

that is no way to raise a child.

i agree but it

should include there are as many ways

not to raise a child

as there are many ways to raise them.

perhaps we need one way for today

but what about for tomorrow

and what the child needs

and what we need

from the child

in our reciprocity.

things change.

beautiful things can become ugly

when they do not work in the best interests of beauty.

new necessities

require adjustments

the children we raise must include

the ones who can respond

and be able to take over

for the ones whose response will fail.

it is not always pretty.

it will seem as if

diminishment

spoilage

excess

should not produce

what we need next.

but there is

no point in pretending

whether or not the spiritual continues

without the next body.

no point in pretending
whether or not survival survives
without different tools with different
strengths and different crafts.

oneness

i repeat this

for those who need to have it repeated...

oneness would have stopped us long ago.

it is the brutality of our variations

it is the brutality of our deviations

that lets us try to outlast time

not that we will

not even one of us

but who wants to be

among the first to go.

one way.

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