

What is it about spring?

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It's not the time of year, so much.

It's not the temperature or increasing length of daylight hours.

What is it that causes the body to start reducing the number of cells that are tapped to die out every day in the senescence of nature?

Our outlook on life must change radically when some of the outward markers catch our attention.

In nature the sap starts rising; animals come out of hibernation; birds reverse course; and the young of most mammals in northern climes are born.

Those occurrences alone would be enough to cause some notice.

But this still doesn't explain spring.

Okay, in some places the crocuses are breaking through the thin layer of snow that is left. Lawns that have just been fertilized are showing the green of the iron through the brown of dormancy.

Spotted fawns lie amid tall grasses and don't move until they are told.

Major League baseball players have worked out the kinks and are ready to start the season.

And even though we know that all of these things will happen every year at this time, we are still somehow surprised by how wonderful that all this new life is.

How on earth do the people who don't know winter accept their springtime?

It's like having Jackson Pollock paint the Sistine Chapel!