

Thought for the day – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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Sherlock Holmes the Naval Treaty

“What a lovely thing a rose is!”

He walked past the couch to the open window, and held up the drooping stalk of a moss rose, looking down at the dainty blend of crimson and green. It was a new phase of his character to be, for I had never before seen him show any keen interest in natural objects.

“There is nothing in which deduction is so necessary as in religion,” said he, leaning with his back against the shutters. “It can be built up as an exact science by the reasoned. Our highest assurance of the goodness of Providence seems to me to rest in flowers. All other things, our powers, our desires, our food, are all really necessary for our existence in the first instance. But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its colour are an embellishment of life, not a condition of it. It is only goodness which gives extras, and so I say again that we have much to hope from the flowers.”

The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes Arthur Conan Doyle

Perhaps we have seen tv programmes on the exciting sex life of plants – and the vital role of flowers;

However I take encouragement from Sherlock Holmes’ view.

What do you think?