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My Thoughts During this Time of Crisis

In the wake of this pandemic, I have learned a lot. I have learned different creative ways to entertain myself. In the midst of the stay at home orders, my neighborhood lost power which caused a multitude of other problems. Without electricity, I couldn't play any video games, or just relax and watch TV. So, I learned how to play solitaire and other single player card games. One thing that this pandemic has done for me that is quite honestly a good thing is I am reading a lot more right now than I used to do before. I've also noticed that I spend more time talking to my family and playing cards with them. These are the positive effects of the pandemic. I have enjoyed going out but most of the time I prefer just staying home and relaxing but after being quarantined for this long, nothing sounds more enjoyable than just having a day out of the house. I feel like I can't wash my hands enough. I wash my hands after I touch basically anything. But really, what I do to pass the time does not matter. What matters is that I am very nervous about my grandparents. If I am feeling this way I can't imagine how they're feeling. They have been quarantined for much longer than I have. They haven't left their house or had visitors at their house for more than three weeks. I try to FaceTime or call them as often as I can. I am nervous about a lot of my family members. By talking about my grandparents I am not even scratching the surface of how many people this is affecting and how nervous I am for them all. I don't know how bad this is going to get. What is happening in Italy is terrible. The way this will affect the economy and everything else will be terrible. I think about all the people who are sadly passing away because of the virus. In the USA 5,115 people have passed away from it. That is so sad. I obviously can't wait for this to all be over so that I can see and hug my grandparents and the rest of my family, and be with my friends. This threat of being infected or my family members infected has become like an ominous cloud, it is there and it will block out the sun at times but you have to have faith that it'll go away. I just want everyone to be safe and healthy through this crisis.