

## The Writer's Block and Evangelism - a Devotional by Rev. Keith Cobb

I have been at my computer for an hour now, writing, deleting, and starting over, over and over again. *Writer's block* some call it; *neurasthenia* is the term for the more technical. It is what communicators suffer from when unable to communicate - for whatever reason.

It may well be the fruit of having to say something when you have nothing to say. Whatever, it is an annoying problem - writer's block, I mean. At the same time, we all would concede it is equally annoying (if not more so) when you must say something when you have nothing; that, as we all know, is annoying for writer *and* reader.

The best thing to do, I am told, when said condition presents is to just begin writing -something; anything.

Okay; so, that's what I'm doing.

Our spiritual duties make for similar problems as the writer's block difficulty; sometimes we find ourselves called upon to give when we have nothing to give, and we are often unable to find resources to draw upon.

Isn't this like bearing the good news, or evangelizing?

Well, perhaps not *exactly*. we always have something to say in evangelism, don't we? The message...

But on the other hand, there are times we sure do not know HOW to start; most concede that.

How, then, *do* you start?

Maybe like I did in this article: just start talking about anything - whatever comes to mind; like those doors at the grocery store, the doors of communication open when only you get to them.

Remember, I had no idea I was going to say any of these things when I started writing. But the writer's block *is* now gone.

So, start moving somewhere like you're headed for something, knowing that God directs those moving (i.e., walking by faith), and that He often uses the stationary ones as memorial markers or guideposts.