

This weeks subject "Writers Block" Monday 1-7-13 and Free Thinking

Like most of what I submit I try to first define the important part of the subject. To me it is the word writers. I do not consider myself even as a potential "AUTHOR" or writer in the accepted manor. I feel free of the of the constraints that 'Writer' would imply.

I was born in the U.S.A. A most wonderful place and country. I often wonder what really is it that makes it so wonderful, and of course one word jumps out 'FREEDOM'. But how can that be? We have laws and restraints, so what kind of freedom are we talking about. In the world news lately there was news that in some countries on this planet people were not allowed the freedom of expression, if it did not support the power structure of the country.

Here I can say whatever I please whether the president or congress like what I say or not. This brings me to what is really great about the U.S.A. One can think whatever, and short of slander say whatever and beyond that can have whatever off the wall thoughts may pop up in ones mind.

This freedom to think without restraints is really what makes this the greatest country on the planet. Take any job, industry, or subject and do just a little research, and lo and behold new thought, free thought started and brought forth important progress. The computer from a Behemoth that took up tremendous amounts of energy and space, we now carry a cell phone with more computing power and the use of a small portable battery. We have walked on the moon, we are exploring the planets around us. We are rebuilding our bodies with spare parts which our bodies make as replacements for the worn out parts that fail and so forth.

Because of a 500 word limitation I will not belabor the foregoing, but will move on.

The freedom to let ones mind wander in the world of imagination almost always leads to 'WHAT IF?' A given task might have been done for generations in a given accepted way. Then someone says 'WHAT IF' and bingo, a whole new line of thinking ensues. Free thinking with no restraints explodes mostly here in the U.S.A.

Lately I have been asking myself 'Why my longevity' and my answer is 'I owe and have to give Back'. While I may not be most senior of this august body I am pretty near the top. Lots of lessons learned. I feel they need to be shared, somehow without being biographical. There must be a way to leave behind some of what I feel makes this such a great and wonderful country. If I get only one individual to think differently with no restraints ie free thought I will have given back. I am not a 'WRITER or Author' but no one, no one! tells me what I may or may not think.

HAPPY THOUGHTS THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR

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