

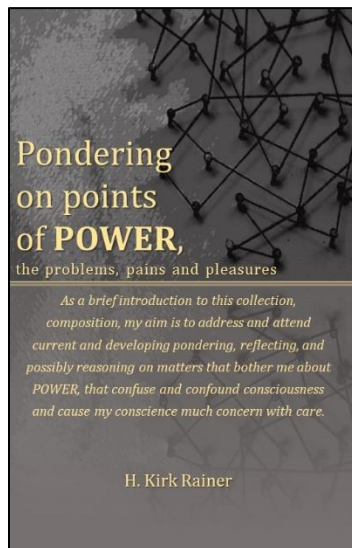
Pondering on points of POWER

the problem, pains and pleasures

Pondering on points of POWER is a collection, composition, of one-page commentary on multi-faceted concerns “that bother me from time to time if not often”; it is (or will be) a reflection and possible reasoning on matters, approached and addressed under the title of an idiom. But first, about my designed cover shown below.

Yes, it does look like a textbook of some kind, I keep thinking, but I like the colors and especially like the image, a somewhat blurred abstract on the left transitioning to a solid background with what might be interpreted as a **network** ¹.

Our human nature drives and directs us to want to understand things; to study and analyze the abstract and to bring to light some greater order or arrangement, preferably or desirably for our gain, benefit, and betterment. Why, all that contains our maturity or development as sentient beings is to come to some understanding of what begins (or began) as an observation, a question or clue, something new or otherwise unknown or understood, but yet bothersome, beguiling, or breathtaking in its apparent power.



From children to the aged, our human capacity lends to some level of learning about *the world about us*, who we are and why we do things we do whether done to or for ourselves or, to others or by others, directly or indirectly. From the sciences to spirituality, from that which seems certain to that which is presumed uncertain, amiss or beyond awareness, we each can be—or should be—pushed or pressed to keep learning, growing and development as our ears hear, eyes see, minds tick and hearts beat. And while we sometimes bely or delay, or even withdraw altogether, the truth is that we have the means and methods to keep learning, to cast off wrongs and whims and to launch *now voyager, sail thou forth to seek and find* ².

What good or purpose is this learning, seeking and possibly finding...? *Not that ignorance is necessarily bliss, but that such effort may only lead to less, not more, confidence or surety let alone any wisdom and the lot*, I think. *It is much easier to simply drift away, passively deceived or deceiving*, I think more, *and let life live without addressing matters that bother me*. But then, and finally, to know the truth is a precious thing, for in it and through it is the potential, the possibility, of or for freedom³.

Without any interest in and desire for learning and knowing what is left but *living the lie*.

¹ **Network:** in logistics or supply chain, a system model to move goods from their raw state through production and to customers; and in project management, a series of tasks or activities representing the logic, order and scope of the project or collection of related projects, a program.

² Walt Whitman.

³ This last statement or conclusion comes from the Biblical scriptures, *you will know the truth and the truth will set you free*, John 8:32.