

Taking a Slice Out Of the Infinite

Are you taking a bigger bite out of life, a bigger slice out of the Infinite? If not, you may be letting your present life experiences shape your future reality. You may not be using your imagination – the tool within each of us, capable of carving out a future filled with incredible possibilities. Imagination is more than most people realize. It can create for us a future filled with beautiful hues of every color, well, imaginable.

Recently, I have found myself irresistibly drawn to watch reruns of the Star Trek television series. Watching them now, everything about the episodes has become more real to me than ever before. (*Yes, I still know that they are fictional scripts.*) Similar to a rerun of a television show, this article is an adaptation of an earlier piece I wrote (in 1999, to be exact.) Its message has become even more alive and relevant to me now than it ever was before, so I have updated it to share with you.

Imagination is the scissors of the mind, which can cut out a slice – big or small – of infinite possibilities. To take a big bite out of life, the imagination must embrace a vision of the future that exceeds expectations. True vision must not be based completely on present facts. If we knew the details and detours along the path towards reaching our visions, we'd probably never start.

*For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.*

Habakkuk 2:3

To take a generous slice out of life instead of warming up leftovers, we must dare to be audacious with the power of the imagination. Very few people dare to give full play to the power of their minds through unrestricted imagination. Very few use this innate tool adventurously to create their future.

Are you limiting the reign of your mind? Would you dare to take a big slice of the invisible and bring it into form, or would you rather not go beyond what you can see, feel, taste or smell?

In the May, 1999 science section of the Star Tribune, there was a series of articles entitled "Feeding the Imagination." There was a reference to a University of Minnesota planetary scientist, Robert Pepin, who, as a 12 year old in the mid-1940s, moved with his family from an isolated lobster-trapping village in eastern Canada to Long Island, New York. It was in this strange new situation that he discovered the world of Isaac Asimov's science fiction, which prompted the beginning of his romance with the genre. "Science and science fiction feed each other" stated the article. Robert Pepin said, "**Good science fiction...resonates with imagination, and you have to have good imagination if you're going to be a good, productive scientist.**" The article continued with a reference to the fact that most of what has now become hard science, resulting in space travel and digital technology, was once considered pure science fiction. A follow-up article was titled, "Science fiction speculates on the future we could create." Most people read science fiction and scoff at the improbabilities, but truly, the works of the authors' imaginations affect the future of our world.

As I read the articles, I found myself appreciating how Charles Fillmore, cofounder of Unity, once again was ahead of his time when he stated that imagination is a divine Power inherent in each of us.

What is your current reality? Are you using your imagination as much as you could be?

My imagination is busy visualizing a larger vision for our church's future. The vision deals with growing our membership, and how we could serve humanity. This vision, *our* vision, has to be big enough to excite us, even boggle our minds when we think about it. Some may have difficulty entertaining a vision of expansive growth, looking at our present circumstances. Some probably think that such growth is not grounded on facts and statistics, or they may say that we are being unrealistic. **Yet, inherent in the vision is the power to create the future that it sees.** Imagination is the faculty which gives form to unformed mental energy or substance.

As you travel and play during the summer months, let nature help flame the fire of your imagination that you may paint your life on a larger canvas. Do not hold back, for life is indeed but a dream away.

Dream on, and let your imagination give you a bigger slice off life!

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Festus Umeojiego', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.