

## Thoughts on Eldering

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Feeling god's pain—not necessarily in a negative sense

Willing to accept a constant state of grace.

The visible presence of god.

Willing to be lost, depressed, afraid and still act and still be faithful.

Continual remembering. A channel, reflector, deflector, funnel.

My own humanness

Weakness, etc.

Makes compassion real. Willing to feel.

Willing to not hold on to anything. And willing to give everything available through you.  
Willing to fail, willing to continually try.

Understanding the human condition in the presence of pure love.....

Love is.

Willingness.

Centeredness again and again and again.

The continual exchange...diffusion....between existence and existence

It doesn't matter what I think, so much as.....what I am  
and what I am is not me, per se, but the light that travels through...

Willing to be blown away

To give up everything

Willing to understand

The implications

The difficulty

And also the knowledge that

I may not be faithful.

Willing to stop.

Willing to listen

To try

To fail

To be remorseful

To let go of remorse

To live

To love

To risk everything

Listening.

