

We rise and fall, picking up important lessons along the way. What important ones have you learned and from whom?

I've learned many of them from watching others. For instance, from my father, I learned about work ethic and charity; from Mom, I learned about strength and faith; and from my grandfather, I learned about patience and resignation.

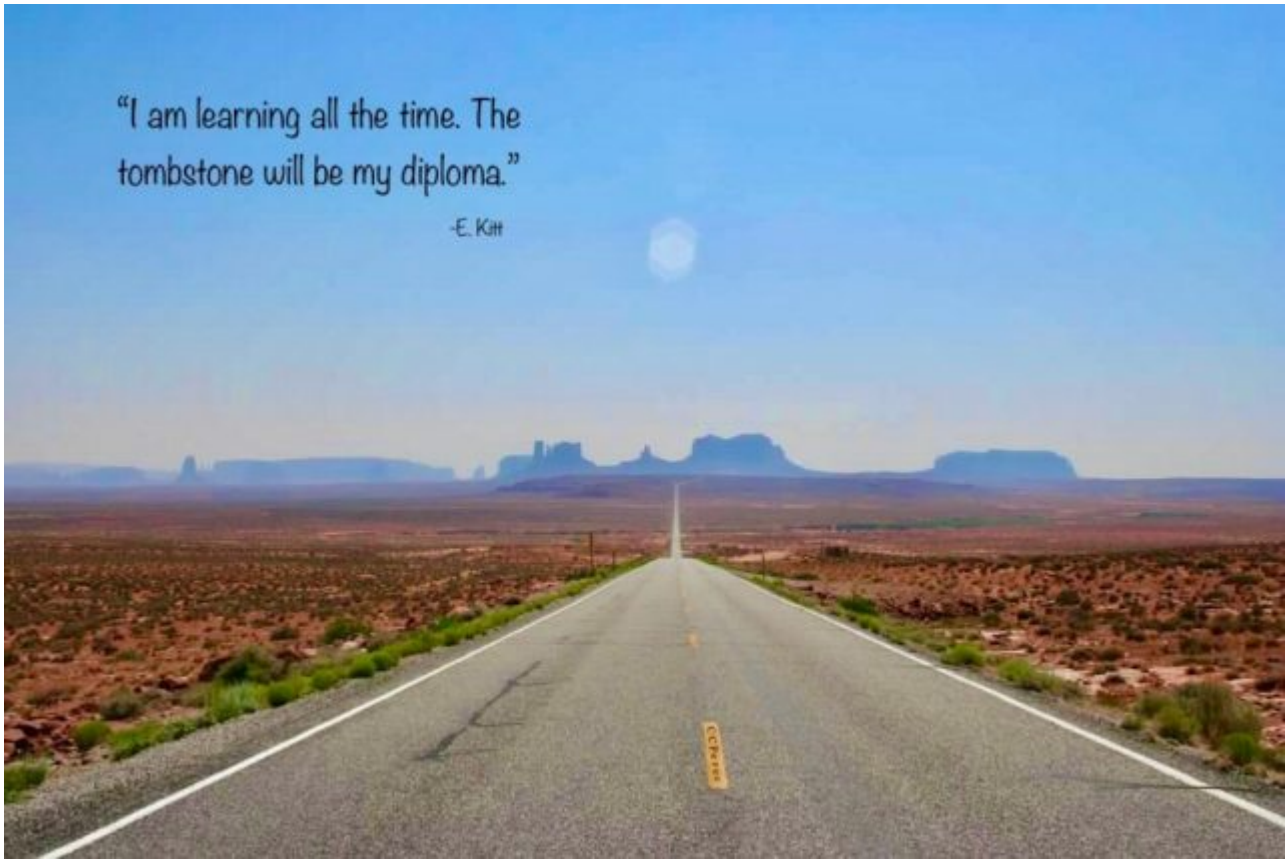
For them, and the lessons they have taught me, I am forever grateful.

I could elaborate about the lessons above and others, but wanted to keep the post short. However, if you're slightly curious, you can read about them in "Things I learned When I Wasn't Paying Attention," one of the stories in my book. The proceeds from Scenes Everlasting and Other Essays continue to go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Give a thought to those who have taught you some of the most important lessons in your life. Who and what are they?

Until next Thursday's post…si Dios quiere.

Life always gives us exactly the teacher we need at every moment.
This includes every mosquito, every misfortune,
every red light, every traffic jam,
every obnoxious supervisor (or employee),
every illness, every loss,
every moment of joy or depression,
every addiction, every piece of garbage,
every breath.
Every moment is the Guru.
-J. Beck



Highway 163, Arizona-Utah border, July 2006.

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