

REFLECTIONS of a BIRDER

It was early morning when I picked up the Herald Tribune. The soft answering call of the osprey caught my attention. I was fascinated by the graceful bird as it circled toward the nest, flying so freely to perch beside the caller. How wonderful to be so free!

Freedom is our precious right in our country. People from many parts of our world have come to America seeking freedom. We know to be free there are components of responsibility, and accountability that must prevail in exercise of our rights. We also know: **SLANDER IS REAL, HATE IS REAL, and PROFANITY IS REAL.** How we respond or react to these destructive, divisive realities is crucial for civil discussion. Are we unable to determine what is right and what is wrong? Are we unable to learn what is true? **“TRUTH HAS NO AGENDA”.** With wisdom we can begin to ease the pain inflicted by angry slander, hate, and profanity. The TV brings the violence that has erupted from demands for freedom into our homes. Frustration and anger have led to irrational behavior. We must set aside our meanness and pettiness for our safety and security. Nothing is impossible when we truly care and respect one another!

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