

Have you prepared for the Day After?
There can be no time like the present to begin.

So it has been from that distant initial spark we call life.

Yes, our yesterdays prepare each for this and the day after,
each moment of our life.

Our initial development began before memory allows,
in the daily process called life.

Few recall their first step, but imagine the magic it produced,
the adventure, trouble.

For many, first day of school changed life forever.
Gone from the sheltered hours of home,
into the competitive realm of a classroom.
Where a new “giant” directed out activities,
introduced the book, chalkboard, desk, writing,
complexities of language. And where at the end of each class day,
there were adventures to share at home with those other “friendly giants”
with whom we shared shelter.

So, for what were these seemingly endless days preparing us? More school?
The child does not comprehend the question. Certainly that was an impossibility,
but we continued without understanding of the ultimate goal,
to become a stand alone human,
capable of mimicking the adult population that usually seemed to ignore
our interests, determination, and whatever goal we had chosen, if any.

It might be years before the individual, on completing the final day of formal
school, would come to realize that learning is not limited to classroom, texts,
teacher. Every day contains learning moments.

The earlier this is learned, the better.
We begin each day, with the torrent of stored learning,
from school, family, every moment,
allowing each to face the choices presented on rising.

What are the forks in the road for the individual? Of course it differs.
Generally, these steps are involved. The choice of when to end formal schooling;
an occupation; where in the world to live;

and choice of companionship, permanent or short term.
In fact, each comes from judgements created by how well we prepared for the day
after what we were doing before.

There are no formal road signs anywhere to aid the individual to prepare for the
day after; choices are a judgement, made from data collected,
to be used the decision day.

Even today, for those of us late in a long life,
on rising, each will decide, what must to do today
to prepare for this and the day after.
The confident will face the new day without hesitation.
Their certitude created from a lifetime of decisions,
as they sails into the fray without hesitation, regret, fear of the unknown.

Some might say, this certitude was built on faith;
but there the argument begins anew,
faith in what?
Be prepared to answer.