

But what have I ever Let Go in the senses
Weide probably means? People and Relationships,
yes, but it's not been a major thread in my life.
* and comes to mind ghosting from early 2000s,
as a piece of lexicon. popularity 2015

↳ "abruptly ending communication
with someone without explanation"

(executed these days
via social media)

(suppose I could discover abandoned correspondances,
as with Jamie Moran...

but generally I've figured that people can find ME easily enough if they want to, but not many ever have.

How about Ideas and Beliefs? [explore 'sociocultural allegiances']

more that I've imagined
to be like grazing at
a smörgåsbord - there's
a lot on offer, and you can sample
and branching out
rarely invalidates something
you thought - just displays
subtleties and new ideas
that seem worth exploring.

I've never explored Faith,
so I've never lost any

Or, as with 'development'
there turn out to be
some things that
you just don't do

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SIDEC and
Ford Foundation
in Indonesia

I thought the Pledge of Allegiance was a crock,
an empty ritual, when I was 16 or so (never gave it
much thought before then).

I don't think it ever occurred to me to give
respect to the Flag by pledging - or by displaying
to indicate something about my tribal identity.

Hollow ceremony

This attitude is consistent with my
discomfort with rituals of nationhood,
and my suspicion of the Ritual form
of anything. An empty performance,
indicating that you're a toting participant
in whatever "the Nation" does.

Where is Jonathan Swift now
that we really need literary satirical
analysis of the empty rhetoric,
performed mostly for show, and
to be seen to be complying.

Of course there is plenty of that,
as one mode of discourse, and
it happens across the whole
right - left spectrum.

It was the
flaming of
symbols,
created and
operated
by men
behind
the curtain

Hypocrisy and lying are now
[and perhaps have always been]
prominent modes of interaction.

The internet has vastly increased
the possibilities for dissemination
and echo chambers, and Rightwingers

well, not
since

Boy
Scouts

Something I
might remember
what this
was all about.
It ENDED in

August 1958,
when my parents
left me off to
move to

Western Ohio
and save a
college...

Humor
Scouts was
broke
1955 - 1958
Ruhner → CA

The Idea that what I was most interested in was INTERNATIONAL, and regarded borders as arbitrary frontiers...

That probably came from Crystal Easton, ca 1958-59

I foolishly thought 'Government' was the pathway broadly discredited.

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which led to anthropology

BUT if Howard had Geography, that's surely where I would have gone...

and so missed the RBT ad for a Research Assistant... etc.

and of the pledge
wish I could claim it was under Gorbachev
being inserted but by that time I was beginning to doubt to doubt Norman Rockwell's comfortable America 1950s

and time left behind
my... stock market
... processes
... change
... fate
... luck

the
Promises
of
Time
are
never
fulfilled...

you choose. Sometimes are, sometimes the very unexpected other.

Some people and things are in the water of one's passage, no connection is maintained.

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Christmas 1961

But they're clearly remembered

disconnected from pretty much everybody else

Remmet 1995 with David and Jim

we do have trajectories, some makes in the AD makes through which we pass

And it might be an author,
like Melville's Confidence men

Once someone has shown you how to detect
confidence men and phony and parasites,
you start noticing them in the population.
Not at all a majority, because ^{as predators} they need
much larger territories than their prey. There
have to be enough sheep, enough chickens
to make it worthwhile to predate...

But you're aware of the ecology of predation,
and may indeed become a connoisseur,
sensitive to the nuances in real life

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And that really DEPENDS on the books read,
the movies and videos seen, the games played,
the technologies experimented with,
the comfort of the setting

I think of Chabon as exemplifying:-

Some quite remarkable faculty.

Mostly semi-contemporary contemporaries,
a few close friends,

the approval of the groupings
for one's mode of being,

reckoned to be smart
and see? He got into HARVARD!!

one might come at
it via THEATRE,
in which you attempt
to introduce the
character, reckoning
with motivation and
other triggers for action
and it's IN a drama,
often scripted by
authors with strong
points of view.

(another thing Let Go). I'd enjoyed
acting, but I knew I was no actor

Think to kill a mockingbird (as novel, as film, as source of ideas and let's images)

In the above 4 pages I explored some territory I had fudged so far away in the corner of my personal disengagement, having to do with 1958-1961 at Chadwick, starting with the memory of not believing in The Flag, or the Nation, or seeing or the Pledge ← knowing that they were in several obvious and essential ways BULLSHIT

Symbolic Corruption, based on Falseness

that went on to my passage through INTERNATIONAL as ambit of future activity, to ANTHROPOLOGY and SOUTHEAST ASIA

which tends to be force majeure

And then I got to wondering about the effects of books I read and important contributions of several teachers... to who I became

not that I did that gloriously, but seemingly competently enough

I do wish I had kept NOTES on those years, day by day ideally, but phase by phase too. My memories are pretty clear in outline, but are mostly UNEXAMINED for most of the last 62 years in the case of Chadwick and the last 58 for Harvard. And of course Saransk ^{57 years} 1955-1968 and Nova Scotia ^{51 years} and Virginia 31 years and mine 18 years

(and that's what I have in journal form, 1979 → present

out of my mind by drawing models of process
It's useful to have the notion of a personal water, energy released outward as you proceed on your own trajectory. We all have trajectories (and freckling histories/maps) in which one is moving.
the variety is in the medium