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Left Yale in 1969 as a callow Japanese historian and went to Yale Law, mostly to wait out Vietnam. As the law school was full of people who already knew all the answers (now running your government), 1 spent as much time as possible studying probability theory at Aqueduct. Subsequently found job at Mobil Oil in Japan, combining law and Far Eastern interest, leading to my lifetime, though sporadic, connection with Japan. Never a serious lawyer (how could anybody'?), and since the mid-eighties have departed from that priesthood. Have stayed with Mobil since I have been offered a series of wildly different careers/geographies under one employment umbrella. After several years in Japan, in the seventies, moved to London to look after Middle East stuff, then to New York. Came to D.C. with my employer in 1987, thus completing a circle by returning to my birth site. Now Assistant Treasurer of Mobil, looking after worldwide capital markets and foreign exchange. Yale’s liberal arts education undoubtedly prepared me for this latest challenge, though in ways still somewhat mysterious to me.

In the course of this life, I was married in 1967, as a callow lad, and subsequently had two sons, one born in New Haven and one in Tokyo, who are now young men. That their education was acquired at Connecticut College and Goucher is a testament to changing times. How different their world is (aside from the persistence ofjimi Hendrix)! Separated/divorced in the 1980s. Renovation via marriage to Helen, a New Zealander, in 1989, who has turned, at the least, my geographical perspective around. We are enjoying ourselves, our lives, and the prospects of advancing age and wisdom together.

I distill all of this to three principles:

1. The lived but unexamined life is superior to the examined but unlived life.
2. Experiment beats policy; Edmund Burke got it mostly right.
3. Bowling for dollars isn’t a bad religion, and there’s no Lent.