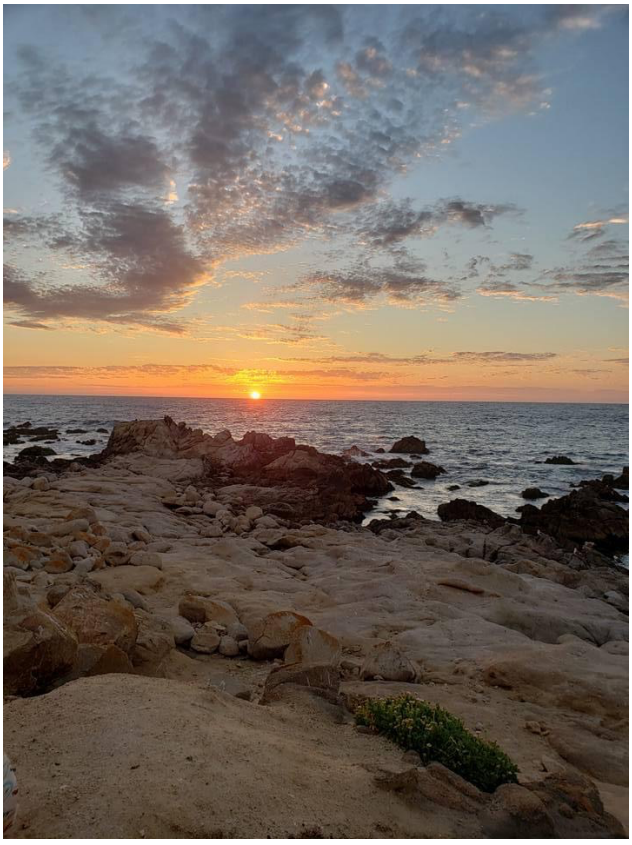
It's THAT Simple

Would you be surprised to learn that a (natural) PEARL, a coveted gem of great value, is formed due to an irritant? What began as a nuisance literally creates a jewel of tremendous worth, highly favored, greatly valued, extremely sought after, and often kept beneath lock and key and treasured. An authentic pearl BECOMES when something as loathsome as a parasite or an aggravation inside of the shell creates an annoyance, which eventually, under pressure, BECOMES a thing of beauty. Out of discomfort and pain and time comes significant worth once hidden and hardened and allowed to develop. A pearl, from nothingness, grows from grit, transformed by trouble, its beauty instigated through irritation, its significance challenged by strenuous surroundings, the painful pressure necessary for its purpose. The reason it IS simply is because its existence was vexatious and irksome. Thousands of years of pressure and pain create pearls of the most unfathomable worth and rarity.

Many things in life BECOME because of hard and trying times, and difficult places and circumstances BECOME us. A seed only grows in the dark after being planted in the dirt. A beautiful photograph BECOMES after being hidden in a darkroom and processed under harsh chemicals and time.



Are you going through a difficult period? Has life sequestered you, bringing isolation and pressure and discomfort? Do you feel squeezed by circumstances? And are the irritants—perhaps relationships, demands, requirements—causing so much annoyance you are ready to give up, give in, give out? Remember, something of great worth is forming inside of you as you press through the aggravation and navigate the nuisance. Don't give up too soon because a stunning sunset, a radiant rainbow, an exquisite aroma follows every storm. A Holy God has a perfect plan for you and me, and the method by which He brings us through to completion is tailor-made for each of us personally.

Psalm 138:8 'The Lord will perfect that which concerns me.' (NKJV)