

Violin in a Drawer

A man named Luigi Tarisio loved violins and began collecting them. He took great pride in scouting out rare finds and purchasing only those instruments that he knew to be of the finest quality. No one really knew about his passion, however, until after he died.

It was while his estate was being appraised that some 246 valuable violins were discovered in his attic.

One of the most expensive violins had been hidden in the drawer of an old dresser. It was a Stradivarius he had purchased from someone who had also bought it solely as a collector's item.

In commenting on this, author W.Y. Fullerton noted that in preserving the instrument, Tarisio had robbed the world of beautiful music all the time he treasured his violins. Others before him had done the same. In fact, by the time the greatest Stradivarius violin in his collection was finally played, 147 years had passed.

The analogy is sobering. The gifts, talents, abilities and aptitudes that you have been given by the Creator are intended for you to discover, and then use until they become perfect. We are to uncover whom we were created to be, not cover up what we fear we are. Give expression to your inner self today.

It is sad but true: He (or she) who buries his talent is making a grave mistake.

--Beecher Hunter