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The Last Lecture

How to judge and talk about the last lecture… First, I want to say that I definitely think one listens a little more intently once you figure out Pausch is dying. I assume, of course, he knew this would be the case, but it still had a pronounced effect on even my arguably focused attention. I like, also, his idea that a brick wall is there to show us how dedicated we are. In a way, I do agree with this, but in some ways, I think that can be a toxic mindset. Not that there aren’t so many things you can do with just a bit of determination and know-how, I just think sometimes a brick wall is there because it needs to be. Perhaps to keep us from doing something dangerous or stupid. Perhaps to stop us from doing something that might hurt others. I guess the sum of my thoughts is that maybe that mantra can’t be applied to all areas of life, but then again I think it’s a wonderful mantra when it comes to trying to achieve your childhood dreams. I think almost anyone can achieve their childhood dreams if they work hard enough. And if there isn’t a way, create one, because the future is now!