

Personal Reflection – July 24, 2022

I Love a Good Mystery

I do love a mystery, and one of the best mystery series is by a Canadian author, Louise Perry. It features a wise policeman, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of Quebec. Here are some of his gems of wisdom, offered to one of his young colleagues:

“You must listen. As long as you’re talking, you’re not learning, and this job is about learning. And not just the facts. The most important things you learn in a homicide investigation is not facts. It’s how people feel.

And...

‘There are four statements that lead to wisdom. I want you to remember them and follow them. Are you ready?’ Agent Lemieux had taken out his notebook and, pen poised, he’d listened. ‘You need to learn to say: *I don’t know. I’m sorry. I need help. I was wrong.*’¹

Thanks, Louise Penny. I can use those two pieces of wisdom in my rocking chair!

--Jane Vella

¹ Penny, Louise. *The Cruellest Month: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel* (p. 130). St. Martin's Press.