Being left alone to embark on a reflective journey is a great gift—particularly in our age, where remaining connected is such a driving expectation. Charles decided to take a whole six months off and to spend much of this time in a hermitage on friends' property.

To enter a space of disconnection is both a scary and an exhilarating experience. And to "down" tools and be still without an agenda of expectations is wonderfully open and freeing. It is also walking into mystery. Who knows what might happen?

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