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SIC FATUR LACRIMANS...

Thus he speaks, weeping ... three words translated from the opening stanza in book six of Virgil's epic poem, The Aeneid.

Tearily, Aeneas sought pity as he began his descent into the underworld. It was a place where very few brave mortals entered, though none ever returned.

Back then when studying "O" levels at an English Grammar School, I really did find those old Latin classics somewhat irrelevant, and rather prosaic.

I never would have imagined that a few years later, events in Christchurch New Zealand would jolt my faded memories of long-forgotten torturous days.

Yet, as my eyes were beset by the devastation of last week's "aftershock", I knew then how their challenge facing a tough journey ahead, can indeed bring new tears to a man's eyes.

Change, it can be painful, especially when inflicted upon us, without asking, and in such traumatic ways.

Denial is not an option; we need the courage to face it square on, with a warm and positive embrace.

Support is a must; just like Aeneas, we need to say our silent prayers to Apollo, the god of sun, medicine, and light.

Hope there must also be; everyone needs that "golden bough", the one sought by Aeneas to provide safe passage back to his mortality.

My heart goes out to the people of Canterbury, not with despair, but with confidence. I know that their uplifting innovative Kiwi spirit will stand them in good stead for their long journey ahead.

And over time, just like Aeneas, I know that their strength will prevail ...



INNOVATION & CREATIVITY...

The National Library Board and the Singapore Institute of Management are currently running a series of sessions on Innovation & Creativity.

I'm delighted to be presenting the next evening session on **April 12**, entitled "Innovation is Within Your Hands!".

The talk will link well to Emotional Intelligence, as it broadly covers three Soft-Skill areas associated with Innovation ...

- **Courage for Innovation:**
If you are constantly encouraged to be Innovative, yet, find it hard to start, have you ever wondered why?

We'll look at concepts of courage, fear, beliefs, and humility, as we consider how to kick-start Innovation from within.

- **Time for Creativity:**
If you'd like to be more creative, yet, are always too busy, have you ever wondered how to make the time?

We'll re-visit our passions for multi-tasking, and examine three cardinal sins you might be guilty of when managing your own time.

- **Communication for Influence:**
If you have some good ideas, yet, others never listen, have you ever wondered how influence can help?

We'll look at four mental corner-stones that help you influence your ability to get the job done.

The talk is at "The POD", a wonderfully delightful setting on level 16 at the NLB.

So, reward yourself in a relaxed setting, and see what differences you can make to how you think about Innovation ...