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 **Rumination Man on his 88th Year**

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The **T**ext: A Birthday Tribute from the **F**amily to their **F**ather/Grand**F**ather.

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**My Response Rumination to Your Birthday Rumination of the**

 **Rumination Man for for February 14, 2025**

**Introduction:**

1. **Rumination of the Rumination Man See appended below in black:**

To **A**ll in the Ung and Khaw families who **A**ppreciate my Ruminations **A**nd stand in **A**we of the **A**lliterative Presentation that I **A**uthored in my Weekly Devotions to **A**ssist and **A**id our thoughts to **A**dore our Lord in His **A**tonement Ministry on the **A**ltar from young **A**ndrew to grandpa Christopher – in fact, to **A**ll in our United families, both **K**ith and **K**in…

I would like to **A**cknowledge with grateful thanks the impressive **A**uthoritative and **A**uthentic presentation of **A**ppreciation **A**uthored and **A**nchored with such **A**mazing **A**ccuracy and conciseness of their 88-year-old “**A**ncestor”, his historic **A**chievements – weaknesses and strength, likes and dislikes, Inward and Outward **A**ppearance of his **C**haracter and **C**onduct **C**hronicled in such Precise and **C**oncise Significance to make him ever so Proud of each and every **C**ontributor.

**Note:**

Incidentall**y**, next week on 20th Februar**y**, I shall celebrate the Twentieth Anniversar**y** of my Ruminations first introduced on 20th Februar**y**, 2005. All **G**lory be to **G**od for His sustaining **G**race to enable me to pen these weekl**y** Devotions all these twenty years. He is indeed Faithful; may I ever always be Faithful to Him.

[**Note:** Your Contributions in **B**lack with my Response in **B**lue.]

**T**he **T**heme: **A RUMINATION ON THE MAN OF RUMINATIONS**

**A. From the CHILDREN**

1. **The Steadfast Steward Man** ***by Christopher and Deborah***
2. He **S**ows **S**eeds of **S**cripture in the **S**oil of **S**tudious **S**cholars, **S**eeing **S**piritual **S**trength and **S**criptural **S**avvy **S**pring Forth.
3. He **H**ops onto his **H**umble **H**onda, **H**elmet a-**H**anging as the Three of them—**H**im, his **H**og, and his **H**eadgear—**H**onorably **H**andle the **H**urdles of **H**armonious Aging.
4. He **S**trode into **S**chool **S**porting **S**tiff **S**ocks and **S**turdy **S**horts, **S**trict yet **S**tellar in **S**haping **S**tudents’ **S**uccess with **S**harp **S**cholarship and **S**teadfast **S**tandards.
5. He **P**lucks **P**esky **P**lants with **P**atience and **P**recision, **P**rotecting his **P**ristine **P**atch of **P**aradise.
6. He **S**tands **S**teadfastly by his **S**weetheart, **S**upporting her with **S**trength and **S**teady Love, **S**haring a Lifetime of **S**acrifice and **S**ervice **S**ide by **S**ide.

**To Christopher and Deborah,**

Thank you for **R**emembering and **R**ecapturing my personal outward and inward likes and dislikes, spiritual and physical **A**ppearances and **A**ddictions. For you to **R**ecollect in such **A**ccurate terms what was true of me in days gone by is a good **R**emedy for my potential memory loss. Thank you for not mentioning my **A**lcoholic **A**ddictions to the **R**um-Banana Drinks that I was so much **A**ttracted to when I was in **A**merica. **A**ll in **A**ll thank you both of you for making this trip possible. Your **R**ecall of such precious moments is good **R**ecollection of happy memories and a valuable **R**eminiscence for me. It will ever serve as a **R**ecord for **R**eflection when memories **R**ecede. Thank you.

1. **The Sacrificial Man *by Robert and Dorothy***
2. He is a **H**oly and **H**eavenly-minded man, yet **H**elpless without his **H**ands-on and **H**ardworking **H**elpmeet. But he tries **H**ard with his **H**eart to do errands for his wife, **H**opping from **H**ouse to **H**ospital, always **H**olding her **H**and gently and being a reassuring **H**uge tongkat to her.
3. He also **L**ives like his **L**ord Jesus, **L**oving God and **L**oving others with his **L**imited time by teaching them to be **L**ifelong **L**earners of the **L**ord as he himself **L**ives out the **L**iving Word.
4. He **S**hares **S**elflessly from his **S**pecial Lord’s fund too, **S**parking and **S**purring others on toward His **S**aviour’s **S**ervice. Yet, when it comes to his own **S**elf, he is ‘**S**tingy’, **S**tubbornly **S**ticking to the **S**ame **S**hirts, **S**horts and **S**arung for **S**everal decades, **S**teadfastly **S**aying “no” to **S**uggestions for **S**omething **S**tylish. May the **S**tubborn **S**pots of this leopard **S**urprisingly and **S**tupendously **S**witch in this CNY year of the **S**nake!

**To Robert and Dorothy,**

Thank you for your very **A**ffectionate and **A**ffable terms used to describe my humble beginnings and my continual down-to-earth likes and dislikes with preparedness to Sacrifice for my life-long God-given partner to love and to cherish - so **A**bly **A**uthored in Dorothy’s quiet and subtle words and ways, and Robert’s “ostentatious” and **A**udible voice for **A**ll to hear and **A**lways with **A**necdotes for **A**ll to laugh - **S**ometimes **S**o **S**ubtle that he may **A**ppear as the biblical **W**ise **S**erpent in his **W**ords, and yet Harmless as a **D**ove in his idiosyncratic **W**ays. **A**bove all, we love this Husband-and-**W**ife team. Yes, **D**ot is ever the **D**oting **D**ove to supplement and **A**ccept her husband’s **A**cts **A**bove **A**ll that he is and he does, **A**dvising him in his **A**ctions and **A**iding him in his Concerns. She is indeed a strong **A**dvocate for, and an **A**dviser to, him. Thank you, **P**rincess for your **P**atience and **A**ffections, for your life-long **P**artner, your **P**arents and your **P**rogeny. **A**nd **A**dvanced Congratulations to both of you for your **A**nticipated **P**romotion to being Grand**P**arents soon.

1. **The Sweet and Savoury Man *by Alvin and Fern***
2. He, the **C**harismatic **C**hief of the Ung **C**lan, **C**raves **C**opious amounts of **C**heap ice-**C**ream, **C**holesterol-**C**hocked **C**hunks of **C**har siew and **C**uriously **C**austic bitter gourd.
3. He, **F**amously **F**luent in **F**ashioning **F**inely-**F**ramed phrases, our **F**ormidable **F**ather has **F**ostered **F**lourishing **F**ellowship among **F**riends and **F**amily by **F**illing hearts and re**F**reshing the **F**lock to **F**ind **F**aith in the **F**ather, **F**ollow Jesus **F**earlessly and **F**oster the **F**ruit of the Spirit.
4. He **E**xercises **E**xceptionally **E**ach morning and **E**xperiences **E**xtraordinary **E**xhilaration while watching **E**xquisite sunrises that are **E**xpressed on the family WhatsApp, leading us to **E**xclaim, “How **E**xciting! So **E**xcellent! He’s our **X**-Factor Dad!
5. He **P**rays **P**atiently as a Patriarch, Proclaiming **P**rofound **P**etitions **P**acked with **P**astoral care and **P**enetrating scripture, while **P**ointing to God's **P**eace, **P**urpose, and **P**rovidential **P**rotection. **P**apa in **P**aradise, we **P**raise you for our **P**apa for who does not **P**ooh **P**ooh at our **P**lain and simple **P**rayers, Amen.

**To Alvin and Fern,**

Thank you for recalling my daily habits which I **A**dhere to so strictly day by day whether **A**dmiring the **A**mazing **A**cts of God in creation leading to their **A**ppreciation or the **A**doration of His **P**erson; your **A**ffectionate **A**necdotes detailing my idiosyncratic **A**cts to be what I **A**m and to yet **A**ccept them for what they **A**re and Who I **A**m. Thank you. Yes, sometimes I may be **A**way in thought, but please forgive me for what **A**ccompanies my **A**ging **A**ttributes which I have to **A**ccept and hopefully both of you too when the time comes. I can never rival you in your **A**rgumentative and **A**uthoring Skills, but I am proud that you can so **A**ccurately present them in your **A**rguments so as to be **A**cknowledged by others outside to **A**ccept and “hire” you in the employ of their causes. Fern’s **P**articular and **P**unctilious **P**roficiency in **P**aying **A**ttention to **P**ractical details and solutions to **P**roblems are **A**ssets I really **A**ppreciate and I **A**m sure, that **A**lvin, you **A**nd **A**ndrew, **A**re too. You too (two) are indeed a great **P**air!

1. **CHILDREN OF CHILDREN**
2. **The Teaching Man *by Tara and Mark***
3. He is the **T**ireless **T**eacher of **T**imeless **T**ruths. With his **T**hought-provoking instruction, students of maths and scripture alike receive a **T**reasure which many would **T**ravel for miles to learn.
4. He guides others **T**oward the **T**riune God, **T**eaching them to **T**rust Him **T**ruly.

**To Tara and Mark,**

Thank you, Tara for the privilege to **A**ccompany you when you were young in **A**ge though we **M**iss you **M**uch now that you are a **M**arried **M**um. But to see you to be who you are now, is most encouraging - so **M**atured to care for and love **M**ark, as well as **M**otherly to care and **L**ove Shiloh, yes, **L**ovely, **L**oving and **L**ively to be who you are today. Thank you too for your **L**oving recall of my days with your growing years, and to still be able to speak with **L**ove those **A**dolescent years whenever I was **A**ble to touch base with you. Though the last time I saw you and Mark two years **A**go were short and brief, I do trust that with the **A**ccompaniment of Shiloh, you both will **A**nnotate great **A**necdotes to relate to me when the next time we meet one **A**nother. This is what I **A**nticipate. Until then, I hope to see you and yours one day and get to know Mark and Shiloh **B**etter in **B**ethel.

1. **The Teasing Man *by Isabel***
2. With **T**winkling eyes and **T**ender laughter, he **T**aps into **T**rustworthy **T**ales that **T**angle **T**ogether **T**imeless **T**ruths and **T**ender moments.
3. **T**ipping back **S**weet banana daiquiris, he **S**avors every **S**ubtle **S**ip, **S**howing a **S**oft **S**pot for **S**imple pleasures and **S**parking **S**miles.
4. He **S**pontaneously **S**pins **S**ermons, **S**eamlessly **S**haping **S**acred **S**tories on the **S**pot, **S**tirring **S**ouls with words that **S**prinkle **S**eeds of **S**pirit and **S**trength.

**To Isabel**

Well, **A**geless and ever **A**ffectionate **A**nd **A**lliterative Isabel (so **A**bly-**A**ccentuated **A**bove) I really miss you. With your beautiful poetic words to describe times we spent together, which (**A**las!) we are going to miss now, because you have **A**ttained your **A**ge of Maturity and Freedom. **A**s you soar into the world **A**round and **A**bove you, I hope that you will still remember to look down and **A**ccompany your grandpa, holding his hands, and leading him on as you did in years gone by – **A**ssisting him, **A**iding him as he copes with his **A**ge and even **A**ccompanying him, if not **P**hysically in **P**erson, hopefully at least virtually in **P**rint and **P**hotos to keep him reminded of you. Yes, you may be **A**bsent but I hope your Spirit and Love may still be **P**resent with me as years **P**ass by us. Take care and **P**rogress well.

The **P**ast sometimes **A**ccentuates the **P**resent to make the **P**rospect something **E**ver to **E**agerly look forward to!

1. **The Thriving Man** ***by Daniel******Khaw***
2. He **G**athers **G**reenery in his **G**lorious **G**arden. He prepares the **G**rass for the **G**ermination of his **G**reens, just as he **G**uides the spiritual **G**rowth of those in the **G**ospel Hall.
3. His **B**right **B**rain **B**rings **B**ountiful **B**iblical **B**lessings to **B**elieving **B**rethren, **B**reaking **B**ad **B**ehaviours and **B**uilding **B**eautiful **B**eings.

**To Daniel Khaw:**

My **G**arden is ever a Reminder of you **G**rowing up at **B**ethel as a **B**aby. Yes, your Ah

Mah and I really missed you in those **B**rief **G**rowing months spent with us. And personally, I am so happy, that your **B**enevolent Mum **G**ave us time to spend with you in your infant days (**B**rief as they might **B**e!) and even though they might not **B**e as peaceful as we would like them to **B**e, but as I look **B**ack, it is without regret that I could accompany you in your **G**rowing days then to **B**e who you are now. We were indeed **B**lessed.

Yes, it is such a joy to see the Active **B**oy that you were then grow up to **B**e what you are now – from a school **B**oy, to a university graduate, to a **B**ank official, to a master-in-**B**usiness. Yes, grandma and I are indeed proud of you. Soon, we shall welcome you as a father. We Await that day then when your **B**aby Sheryl is **B**orn! It will then **B**e our **B**oast as we are **B**oosted to a higher generation.

1. **The Trailblazing Man *by Alicia***
2. He **P**ioneered s**p**iritual **P**ractices which have **P**assed down to his **P**rogeny, like the Family Altar and **P**ersistent, s**p**ecific **P**rayer.
3. He **P**ursued the **P**ath of a **P**rincipled educator with **P**erseverance and **P**assion and achieved **P**raiseworthy **P**roficiency in **P**rogressive and futuristic technologies, sur**p**assing **P**lenty of his **P**eers.
4. He **P**ioneered s**p**iritual **P**ractices which have **P**assed down to his **P**rogeny, like the Family Altar and **P**ersistent, s**p**ecific **P**rayer.
5. He **P**ursued the **P**ath of a **P**rincipled educator with **P**erseverance and **P**assion and achieved **P**raiseworthy **P**roficiency in **P**rogressive and futuristic technologies, sur**p**assing **P**lenty of his **P**eers.

**To Alicia**

Thank you for agreeing to be Daniel’s **P**artner for Life and be **P**art of our **F**amily. Thank you too for **P**rescribing the **P**’s and Q’s to your **P**artners of what you know of me in the short **P**eriod of time available to you, and for **F**ormulating the **F**ormat of this Rumination by stimulating each contributor to con**F**orm to, [to the extent of using **F**orce (?)] or alternatively **F**or them to still voluntarily come up with, in **P**artnership with the others this alliterative **F**om, and even succinctly giving them a **F**ormula to **F**ollow to w**R**ite it this way **F**or my sake. You are just **F**abulous!

Indeed, you are a **W**onderful **F**ind **F**or Daniel and we **W**armly **W**elcome you into the **F**amily. The Khaws also are literally and spiritually “**F**ortunate” to have you as an additional Member. We are **A**lso **A**nticipating and eagerly **A**waiting the **A**rrival of **A**nother member. Indeed, when we welcome you, we have the **A**dvantage of welcoming Two (if not more, later), into the **F**amily – for the moment, you and Sheryl. Welcome.

1. **The Thought-Full, Thoughtful Man *by Hannah Khaw***
2. He w**r**ites **R**uminations **R**eplete with scriptural **R**eferences, **R**evealing a **R**eservoir of **R**elentless **R**esearch and **R**eflection.
3. He has **C**rossed **C**ontinents with **C**ourage, **C**onsulting his **C**ardiologist to **C**ruise the **C**aribbean, **C**elebrate **C**hristmas, and **C**onsume **C**ountless **C**onfections – all for the **C**ompany of his **C**herished family.

**To Hannah Khaw**

Wow, she’s ever so Observ**ant**, though when seated back and left alone, she sometimes may seem Retic**ent**, but as far as I know of her, she’s ever so **D**ilig**ent** to **D**o what she is “**D**uti-ed” to **D**o. And if she ever “**D**eviates” from her **D**uties or **D**elays in **D**oing them it’s because she’s intellig**ent** to come up with her own more effici**ent** way – and that’s what people who know her are not hesit**ant** to say. The **C**ause is she’s the **C**reative **D**ame, ever ready to meet new **C**hallenges thrust at her or **C**reated by her even if it should be to **C**limb to the base **C**amp of Mt. Everest, it is no big deal! She has **C**rossed **C**ontinents and **C**laimed **C**ertificates from **C**olumbia and other **C**redits which she knows and which she is humble enough not to **C**all attention to, not to mention her **C**harity **P**ioneering **P**rojects with her brother to **P**romote **P**rogress for those left behind in **P**lots in the hinterland.

Indeed, though quiesc**ent** in **C**onduct she is no mean **C**haracter and outshines all who dare to **C**ompete with her. Yes, **P**rayerful and **P**atient Hannah of old waited and **P**leaded with the Lord for an offspring, but for our **P**resent **H**annah I pray the Lord that He will give her a Loving **H**elpmeet when the right time comes. The **L**ord **L**ead and guide you as He **L**ed Hannah, Hannah.

1. **The Tech-savvy Truthteller Man** ***by Andrew******Ung***
2. He **B**rilliantly **B**usies himself to **B**righten **B**oring PowerPoint slides with **B**right and **B**ouncing **B**anners **B**lended with **B**ible-**B**ased sermons.
3. He also **B**reezes through online **B**anking with **B**arely a **B**link.

**To Andrew Ung**

**C**ubed in a **C**lass of his own; **H**omed in a Room in his apartment-**H**ouse, yet Andrew tutored by **M**entors and supervised by **M**um, has bloomed unto a Scholar beyond his **C**lass to **C**omplete his syllabus so **A**dvanced that he stands **A**lone in his **A**chievements – that is **A**ndrew! He is known to take a **C**olourful **C**ube and **C**onvert it into **C**omplex Polygons, even as he **C**an take a water bottle to throw it into the air to let it **D**escend Head **D**own and yet stand up! He types the **C**omputer keys and quickly strings then into meaningful words to open folders that even I am **C**onfused. He outshines me any time in solving **C**omputer **P**roblems in his internal Head though I **C**an outshine him **A**ny time in my external Pate! Well done, **A**ndrew, we look forward to see you being **P**romoted to still higher **A**chievements, **A**ccomplishments and greater success still. And when you do so, do not forget the Lord your God as you make your **P**rogress. The Lord Bless.

Thanks to **A**ll of you for your **A**lliterative, and **A**ccomplished Greetings

From Your **A**ffectionate dad and **A**h Kong