

Thinking

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A smart frustrated lady asked me if I get tired of thinking. I think it depends on what you think on.

There is nothing new under the sun. Looking for newness will disappoint. Instead, look for the best statements of the timeless. Emerson and Lewis are loved because they say truths we know; clearly, beautifully, and with conviction. When has your wisdom been quoted back to you?

People make up theology, politics, economics, etc. Instead be fascinated by creation. This is what God made. It is designed to be inexhaustibly delightful to us. Are you any good at skipping stones?

Thinking is better with a muse. Folks may regard you with mystified awe and no understanding, or with analytical understanding and no sense of grandeur. The muse keeps both and raises thinking to fellowship. You will think best when you know there is one competent hearer. Who do you save your best ideas for?

To avoid intellectual frustration, give yourself in true thoughts (wisdom), on true subjects (creation), to true audiences (muses).