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the best of what jdh has read/watched/observed in the past week.

What is this?
A note from the editor:

This little newspaper of sorts is a spot to find some of the best thoughts, reflections, and resources I've stumbled across in the previous week. I love pursuing justice, engaging missional ministry, exploring leadership, practicing whole-life discipleship, and participating in social enterprise, so these as well of a few of my assorted hobbies (Cleveland sports, outdoors, adolescent development, geography, and Quakers to name a few) are the sorts of things you'll find here. I'll post this to my blog (joeldaniel.wordpress.com) weekly on Friday or Saturday. Join the conversation by leaving a comment on something that sparked your imagination.

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reflections

"It is a greater thing to give light than to simply have light, to pass on to others what you have contemplated than just to contemplate"
Aquinas (ht to Leanne Snavely)

"I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams."
William Butler Yeates

articles

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Popular Media or Rapist?
http://abcn.ws/zjwafI

With the onslaught of sex scandals in the sports world in the past few months, the media has started taking notice of some of the problems facing our culture and some long overdue conversations have been started. However, I believe that our cultural approach to sexuality is broken in much greater ways than the front page stories we've seen recently. We seem to want to be able to talk about sexuality one way, but then act in a different way. This article explores the problem in the way that we talk about sexuality in popular venues. (ht to Shelly Johnson)

Love Your Enemies
http://bit.ly/zrZqZO

Something else I need to work on in the new year: loving my enemies. One of my all time favorite quotes is found in this sermon from MLK Jr. "Why should we love our enemies? The first reason is fairly obvious. Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multi# plies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction." (ht to Pete Fowler)

blog post

2012 Déja Vu
http://bit.ly/xCOITu

With a new year on the horizon, some reflection on practices for living seems appropriate this week. Hopefully your new year resolutions haven't already worn off! A teaser from these challenging thoughts by Don Miller: "The year 2011 had me living in reaction. And while it was an eventful year, and maybe one of the more growing seasons of my life, it was filled with mistakes and way too many people and projects." (ht to Laura Clowson)

random

A McDonald's On Every Street Corner
http://bit.ly/zt7iU2

Remember how I listed geography as one of my interests? Well this is mildly correlated...and rather disturbing. (ht to Kent Currie)

The Depression in Color
http://bit.ly/xXhzOn

Some incredible color photos from the Depression era. Erie and beautiful. (ht to Yvonne Valenza)

media

vision+hope+focus
http://bit.ly/zDSSMt

My good friend, Andy Sikora, a NE Ohio church planter, started his church's year off with this video, reflecting on some key principles with which to approach 2012. As you begin your new year, I recommend taking his wise words into consideration.

Happy Birthday Tolkien!
http://bit.ly/znfNGW

2012 is the year of the Hobbit (can't wait for December's release). Here's the strangest video I could think of to duly celebrate Tolkien's 110 birthday this past week and the upcoming release of the first Hobbit movie. (ht to Colin Henry)

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ANDY SIKORA