

A Cow's Example

John Wesley, the famed Methodist preacher, was walking with a troubled friend one day, listening to him complain that he could not understand why God allowed his troubles to come to him.

"I can't see through it all," he concluded.

Noticing nearby a cow looking over a wall, they agreed that the cow looked over the wall because of the impossibility of seeing through it.

Thus, Wesley drove home the point: "If you can't see through your troubles, try looking over them."

The cow had learned a lesson that many humans have not. It's a great waste of time to keep on trying to see through problems when looking over them is so much easier. Most of the problems that confront us are exaggerated by the urgency of the moment.

Thirty years or so from now, they will appear so infinitesimal.

--Beecher Hunter