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I am grateful to Steven B. Katz for his incisive edits.

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Finally, take a walk at dusk,
preferably at the tail end of fall or
at the beginning of winter. Do it on a
clear bracing day so that the
tops of trees—if there are any—
are just illuminated by the scrim

of sky now starting to appear. Alone
you realize—and this is instructive—
how small and impermanent you are.
Something is bound to happen,
but you don't know what it is.

You are learning not to care.