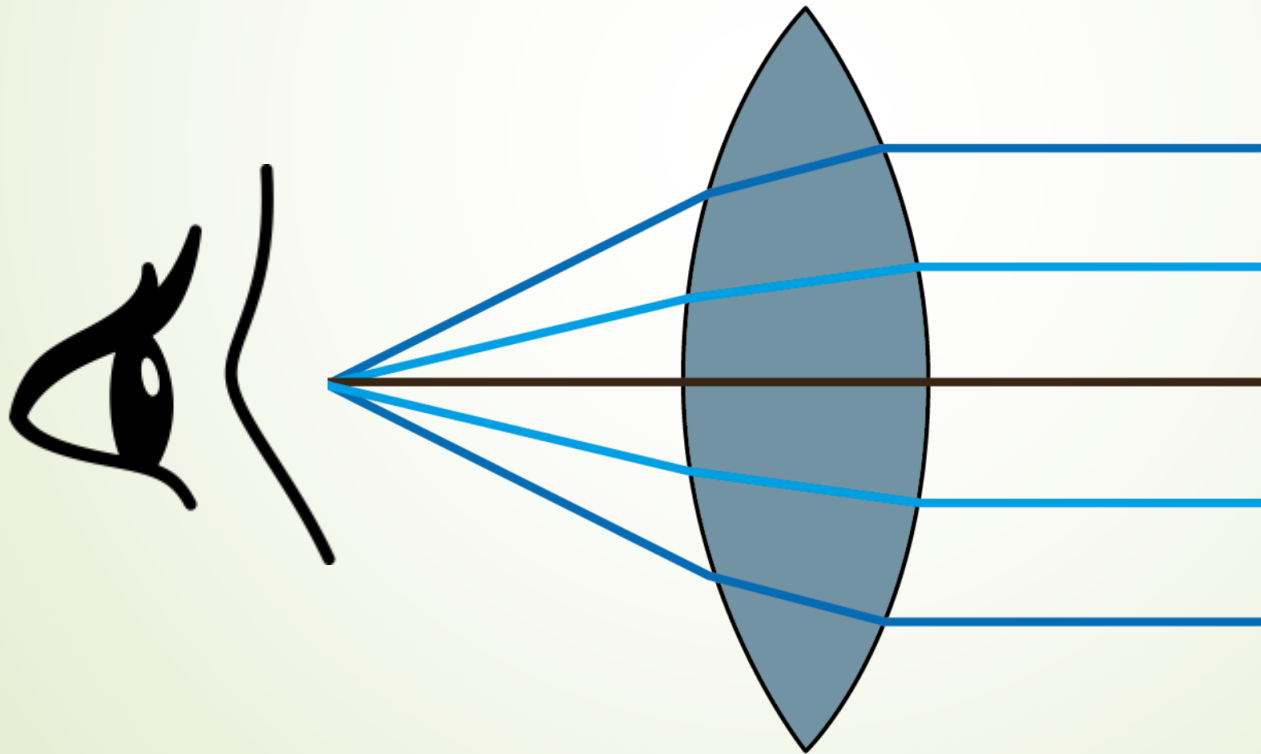
“...ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls.”

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Jeremiah 6:16 NIV

WORLDVIEW

- Your worldview is the lens through which you perceive everything.



WORLDVIEW

- Boomer worldview:
 - Faith → Facts → Society
 - Choices are based on unchanging truths.
- Today's worldview:
 - Feelings → Status → Self
 - Choices are based on temporal perceptions.

WORLDVIEW

- Boomer worldview:
 - Decisions and actions are based on discernment.
 - Internal locus of control.
 - Uncertainty is addressed by applying historical evidence and known truths to possible future outcomes.

WORLDVIEW

- Today's worldview:
 - Decisions and actions are based on the perceptions of others.
 - External locus of control.
 - Uncertainty is addressed by trying to predict what the opinions of others may look like in the future.

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“Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.”

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Luke 21:26 NIV

THE VALUE OF HISTORY

- History is cyclical.
- Generations are formed by the world of their childhood.
- Understanding generations: speak to the great-grandchildren.
- Learn not to be the enemy.

SEASONS OF HISTORY

- Spring
 - The first turning; post-crisis ***High***
- Summer
 - The second turning; ***Awakening***
- Fall
 - The third turning; ***Unraveling***
- Winter
 - The fourth turning; ***Crisis***

GENERATIONS

GENERATION	BIRTH YEARS	AGE (IN 2023)	VITALITY ERA	SEASON	ARCHETYPE
G.I.	1903-1924	99-120	Depression - WWII	Crisis	Hero
Silent	1925-1942	81-98	-----	High	Artist
Boom	1943-1960	63-80	Consciousness Revolution	Awakening	Prophet
Generation X	1961-1981	42-62	-----	Unraveling	Nomad
Millennial	1982-2005	18-41	Millennial Crisis	Crisis	Hero
Homeland	2006-2029(?)	< 17	-----	High	Artist
New Prophet	2030- ?		???	Awakening	Prophet

BE AN ELDER

- Respected elders are revered for their ability to pass on wisdom and tradition.
 - The key to getting the attention of the young is to not denigrate what they see as their truths.
 - The key to getting the respect of the young is to point out how certain proven truths can provide insights to an uncertain future.

BE AN ELDER

- Don't talk about what once was, talk about what can be.
- Frame your memories in terms of universal truth statements.
 - “We used to play outside until dark” becomes the importance of establishing community safety and security.

BE AN ELDER

- Our way won't be their way, but it can provide a foundation for consideration.
- Project your recollections as new images for the future. Respect for life becomes caring for others.

BE AN ELDER

- Understanding roles and responsibilities is each person's purpose in the world.
 - We must teach that we are all part of something bigger than ourselves.
- Be able to argue on behalf of Truth.
 - Whose truth prevails?

BE AN ELDER

- Respect the fact that younger generations have opinions that they consider truth.
- Seek to expand the concept of universal Truth beyond a localized and temporal truth.

BE AN ELDER

- Eschew external locus of control;
 - “believe the science”
 - “experts agree”
 - Overcome intellectual torpor
 - Avoid being managed rather than encouraged

WHAT NOW?

- Every step taken is the beginning of a new journey.
 - “When there is a fork in the road — take it.”
(Yogi Berra)

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

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(Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)

WHAT NOW?

- Do not try to change the minds of others according to your worldview...;
 - Learn where they are and meet them there, and
 - Lead them from where they are, not from where you have been.

“ But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. ”

2 Timothy 3:1-5 NIV