

THE CONVERSATION

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Talking about Education

Dislocation & Connection



I am an arm, a finger, a kneecap, dislocated, out of joint, hanging by tenuous threads of connection to the rest of the body. Dislocated, out of place, disconnected, ineffectual and dangling in a void of repeating time and space.

We are a body, stretched beyond the point of dislocation, drawn and quartered by the blades and horses of a barbarous and indiscriminate virus.

One can only take this metaphor so far, but for me, and I am sure for many others, the sense of dislocation from the 'body' of the workplace is a disconcerting reality. The connections that we made and held during non-pandemic days seem stretched and damaged. But important threads of connection still remain, albeit digitally and screen mediated. We must tend these threads, look to maintain them, care for them in the hope that better days will soon be here.

#bekind has never been needed than now. It's a cliché to say that the darkest hour is just before dawn.



Posted in r/Art by u/neonroli47



From **"The Hill We Climb"**

by **Amanda Gorman**

When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this
never-ending shade?
The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade
We've braved the belly of the beast
We've learned that quiet isn't
always peace
And the norms and notions
of what just is
Isn't always just-ice
And yet the dawn is ours
before we knew it
Somehow we do it

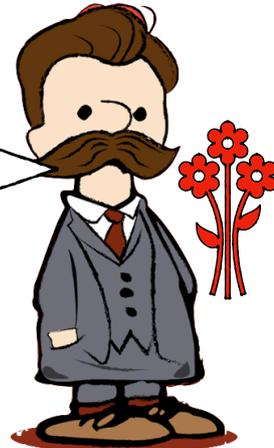
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But after the darkness of winter, a long term of bubbles and perpetual motion, another halfterm in lockdown, dawn must surely break.

In the fullness of time we will be snapped back into place and relocated within the family (body) of MBA.
#bekind
#loveoneanother
#connected

Fredrich Nietzsche

*Invisible threads
are the strongest ties*



Cryptic Crossword COTW:

For him art comes with a cost unfortunately (8)

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