What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us. And when we bring what is within us out into the world, miracles happen. H.D.Thoreau

Aging, Alzheimer's & the Human Spirit:

Images, Insights & Interventions from the Arts

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Synthesizing visual, literary, fine and creative arts, this presentation illuminate's images—serious and humorous—of the joys and strains of aging, and more specifically, the fears and hopes regarding Alzheimer's, end-of-life and bereavement. Resources readily accessible to engage areas of the brain which help reawaken identity, dignity, connection and hope for people suffering with memory difficulties, chronic, or life-limiting illness, and for those of us who care for them, will be explored.

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