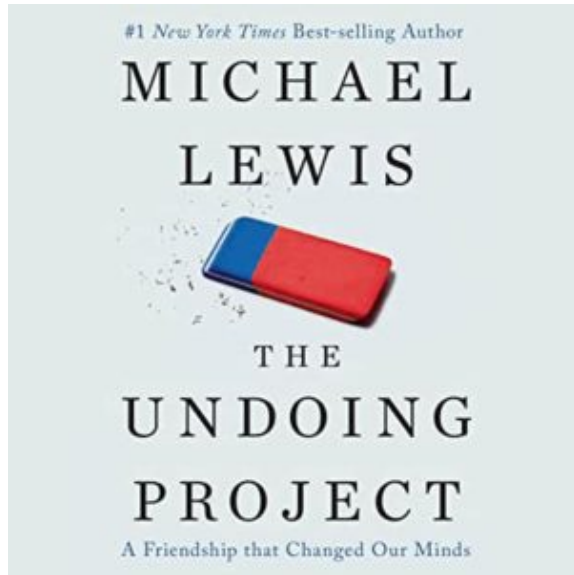


Don's "best of 2019"

Here are some highlights of my life in 2019 A.D.



Book - *The Undoing Project* by Michael Lewis. Forty years ago, Israeli psychologists Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky wrote a series of breathtakingly original papers that invented the field of behavioral economics. They had one of the greatest partnerships in the history of science. In *The Undoing Project*, Lewis shows how their Nobel Prize–winning theory of the mind altered our perception of reality. The last page made me weep.

Meal



- In December I took my family on our 6th consecutive transatlantic crossing on the Queen Mary 2. While in London we eat a quintessential four-course English meal at *45 Jermyn*. This year, master Benjamin handled himself well at the fancy restaurant.

Concert - This year I directed my 47th consecutive Christmas program. When I was 19 years old I directed a performa



nce of the Messiah at my church in Austin, Texas. Here are



Persons of the year - Scott and Barbara Scribner have been our friends for y

ears. They are realtors in the Dallas metroplex. Last year they went the second mile in helping us negotiate a difficult real estate deal. Thanks, Scott and Barbara. If you need a realtor in the DFW area, they are among the best (barbarascribner@kw.com).



Travel experience - In August we toured the Greek Isles. It is a beautiful and historic part of the world. This is a picture of the Library of Celsus in ancient Ephesus, constructed in the 2nd century CE.

[In October 2020 I'm taking a small group of travelers](#) to Rome, Turkey, Croatia, and the Greek Isles; we'll see the ruins of this ancient library.



Hobby update - In spring 2017 I planted a small vineyard in East Texas. I'm growing Tempranillo, Blanc-du-Bois and Black Spanish grapes. The first two years, the fruit is cut off to channel all energy to the root-system. In July 2020 I'll be crushing grapes.

Fun experience - One of my goals during the summer was to help Benjamin be pool-safe. We practiced several times a week. Here's a video of his final exam.

<https://youtu.be/Z6Tc1QWuTts>



In memoriam - The day after Thanksgiving, Grams passed from this life to the next. Mary's mother was 95-years old.

Grams was the personification of Micah 6:8—*He has told you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.* There is no doubt that God was pleased with her life and testimony.

Grams lived an exemplary life: She put feet to her faith. She was kind to all. Her work ethic was solid. She loved her family. She was prudent and careful. She was a joy to be with...never demanding or seeking attention.

She has left her family and friends a high-standard of love and life for us to aspire to.

We will miss her greatly and think of her often.