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Parker J. Palmer

On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old



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Here's a question in the centre of both writing and faith. Why have I not read any of his books before?! He's part poet, part storyteller. Having enjoyed the enjoyment of reading an enhance copy of *Upon the Brink of Everything*, We am delighted to motivate anyone interested in "conscious aging" to take care of themselves by scanning this book! I believe two quotes from the reserve sum his wisdom up greatest: "I'd be lying if I stated that I am awed by all that is included with old age ... yet for the reason that of the diminishment of age, not in spite of them, that I frequently find myself in awe mainly because I stand on the brink of everything." I will be using this, partly, as a roadmap of how exactly to established my sights as I undertake life. A whole lot of wisdom here. Grace and Gratitude Let this "review" go into the bottom drawer and make it's way up the next drawer and the next. This book feels like one extremely readable, often funny, deeply vulnerable version of the answer. This book will restore your faith in humanity--and yourself! It's about pausing to take in the preciousness of the brief, terrible, beautiful lives. Parker is among the most intimate authors I know. I wish to collaborate with it as best I can, hoping of heading down with something similar to the loveliness of this sunset. It's such something special. I'll give this reserve to every older friend and family member I've. I am growing old, feeling gravity (true and metaphorical) yet some measure of grace is producing it's way if you ask me. I am in my 40's and it is refreshing to have someone in the sunset of lifestyle discuss what it is prefer to age group—but do so gracefully. Like most of Parker Palmer's writings, *ON THE BRINK* is definitely honest, intimate, unique, courageous and inspiring. Right out the gate, he claims: "I don't need to combat the gravity of maturing. Patrick Campbell might say, "When you pray, don't frighten the horses. He always makes you are feeling like you're having a 1:1 conversation when you examine him. It really is a treasure-trove of stories and reflections that connect so much more than simply essays on "how to age," with the authority and wisdom of his previous, young soul, and his gorgeous gift of writing." "Imagine collaborating together with your aging! This publication proceeds to recommend many ways one might just do that!" As I am sure you can tell, *ON THE BRINK OF EVERYTHING* emerges out of hard-earned knowledge from Parker's 79 years. Parker names many of the underrated aspects of aging, including a fresh freedom to use time differently, and commit ourselves to issues we treatment deeply about, unencumbered with the pressures and needs of the first fifty percent of existence, like proving ourselves, looking good, etc. (3) Though I am much younger compared to the author and also have pursued a different outer path in life, I came across his insights to end up being relevant to me and, I believe, people of many age range - insights that feel common, not age bound. For people like me, the notion that old age is a time to dial it down and play it safe is a cop-out. We elders should be raising hell with respect to whatever we value: freedom's yet another word for not really needing to count the cost. "The idea of raising hell about what we care about... I believe Parker Palmer is ideal that aging well, regardless of one's circumstances, is mostly about choosing to pay attention, to listen more and speak less, and to continue to learn, instead of resigning oneself to a lifestyle of silent desperation and irrelevance. What do you value now, and how will you engage in that caring? Honest, Vulnerable, and Joyful: Parker Palmer Teaches Us How to Age Well I have always been a lover of Parker Palmer's function and he has been extremely influential in my own thinking as an educator and a Christian. Finally, I specifically enjoyed his reflections in the writing life and its' connection to the faith journey: "Since writing is sometimes a kind of prayer for me, right here's another parallel between faith and writing: 'When you pray, don't be just like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing...on the road corners to be seen simply by men. ... When you pray, get into your area, and close the door...' (Matthew 6:5) Or, as Mrs. It's nature's way. When I write, I seem to be partnering with something that is not yet me or mine—or with something more truly me and mine than I normally have access to. Part Poetry, Part Wisdom—All Great This is the first time I

have already been introduced to Parker J Palmer. As we probe truth with terms or with leaps of faith, are our findings discoveries or inventions? I am hoping you find it to be so as well!"And why have faith, if God is so small as to be contained in your finite words and formulae? To write and reside in faith, we should let God end up being God—original, wild, free of charge, a innovative impulse that animates all of life, but can't ever be contained within the limits of what we think, say and do. Thank God for that. The invitation here is to consider the privilege and responsibility that is included with living an extended life, to be "fierce with actuality" and own all of your life journey, using its shadows, failures, successes and light, and determine how to spend the precious time you have left in meaningful ways. For all your wrinkles and worry lines, it's a lovely thing simply to be among those who's lived long enough to say, 'I'm getting outdated. There are clear drumbeats of themes he has discussed throughout his lifetime: embracing wholeness; the paradoxical character of truth; the "primal wildness" of God and the soul; his relationship with Thomas Merton, silence and solitude; Parker Palmer is certainly sage and story-teller, prophet and poet. that just how with pain and depressive disorder is down and through in order to get its hard lessons; and non-violent engagement in the midst of great political and racial unrest, all woven together with humor, his very own poetry, and memorable tales. As I read through this book I recognized that I really am 'on the brink of everything' and that realization touched my core in quite profound methods. My best guess can be that the answer is "Yes. An unself-conscious spiritual summing up in the author's elder years. A thoughtful and encouraging book on aging Having found myself considering a lot concerning this time of existence I have been blessed to discover myself in (aging), We was interested to find what Parker Palmer experienced to say about this issue. He provides a wide range of experience, and he's learned a whole lot from it. (2) While the reserve faces squarely in to the challenges that include aging and coming to terms with mortality, it can so with good humor and compassion for the human struggle, both personal and communal. "Even more than fearing the cost of taking dangers for the items I care about, I fear aging into irrelevance. (4) The book gets the courage to address the existing political situation, and the author gets the courage to confess his very own complicity in it, as a citizen. He's thoughtful about those things deserving to end up being thoughtful about. A book on aging as opening rather than closing As I've witnessed my family and mentors age, I've often wondered what sets apart those who manage to start to the world, get more humble, more curious, more grateful, more awed, and those that close in, get bitter, begin navel-gazing, lose view of wonder and the wideness of the globe.... Although this publication undoubtable can serve as a way to obtain guidance and inspiration to those of us who are growing into our elderhood, it isn't just for us "older" people. Being faithful is enough and you have been one instructor who shows me what that looks like. When it makes it's method to the very best drawer for your reading and account, I hope you will hear and receive my message. I am grateful. A must-read for anyone who cares about conscious aging. You have verified that in spite of appearances, my life's are an educator for over 40 years issues. As I surrender the hope of achieving anticipated "outcomes" and consider that the value and "rightness" of might work may be more than enough, I feel a feeling of peace that I have not earned. I really believe that is called grace.as your dad advised you, Parker. I laughed, cried, reflected and wondered as I browse. The body of your writing and your life, as an example, are an unbelievable gift to me. An extremely insightful read I loved this book. Anyone who enjoys exploring the inner life will love this book Wisdom for the journey On the Brink of Everything is the kind of reserve that leaves you wanting to read it again--and so I did. I appreciated his personal tales he shared as well. Parker's insights in to the passages of of life connected to me. I found that I liked it the next time a lot more as I discovered silent truth I got overlooked the first time through. the notion of faithfulness from what we value; He writes with a

straightforward but effective honesty. He obviously and unapologetically speaks the reality as he views it but always in a manner that lets the reader know that he says what he says due to the fact he cares about us all.. People who are not really there yet can find a new way of searching at their personal inevitable aging and find wisdom for the journey. I want I had browse this reserve twenty years ago. Parker says, "When we feel certain that the human being soul is no longer at the job in the globe, it's time to be sure that ours is seen to someone, someplace". I suggest reading this at any stage of existence. It's about relationships. In the darkness of winter, the light of wish shines forth from this stunningly candid, courageous and uplifting meditation on our human being trip. In *On the Brink of Everything*, Parker Palmer's own human soul is seen to us all as he invites us to find the courage to accomplish the same. In addition, it is an abundance of resources because of other inspirational works that are cited within it. I laughed, I cried, I thank and salute the writer. It is thoughtful, insightful, honest and beautifully created. Parker Palmer has been a thoughtful gentlemen his entire life and this volume is usually a dear expression of the reflections of an eighty some odd yr old. In a lifestyle that celebrates youth, which seems to be resistant to even considering ageing, this book can be a breath of oxygen. Tike a period out and savor the wisdom. In a strange way, the necessity for discernment about vocation and phoning gets more intense with age, much like whenever we were youthful people starting out. While I am not really of his generation, I came across I could very easily relate to much of what he reveals and ponders in this most recent work. Palmer has trained me to become a better teacher and today he is teaching me how exactly to age with intention and with pleasure. I was particularly moved by the vulnerable way he writes about his battles with melancholy. There is a lot wisdom found in lives that have been well resided that must definitely be shared.for me, that is the question at the guts of aging. Read this Like the author. Well spoken and a relaxed voice Thought book about stuff needing to be thoughtful about. I'm a Parker Palmer fan. I recommend this reserve to people who would like to explore might be found. Grace, gravity and obtaining old are worth discussing and worth exploration especially for guys like me who want to seem sensible of what the rest of our life is supposed to appear to be. Palmer isn't big on providing prescriptions and formulas. He's, nevertheless, quite adept at allowing his own life trip speak. Like all of Parker's books, I am certain it will be one I will reread often to guide me in my elder years. The key features of this book that lead me to give it a higher rating are: (1) It builds on the lifetime connection with a man who's nearly 80 and has served as a teacher, a community organizer, the founder of a non-profit organization, and a writer and lecturer. We can use the wisdom in these frequently brutish instances of political and personal rancor. In the event that you struggle with depression or like someone who will, these portions are cause enough to get and read the book. This publication shares much of such wisdom. Lovely Inspiring Thoughtful Eldership is often lost in the busyness and often thoughtless world we live in. I bought my dad, who's well into his 80's, a copy for Christmas.



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