

Responsibility

Opening words and Chalice lighting:

I am only one
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

Edward Everett Hale

Welcome and check-in (A time to share what is on your mind in order to clear it and be in the present.)

Reading for discussion

“It is hard to know when to respond to the seductiveness of the world and when to respond to its challenge. If the world were merely seductive, that would be easy. If it were merely challenging, that would be no problem, But I arise in the morning torn between the desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day.”

E. B. White

Questions for discussion

What are my responsibilities as a human being?
Do you ever feel as though it “just isn’t worth it?” How do you move forward?
Can one small action really make a difference? How?
How does enjoying the world fit into responsibility?

Check-out (A time to share likes and wishes, such as “I like how we...” “I wish we would...”, or express how you felt about the group.)

Closing words and extinguishing the Chalice:

The love and the work of friends and lovers
Belong to the task and are its health.
Rest and rejoicing belong to the task,
And are its grace.
Let tomorrow come tomorrow.
Not by your will is the house carried through the night.

Wendell Berry

Thanks to everyone for their participation and commitment to our group!