

Unremembered Loss

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Another Year Gone

2016 is gone – where did all the time go. It's one of those strange things that the older you get the faster time seems to go. I read one explanation that make a little sense.

When you're two years old, another year passed is half of you life. When you 10 years old its another 10%. Now that I'm 50+ its down to 2%. When I look back on my life, this last year is a drop in the bucket.

This is issue 88 of my newsletter, seven and a third years of writing something every month. When I stated writing them, each one seemed like a big step. Now this one feels like a little stepping stone in a very long path

This year I've worked a little bit on the novel. It has come so far, but it still feels like it has so far to go. I have a dozen chapters to write (I need to say that my chapters are only 5 to 10 pages long so it's not that huge of a task) and that many more that need rewrites.

I need motivation and a goal. Seeing that this is issue 88, next December will be issue 100. That sounds like a good finishing point, or at least a good

transition point from writing to promoting.

To make that date I need to complete with the writing/editing with enough time to do the publishing. If I can write or edit one chapter a month I'll be done by June. That will leave six months to wrap it up.

Wrapping it up means getting the cover designed, getting the graphics for the inside done, laying out the final book, printing some proof copies, getting some beta readers, and getting someone to publish it.

So here are the tasks:

Identify chapters to be written

Identify chapters be rewritten

Write chapters

Rewrite chapters

Final read through of whole book

Send in manuscript for final edit

Identify the graphics

Having the graphics created

Decide on a cover design

Having the cover created

Layout the book

Sounds like a good years worth of work, but wait, there's more.

My other novel, *The Rise and Fall of Man*, is almost ready. I've been trying to decide if I want to spend the money and time to add all the graphics I want or to publish it as just text.

While I'd like to do it with the graphics, the cost is pretty high and will make it take a lot longer to finish. I've finished the second set of edits on it so I think it is ready for the final round.

If I can send it out next month for edits, I should have it back by March. Three months to lay it out, get a cover and publish it should be doable. That means that the novel could be ready in June.

Then I've got my laser cutting projects that I'm doing, that I don't want to give up.

Sounds like its going to be a busy year, but if I lay it all out, make a schedule, and then stick to that schedule, I might be able to do it.

Are you all on board to help me reach the finish line on these projects and the other "little" ones I'll do on the way? If so, please let me know.

Doug