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Morgan's Moment

*"He controls his computer
with a twitch
of a cheek muscle."*

Next time I fuss about my computer...
or anything
I'll think of Stephen Hawking.

His only way out into our world
from inside his great brain
is by way of a twitch.

All he wants to explain
is his theory of the universe...
and idea of God!

I marvel at the scope of his thought
that stirs my mind...
and touches my spirit.

A fellow scientist writes of him as
"An Unfettered Mind"
in a new book.

Unfettered...that's what I want
for my own thinking
and writing.

And I wish my wordy thoughts
could say a fraction of
what he says with a twitch.

Art Morgan

BOOK CORNER

Friend Dick Wing has written a
thoughtful book called

"Finding Your Lambarene"

(Albert Schweitzer for our Time)

After waiting hopelessly for a
possible free copy, I Googled
FCchurch.com and paid for the book.
It comes with a neat bronze medallion
and two of my favorite Schweitzer
quote on each side.

His idea is that the time is right to
bring Schweitzer's story to a new
generation. I agree.

The book gives a brief review of why
Schweitzer is so important as well as
some of his basic philosophy.

I showed Dick's book to our book
club and they decided that it would be
good to read Schweitzer's *"Out of My
Life and Thought."* A good choice, but
if you want a more succinct view,
maybe Dick's book will work fine.

CENTURY MARKS

One magazine I have read for more than 50 years has been *The Christian Century*. Its sub-heading says *Thinking Critically, Living Faithfully*.

The title was for another century, a bit overly optimistic it turns out. For the church to claim a century for itself is over the top.

What I appreciate is that it has kept me aware of what's going on in the religious scene. We all like to look over our neighbor's fence from time to time. Catholic, Christian Science, Mormon, Unitarian, Evangelical, Charismatic...you name it.

It even helps my gym banter. Like the other day when a Presbyterian was lamenting his church's ongoing internal (and public) fighting over ordination of gays has fermented for too long. I could hear his complaint and understood what was bothering him. I suggested another Presbyterian Church that was more open on the matter where he might feel more at home.

One of my favorite pages is called *"Century Marks."* The page is filled with multiple Twitters rather than extended Blogs. For instance:

KEEP IT SHORT

A vicar asked the duke of Wellington what he would like his sermon to be about. *'About ten minutes,'* the duke replied."

ABORTION NUMBERS

Research at Washington University's School of Medicine indicates that unwanted pregnancies drop dramatically when free contraception is available. In this study, 9,000 St. Louis women received free contraception. Teen pregnancy in this group number 6.3 births per 1,000 teen-agers, compared to 34 births per 1,000 teens nationally.

Abortions among women in the study numbered 4.4 to 7.5 per 1,000 compared to national figures of 13.4 to 17 abortions per 1,000.

[I would think that "pro-life" and "choice" people could agree that paying for contraception for women cuts both unwanted births and abortions and is both fiscally, morally and politically a no-brainer].

CARTOON (Cablecartoons.com)

A photo of Malala Yousafzai [15 year-old Pakistani, shot in the head by Taliban for speaking out for education for girls] She's holding a book:

Caption:

*"WHAT TERRIFIES RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS LIKE THE TALIBAN
ARE NOT AMERICAN TANKS OR BOMBS OR BULLETS....
IT'S A GIRL WITH A BOOK."*

IF YOU ARE IN CORVALLIS OR VICINITY

Moment Ministries has occasional gatherings (we are not a "church") that meets during occasionally during the year when both Paul and I are in town. Two events are on the current calendar:

NOVEMBER 15 THURSDAY NIGHT MOMENT POTLUCK

From 6 pm at Morgan's on Airport Avenue

"Give thanks in all circumstances?"

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2 – "Never on Sunday", except....

34th Annual Pre-Christmas Advent Champagne Brunch

Sunday December 2, 10 a.m. Hathaway/Peterson's 3230 NW Garfield