

Oyster and Grief : A tale of resilience.

Resilient..... Yes we are

We have experienced the worst

Yet we keep on

A little bit like Oyster.....

Unwanted invades Oyster's shell.... a bit of grit irritating and microscopic trapped within it's mantle folds.....

.....just as Unwanted Death invades ours.

Oyster cannot make Unwanted go away... can never forget... always reminded, daily aware that Unwanted is there.

Oyster coats Unwanted with layers of nacre (or mother of pearl) repeatedly covering Unwanted until a unique, strong, iridescent, beautiful, lustrous jewel is created, protecting the pearls sensitive flesh.

This is a natural defence mechanism to Unwanted that has appeared in Oyster's shell.

Then comes a Pearl, perfect in shape and colour - priceless.

A pearl is a metaphor for something rare, fine, admirable and valuable - all colours, white, black and every colour between. Maybe like our grief.

(Pearls are a traditional mourning jewel for Royal funerals)

The more numerous the layers Oyster makes, the finer the lustre of the pearl which forms inside the shell protecting it from the threatening intruder Unwanted.

Oyster spends from 6 months to several years to produce a gem, years of resilient patience.

Wild natural pearls are genuine and with a quality and iridescence of their own, of much greater value than cultivated farmed (cultured) pearls in which man has a hand.

Perhaps we can deal with Unwanted in our lives. Our child has gone but let's coat Unwanted with gentle warm Memories in our parental folds 'til it grows to beautiful, priceless memories..

This will take a life time - not restricted to months or years like Oyster.

A perfectly round pearl is very rare like a perfect grief.

Imperfect Pearls (baroque) are not always round or perfect they can be misshapen bumpy and irregular - a bit like our Unwanted Grief.

Tear drop pearls are the next most valuable pearl Such tear drops we have all known.

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