

## **COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Pandemic - Constant Sameness**

**July 10, 2020.** It has been about 4 months since the country as a whole recognized that we are in the midst of a pandemic, and unfortunately there is no end in sight. We are spending every day at home and following the protocol when we stray out in public we are wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. We are making do but everyday seems the same. In fact because all the days seem the same, each day seems to be blending into the next. We have settled into a state of constant sameness.

Yesterday my wife and I took a ride 20 miles north to check out an oceanographic institute to see if it would be a good place to take kids whenever they can come and visit. It turned out the place was OK. On the way home we stopped and had a short visit with a widowed friend. Lastly we stopped for lunch at an outdoor restaurant. Later my wife exclaimed, what a wonderful day! You know things are bad when a car ride, visit with a widow and a lunch constitutes a great day.

It is less than 4 months before the Presidential election and normally we would be getting pounded with political advertisements. Yet everyday the evening news reporting sounds the same with all the focus on COVID-19. Our lives are being dominated in a way that we are never experienced before and there is no end in sight. All we can do is accept and adapt to the sameness.