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## This is water david foster wallace fish video

In 2005, David Foster Wallace delivered the “This is Water” commencement speech at Kenyon College. I’ve studied and written about the most viewed commencement speeches in the past, but this one is special. In just over 20 minutes, he covers the “unsexy” yet very real realities of day-to-day adult life. The graduating audience appears to laugh at various times in the speech, but I don’t think David Foster Wallace intended for any of it to be humorous. He’s calling out the “default setting” of the unconscious human minds that are all too common in mainstream society. The state of your own mind will determine how you live in the “day in and day out” and “day-to-day trenches of adult existence.” While he pokes fun at “didactic little parable-ish stories” in commencement speeches, David Foster Wallace delivers one of the best. This post outlines my own personal interpretation of his speech. If you’re interested, you can listen to the full speech here: [The Purpose of This is Water by David Foster Wallace Here’s the gist of the “This is Water” story itself along with 3 simple life lessons we can all apply to our day-to-day existence \(bold added throughout for emphasis\).](#) [The Purpose of the Fish Story](#): “There are these two young fish swimming along and they happen to meet an older fish swimming the other way, who nods at them and says, ‘Morning, boys. How’s the water?’ And the two young fish swim on for a bit, and then eventually one of them looks over at the other and goes, ‘What the hell is water?’” “If your total freedom of choice regarding what to think about seems too obvious to waste time discussing, I’d ask you to think about fish and water, and to bracket for just a few minutes your skepticism about the value of the totally obvious.” “The capital-T Truth is about life before death. It is about the real value of a real education, which has almost nothing to do with knowledge, and everything to do with simple awareness; awareness of what is so real and essential, so hidden in plain sight all around us, all the time, that we have to keep reminding ourselves over and over: ‘This is water.’ ‘This is water.’” “The point of the fish story is merely that the most obvious, important realities are often the ones that are hardest to see and talk about.” 3 Profound Life Lessons from This is Water by David Foster Wallace 1. On the Default Setting: You must first acknowledge the unconscious default setting of your mind. This is still countercultural in mainstream society. “And I submit that this is what the real, no bullshit value of your liberal arts education is supposed to be about: how to keep from going through your comfortable, prosperous, respectable adult life dead, unconscious, a slave to your head and to your natural default setting of being uniquely, completely, imperially alone day in and day out.” “If I choose to think this way in a store and on the freeway, fine. Lots of us do. Except thinking this way tends to be so easy and automatic that it doesn’t have to be a choice. It is my natural default setting. It’s the automatic way that I experience the boring, frustrating, crowded parts of adult life when I’m operating on the automatic, unconscious belief that I am the centre of the world, and that my immediate needs and feelings are what should determine the world’s priorities.” “If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning in life, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough.” (Note: See my own experience with lifestyle inflation.) “And the so-called real world will not discourage you from operating on your default settings, because the so-called real world of men and money and power hums merrily along in a pool of fear and anger and frustration and craving and worship of self.” 2. On Choice & Thinking: You have control and therefore a choice of how and what to think. You can choose to look at anything in life differently than the default setting. “The really significant education in thinking that we’re supposed to get in a place like this isn’t really about the capacity to think, but rather about the choice of what to think about.” “The point is that petty, frustrating crap like this is exactly where the work of choosing is gonna come in.” “If I don’t make a conscious decision about how to think and what to pay attention to, I’m gonna be pissed and miserable every time I have to shop.” “Most days, if you’re aware enough to give yourself a choice, you can choose to look differently.” “The only thing that’s capital-T True is that you get to decide how you’re gonna try to see it.” “You get to consciously decide what has meaning and what doesn’t.” 3. On Awareness & Consciousness: Be present, pay attention, and keep the truth up front daily to stay conscious and alive. “Twenty years after my own graduation, I have come gradually to understand that the liberal arts cliché about teaching you how to think is actually shorthand for a much deeper, more serious idea: learning how to think really means learning how to exercise some control over how and what you think. It means being conscious and aware enough to choose what you pay attention to and to choose how you construct meaning from experience. Because if you cannot exercise this kind of choice in adult life, you will be totally hosed.” “Probably the most dangerous thing about an academic education—least in my own case—is that it enables my tendency to over-intellectualize stuff, to get lost in abstract argument inside my head, instead of simply paying attention to what is going on right in front of me, paying attention to what is going on inside me.” “If you’re automatically sure that you know what reality is, and you are operating on your default setting, then you, like me, probably won’t consider possibilities that aren’t annoying and miserable. But if you really learn how to pay attention, then you will know there are other options. It will actually be within your power to experience a crowded, hot, slow, consumer-hell type situation as not only meaningful, but sacred, on fire with the same force that made the stars: love, fellowship, the mystical oneness of all things deep down.” “The whole trick is keeping the truth up front in daily consciousness.” “It is unimaginably hard to do this, to stay conscious and alive in the adult world day in and day out.” How are you doing on these three life lessons? Do you acknowledge your default setting? Are you exercising control and choice over your mind? How about paying attention and staying present? “The really important kind of freedom involves attention and awareness and discipline, and being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them over and over in myriad petty, unsexy ways every day. That is real freedom. That is being educated, and understanding how to think. The alternative is unconsciousness, the default setting, the rat race, the constant gnawing sense of having had, and lost, some infinite thing.” “Hi, I’m Kyle—the human behind Sloww. I’m an ex-marketing executive turned corporate dropout and solopreneur who found and created my life purpose after an existential crisis. Sloww is my synthesis of the world’s wisdom on the art of living for students of life. Read my story. Charlie Rose interviewed the late David Foster Wallace, on March 27, 1997. “How’s the water?” “. There are these two young fish swimming along and they happen to meet an older fish swimming the other way, who nods at them and says “Morning, boys. How’s the water?” And the two young fish swim on for a bit, and then eventually one of them looks over at the other and goes “What the hell is water?” ... The point of the fish story is merely that the most obvious, important realities are often the ones that are hardest to see and talk about....the so-called real world will not discourage you from operating on your default settings, because the so-called real world of men and money and power hums merrily along in a pool of fear and anger and frustration and craving and worship of self. Our own present culture has harnessed these forces in ways that have yielded extraordinary wealth and comfort and personal freedom. The freedom all to be lords of our tiny skull-sized kingdoms, alone at the center of all creation. This kind of freedom has much to recommend it. But of course there are all different kinds of freedom, and the kind that is most precious you will not hear much talk about much in the great outside world of wanting and achieving... The really important kind of freedom involves attention and awareness and discipline, and being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them over and over in myriad petty, unsexy ways every day. ... the real value of a real education... has almost nothing to do with knowledge, and everything to do with simple awareness; awareness of what is so real and essential, so hidden in plain sight all around us, all the time, that we have to keep reminding ourselves over and over: “This is water.” DFW KenyonAddress 2005 Transcript David Foster Wallace, 1962-2008 Excerpts from the 2005 Kenyon Commencement Address. An Appreciation of David Wallace by David Gates: Newsweek Web Exclusive The New York Times. Sunday Book Review: Great and Terrible Truths : “Truthful, funny and unflinchingly warm, the address was obviously the work of a wise and very kind man. At the edges, though, there was something else – the faint but unmistakable sense that Wallace had passed through considerable darkness, some of which still clung to him... The glory of the work and the tragedy of the life are relations but not friends, informants but not intimates. Exult in one; weep for the other.” by Tom Bissell Zen Moments is seeking permission from the publishers to republish a longer extract of this speech. Photo by Fabrizio Comolli with kind permission. Thank you to John Morgan for suggesting this article. This Is Water: Some Thoughts... By David Foster Wallace “A little gem to keep on your shelf the rest of your life” Sure, you can read it free on the Web, but you’ll be so glad you have this beautiful little volume to keep forever. It’s a gem. And a perfect gift for the right person. “Learning how to think” “It’s a short book, only 134 pages, with one sentence per page which leaves a lot of white space on every page. In other words, the book is for people who think about what they read... It’s the Abraham Lincoln approach; he didn’t have a lot to say at Gettysburg in 1863, and the brevity of his remarks was roundly condemned at the time; but, the content has stood the test of time, just as I suspect this book will stand the test of time.” Amazon customer review Consider the Lobster: And Other Essays By David Foster Wallace “Do lobsters feel pain? Did Franz Kafka have a funny bone? What is John Updike’s deal, anyway? And what happens when adult video starlets meet their fans in person? David Foster Wallace answers these questions and more in essays that are also enthralling narrative adventures. Whether covering the three-ring circus of a vicious presidential race, plunging into the wars between dictionary writers, or confronting the World’s Largest Lobster Cooker at the annual Maine Lobster Festival, Wallace projects a quality of thought that is uniquely his and a voice as powerful and distinct as any in American letters.” Amazon Review David Foster Wallace (February 21, 1962 – September 12, 2008) was an award-winning American novelist, short story writer, essayist, and professor at Pomona College in Claremont, California. Wallace is widely known for his 1996 novel Infinite Jest, which was cited as one of the 100 best English-language novels from 1923 to 2005 by Time magazine. Los Angeles Times book editor David Ulin called Wallace “one of the most influential and innovative writers of the last 20 years”. With his suicide, he left behind an unfinished novel, The Pale King, which was subsequently published in 2011, and in 2012 was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, which was not awarded that year. Wikipedia





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