



THE DISTELFINK – Appreciate

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For those of you who made time to watch Randy's Pausch's lecture last week, you might recall he admitted to relying heavily on a couple of sources for the ideas in his talk. So just for the record, I want to state early and often, that I too will be sharing quotes, information, concepts, and the like, from all kinds of sources, other than yours truly. I will try, however, to attribute them properly, so the origin of any idea always receives proper credit or acknowledgement.

Perhaps some of you read the semi-weekly newsletters distributed by John Mauldin. He is a prolific writer, and avid reader of "matters financial". He even suggested last summer, as an enhancement to his business model, that he wanted to try to make some money from his addiction to reading and thirst for information. He posed this question to his readers, "What would you pay to look over my shoulder and read the 5-10 most important things I find each week?" Then he proposed, "I will become your personal reader."

Don't worry, I'm not suggesting I'm going to be your personal reader, nor that I am going to charge for the Distelfink; but I am admitting to the need for a lot of ideas, from a lot of different places. Occasionally I hope to have an original thought or two to share with you, but more often, I suspect inspiration will come from elsewhere.

Just as when you would chime in with words of encouragement or alternative points of view regarding past Distelfink essays, please feel free to share ideas with me now. I would be thrilled to expound on them and share the results with a larger audience. For me, that's part of what makes this writing so much fun – the communication and potential collaboration that comes from having such great readers.

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