

Parenthood

CHANGES every morning for the last six hundred days or so carole & i have awakened to a new & different kind of world. we have been joined by another person, full-fledged, intelligent & active. all my life i've thought in some Calvinistic, Baptist way with a quasi-scientific twist that "yes, it is necessary to explore the possibilities of genetic combinations blah, blah, blah." supercool didn't prepare me for the wonder of the benign explosion which was the entry of joshua henry isaacs into our collective life. i tended to think of abstract reasons for rearing children making it worth the hassle. the awesome truth is that it's some experience. like having some exotic stranger come for a long visit. it's the one life experience i've found impossible to take for granted even after all this time. no ego trip like the old-fashioned world but more like watching a beautiful little peach tree grow. the only ego thing involved is watching reinterpreted echoes of your own behavior & attitudes appear in this midget like the reverb from some mighty speaker in the sky driven by the DNA spiral. sometimes this is OK but sometimes it makes you cringe & hope for the best.

Ken Isaacs on parenthood, from 'Living Structures'

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