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NEWSLETTER

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I am of the unwavering conviction that human destiny on this planet can be positively influenced by striving for knowledge, peace, understanding, love and social justice.

Joe's Comments and Observations <http://lvau.blogspot.com>

“The nations of the world are at crossroads. Either they can decide to take global action to forestall and minimize the impact of global warming; or, they will choose to continue in the usual pattern of acting out of what they conceive to be purely their own interests. It is obvious where this path will eventually lead. The threat of global warming is, in my mind, the ultimate litmus test: are humans smart enough to avert a potential disaster of this magnitude.”

Quotes - Desmond Tutu (Oct. 1931 - Present) From his book entitled, *God has a Dream*: “Our decisions-personal, corporate, at play, at home, in private and in public-make the moral fabric of our society, indeed of the world. How we interact with the people in our lives-whether we are centers of peace, oases of compassion-makes a difference. The sum total of these interactions determines nothing less than the nature of human life on our planet.”

[JOE'S READINGS/EVENTS](#)

[Poetry Reading/Art Show](#)

Wednesday June 20, 6:00- 8:00 pm
Readings from *The Illusive Quality of Existence*
C&P Coffee Company - 5612 California Avenue SW
Art Show runs from June 4 - June 30

[Art Show](#)

April 11—May 12
Providence Mount St. Vincent's
4831 35th Ave SW 98126

[PROGRESSIVE BOOK CORNER](#)

[Chasing Ghosts](#) - Paul Rieckhoff, Penguin

[Peace Be Upon You](#) - Zachary Karabell, Knopf

[The Matador's Cape](#) - Bruce Ackerman, Cambridge

[Escape from Empire](#) - Alice H. Amsden, MIT Press

Published Works

Awakening from a Distant Dream:

This is a story about Laura. Laura was born with a sensitive spirit. As an adolescent, she is plagued by feelings of uncertainty and confusion about her relationship with her family and friends, but, most importantly, her personal identity and place in the social order of things. As events unfold, circumstances propel her into situations where she is forced to make some momentous decisions that will help her eventually come to terms with her own nature. Laura ultimately discovers her true calling in life and the artist she was destined to be. This singular existence illustrates the challenges that shape the depth and unique character of the self.

The Surprising Latitude of Fate:

The Surprising Latitude of Fate is a novel that follows the life of an Italian immigrant (Carmelo Visconti) as he attempts to navigate his way through the intricacies of the American culture. He is catapulted from village life in a small town on the Adriatic to the frenetic pace and lifestyle that comes with living in New York. His innate sense of adventure together with his burgeoning loneliness leads him on a path that he would come to regret. Carmelo is exposed to the darker elements of his psyche that he was previously unaware of, especially his more violent nature. The inevitable consequences of his behavior bring him to a precipice that could result in his destruction. It is essentially the story of personal redemption.

At the Fringes of Experience:

This anthology of short stories deals with the larger issues of the human condition. *Bronx Memories* represents the author's own personal journey as a young boy. *Nathaniel Hastings* is a kind of modern day odyssey, in which the protagonist navigates through life from very bizarre beginnings. The stories, *Bradley Stimpson and Marie*, *The Strange Diaries of Jeremy Flood* and *Benjamin's Magic Bullet* take place in some future time and explore various aspects of contemporary human society. Lastly, *No Time for Retribution* is a work that examines the modern world as seen through the eyes of a person dealing with madness.

America and the Mythology of Greatness:

This well researched book examines the myths about America and its moral position in the world. The myths enumerated include the myth of equal justice and the myth of America as the so-called "world policeman." The premise of this work is that a belief in these myths distorts the truth and impedes real social progress. Alternatives are suggested that are more in keeping with a truly free and democratic society.

Impaled on Time's Illustrious Arrow:

This anthology of poetry (over 150 poems) covers a wide range of thoughts, reflections and experience. Poetry to me is a succinct medium through which the many layers, and often elusive, textures of emotions can best be expressed.

The Illusive Quality of Existence:

This anthology of poetry (some 200 poems) is a collection of more recent work and includes what the author refers to as picture poems, i.e. poems that include color images from original art and photographs.

The above titles can be easily purchased on-line: <http://lvau.com>