

Wondrous Beauty

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There is so much beauty in the natural world, we often end up taking it for granted. Young children are spellbound when they are introduced to their very first 'birdie.' They reach out to dogs and cats, wanting to pet their soft fur. Pick a fallen leaf up off the ground. Study its shape and colors. Feel its smooth texture.

When we get a bit older, we become awe-struck by the vivid colors of a sunset. We begin to appreciate the amazing shape, functionality and symmetry of our bodies – as well as those of other animals. We marvel at the myriad types and colors of the birds. We are struck by crystalline beauty of water. We may even pause to smell the roses.

But once we become adults, so many of us cease to see all the wondrous beauty that surrounds us. We are too preoccupied looking at our computer monitors and our I-phones, or watching television, to notice the bright colors of the setting sun outside our window, or listen to the music of the rain pouring down. But, who knows? Once the storm has passed on by, if we were to look up, we might even be treated to the spectacular beauty of a rainbow.