



Family Take-It-Home for February 10, 2018

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Story: **The Dervish in the Ditch (Sufi) UU Source: World Religions**

Found in the book: [Doorways to the Soul](#) by Elisa Davy Pearmain

Once a Dervish holy man and his students were walking down a long, quiet road. Suddenly they saw dust rising in the distance. A fine carriage pulled by six horses approached at full gallop. The men soon realized that this carriage was not going to slow down or veer to avoid them. In fact, it was coming upon them at such speed that they had to throw themselves from the road, landing quite unceremoniously in a ditch. The two men got up as quickly as they could and looked back at the carriage as it sped by.

The student thought to curse, but not before the teacher ran after them calling: "May all of your deepest desires be satisfied!"

"Why would you wish something so good for those men?" the student asked. "They just forced us into the ditch, we could have been hurt!"

"Do you really think," replied the teacher, "that if their deepest desires were satisfied, they would go around treating others as they treated us?"

Wondering Questions: What do you think each of the character's actions (the people in the rushing carriage, student, teacher) say about their beliefs on love, trust, and compassion? Where are you in the story? Where do you aspire to be? How are you working towards that?

To remember Unitarian Universalism's 7 Principles -> Song

To the Tune from Sound of Music "Doe-a-deer..."

- 1 Each Person is Important
 - 2 Be kind in all you do
 - 3 We're free to learn together
 - 4 and Search for what is true
 - 5 All people need a voice and a vote
 - 6 Build a fair and peaceful world
 - 7 We care for Earth our home
- That will bring us back to me and UU (repeat and end with UU friends)



Ten Must Watch Black History Documentaries

http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/explore/10-black-history-documentaries-to-watch/?fbclid=IwAR24Avh-xXWFDOKaEAPmS0rjwLWGaQ7gIE40cUV5T_0B5tSoTt2EWRxvimo#.W_oNBy3Mz8o

For Parents: Being Brave Is Stepping Backward and Trusting Our Children - On Being

<https://onbeing.org/blog/being-brave-is-stepping-backward-and-trusting-our-children/>

"As parents, we spend a lot of time worrying about our children. We fret about the degree to which our parenting affects their development and well-being. Yet children are actually emancipated individuals who would spare us the insecurities of raising them, if we would trust them..."