

# Revving Up with the Rev

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Good fall morning, fellow Men's Clubbers!

Recent correspondence with an Edmonton contact sent my mind wandering into the great issues of life again. To be specific, this time I was asking myself a real biggie: What is the ultimate meaning of life itself?

An associated question: Was I really put here to have to deal with this Covid thing?

In any event, while I was revved up thinking about this I remembered the old comedy sketch by the late Jackie Vernon. He would have told it on either the Johnny Carson show or the Ed Sullivan show.

Vernon said that once upon a time there was a man who was seeking the meaning of life. He asked this question from all the brilliant thinkers throughout the land but didn't come up with a totally satisfying answer.

Finally, he hears that there is a very wise guru who lives high in the mountains of Tibet. So he decides to ask that guru. He goes to Tibet, manages to swim across a crocodile-infested river, slowly climbs a very steep mountain, and finally, totally exhausted, arrives at the place where the guru sits deep in thought.

He asks the guru what the meaning of life is. The guru replies, "A wet bird never flies at night." The guy goes, "Huh?"

It's not hard to understand why the guy said, "Huh?" What would you or I have said? I decided to probe the issue a bit further and discovered there are other ways of saying the same thing. Here are some of those ways:

- It's best not to take unnecessary risks when you are in a temporary state of misfortune.
- Act when fate favors you; until then hunker down.
- Don't double your trouble by making two bad choices in a row.
- Don't spin your wheels; this too shall pass.
- Look before you leap.
- For everything there is a time and season.
- Patience is a virtue.

All of which is to say that old guru gave some pretty sound and practical advice. So...wet birds unite! Wait 'er out until mornin'!

In the meantime, you don't need to hie off on a journey to Tibet. Just join the Guelph-Wellington Men's Club; you'll learn a whole lot of important stuff there! Keep smilin', guys!

Tom Watson