CONVERSATIONS

1. Please read this reflection written in 1998 by Rev. Bob Moorehead, an American pastor.

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We have learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour. We've conquered outer space, not inner space; we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are the times of tall men, and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce, of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.

- 2. Read it again. Which of these comments would be yours:
 - I think he's hit the nail on the head
 - I agree with some but not all of his views
 - It's a good/bad comment from a minister of religion
 - What a sad, negative man
 - I would/would not like to spend an hour in his company
- 3. Read it again.
- 4. What do your chosen comments say about you? Are you ok about that? Do you want to think again?

Thank you