**Entertainment for Life—The Fort Version (2021)**

Some books which have meant a lot to me (in approximate chronological order):

*The Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien (and the movies!)

The works of Charles Dickens

The works of Mark Twain from *Huck Finn* on

*Collected Poems* of T. S. Eliot

*Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

Shakespeare’s comedies and tragedies

*The Sacred Canopy* by Peter Berger

*The Way of Zen* by Alan Watts

*The Only Dance There Is* by Ram Dass

*What the Buddha Taught* by Walpola Rahula

Shantideva’s *Bodhicaryavatara* (Entering the Path of Enlightenment)

*In Praise of Krishna* by Edward Dimock and Denise Levertov

*Habits of the Heart* by Robert Bellah et al.

*The Road Less Traveled* by Scott Peck

*Who Dies?* by Stephen Levine

*Being Peace* by Thich Nhat Hanh

*Buddhism After Patriarchy* by Rita Gross

*A Path With Heart* by Jack Kornfield

*The Feeling of What Happens* by Antonio Damasio

*Philosophical Meditations on Zen Buddhism* by Dale Wright

*Buddhist Practice on Western Ground* by Harvey Aronson

*Buddha’s Brain* by Rick Hanson

*Meditation and the Classroom*, edited by Fran Grace and Judith Simmer-Brown

*Focusing* by Eugene Gendlin

*Aging as a Spiritual Practice* by Lewis Richmond

*Please Understand Me II* by David Keirsey

*Waking, Dreaming, Being* by Evan Thompson

*The Phenomenological Mind* 2nd ed. by Shaun Gallagher and Dan Zahavi.

Various books on the Time Space Knowledge vision by Tarthang Tulku

*10% Happier*, by Dan Harris, book and podcast

Movies/Videos you might have missed: *Koyaanisqatsi*, Peter Brook’s *Mahabharata*, anything by Akira Kurosawa or Chaplin, *Fantasia* and *Yellow Submarine, Samsara.* I’m a softie for *Star Wars* movies*.*

Old favorites: *Casablanca, Godfather I* and *II, On the Waterfront, Animal House*

War movies: *Saving Private Ryan, Apocalypse Now, Platoon*

Some great places to travel: New York City, the SF Bay area, New Orleans, Hawaii

Vermont and the U. S. national parks (especially Yosemite and Canyonlands)

Paris, Barcelona, Istanbul, Kyoto, Hangzhou, Borobudur, almost anywhere in India

Epitaph: “We shall not cease from exploration/And the end of all our exploring/ Will be to arrive where we started/And know the place for the first time” T. S. Eliot, Little Gidding

At the eternal banquet, I would sit between: the Buddha and Confucius

And invite Shankara, Nagarjuna, Dogen, Jesus, and Charles Darwin

The music of the spheres:

Jimi Hendrix, Greatest Hits collection (the one CD on a desert island)

The Beatles from Revolver through Abbey Road

The Rolling Stones

Cream

The Who, esp. Baba O’Riley

Bob Dylan, esp. The Times They Are A’Changin’

Traffic, Dear Mr. Fantasy

Love

Greatest Hits of The Four Seasons and Young Rascals

The first Doors and Led Zeppelin albums (and When the Levee Breaks)

Santana, Caravanserai

Neil Young

Joni Mitchell

Jackson Browne

Stevie Wonder, Songs in the Key of Life

Marvin Gaye, What’s Goin’ On

Elvis Costello, esp. Armed Forces

Leonard Cohen, the original Dude

Lou Reed, esp. Magic and Loss

The Essential Paul Simon

The Essential Bruce Springsteen

Texas guitarists Stevie Ray Vaughn and Eric Johnson

Talking Heads, Once in a Lifetime

Van Morrison, Tupelo Honey

Billy Bragg

Joan Osborne, One of Us

John Coltrane, A Love Supreme

Stephen Sondheim

Beethoven’s symphonies and piano concertos

Bach, Haydn, and Mozart

Mahavishnu Orchestra and Shakti

Ravi Shankar, Debashish Bhattacharya and sitar music generally

Videos: Outkast, Hey Ya! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWgvGjAhvIw

Dance Party at Quaker meeting: www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XlMkK4\_kTg

Little Know It All, Iggy Pop and Sum 41

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5qBiuIR7ig&ob=av2e

Gopala Krishna, George Harrison:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7eFQMakhDE