

LINKS TO Lifespan Faith Development for Adults & Older Youth “at home” or “on-the-go”

For February 26, 2017 - Theme: IDENTITY

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SPIRITUAL EXERCISE: The Artist Who Helped You Find You



“Artists are always in the vanguard of social change...The music proclaimed our identity; it made every statement we truly wanted to make.” ~Dizzy Gillespie

Art and artists help us find our way. They provide mirrors and containers for our identity. Seeing their work, we see ourselves. Hearing and reading their work, we remember who we are. So hunt down and bring into your family or friend dinner or group with one of the books, songs, paintings, photos or movies that has helped you find (and hold onto) yourself. Come ready to share the story of your first encounter with that piece of art.



MOVIES

- **Dear White People** Winner of the 2014 Sundance Film Festival's Special Jury Award for Breakthrough Talent, *Dear White People* is a sly, provocative satire of race relations in the age of Obama. Writer/director Justin Simien follows a group of African American students as they navigate campus life and racial politics at a predominantly white college in a sharp and funny feature film debut that earned him a spot on Variety's annual "10 Directors to Watch." (C) Roadside Attraction **Rating: R** (for language, sexual content and drug use) <https://thedissolve.com/reviews/1148-dear-white-people/> https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/dear_white_people
- **Moonlight** Written & Directed by Barry Jenkins The tender, heartbreaking story of a young man's struggle to find himself, told across three defining chapters in his life as he experiences the ecstasy, pain, and beauty of falling in love, while grappling with his own sexuality. **Rating: R** (for some sexuality, drug use, brief violence, and language throughout this Drama) https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/moonlight_2016
- **HUMAN** by Yann Arthus-Bertrand - Genesis of the film trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUWrdnbOEOQ>
These are stunningly beautiful landscapes & people (humanity dealing with multiple challenges of living, loving & being who they are...)
Parts 1 2 & 3
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdb4XGVTHkE>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShtAt5xtto>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0653vsLSqE>

YouTube VIDEOS:

- **Lost Voices** ~Darius Simpson & Scout Bostley - *The problem with speaking up for each other is that everyone is left without a voice.* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpPASWlnZIA&feature=youtu.be>
- **The beauty of being a misfit** TED Talk~ Lidia Yuknavitch
http://www.ted.com/talks/lidia_yuknavitch_the_beauty_of_being_a_misfit
- **The psychology of your future self** TED Talk – Dan Gilbert *We somehow imagine that the person we are right now is the person we'll be for the rest of time. Hint: that's not the case.* https://www.ted.com/talks/dan_gilbert_you_are_always_changing



SONG: Tell Me A Story - Skylar Kergil “Strangers stare and they want to be the first to ask for my life in one word... Am I a boy or a girl?” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbQDTE2s3dl>

TESTING YOUR IDENTITY- Wolf? Snake? Butterfly?....

- **Your Spirit Animal** – Come on, have some fun! <http://www.spiritanimal.info/spirit-animal-quiz/>

