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Perception comes from our world views

that borders on a rant.

a taking a midday shower, which I needed to get rid of the clamminess after an hour of midsummer gardening, I started musing some of the hard decisions I had just made.

Not to get all Zen, but it's ac-

ing, ways by different people based on other factors.

Decisions, decisions. In There are lots of apho- using logic as I approach squirting a little Roundup on my garden I'm darned if I do, risms along these lines. One shifting circumstances, as darned if I don't, so here's a person's perfume is another opposed to being stubborn or plea for thoughtful empathy, person's stink. When Billy hardheaded. As Ralph Em-Bob painted his girlfriend's erson put it, "A foolish con-While cooling down after name on the water tower, sistency is the hobgoblin of

"the whole town small minds." said he shoulda Deere Green."

Other garden that makes time may not be what others would do. I've changed

cepted by most folks that my thoughts about and apphenomena of the world, proach to some things I once including solid objects and thought were ironclad. Heck, experiences and everything I often do one thing part of in between, are seen in dif- the year, and the opposite ferent, sometimes conflict- later on. Live and learn, eh?

> This doesn't mean I'm fickle, or capricious; it's just tage of our long growing

I make hard decisions evused red, but it ery time I go into my garden. looked good to Do I thump away caterpil-Charlene in John lars, or let them grow into big beautiful butterflies? Is this Bermuda grass a lawn what I do in my plant or a flowerbed weed? Are tomatoes more imporsense to me at the tant than possums? Should I learn to love my neighbors' free-roaming cats even though they eat songbirds and lizards, then relieve themselves in flowerbeds? Should I leave some out-ofthe-way poison ivy for its wildlife benefits and striking fall colors?

> This week I took advanseason by planting some fall vegetables, including corn, squash, and new tomato and pepper plants. But to do it I had to pull up some equally valid others such as crabgrass, which is both a serious weed to some gardeners and a host plant for the larvae of frenetic little "skippers" which, neither butterfly nor moth, are fascinating polli-

> To compound the affront, I found some "bush killer" vine, a new invasive plant that is potentially more destructive than kudzu; I tried pulling it, but it keeps returning from tiny bits of roots left in the ground. So, I got rid of it completely and safely by

the little plants.

Before any of you go off on my using Roundup, let me assure you that I am aware of the concerns, and decided it's safer to me and my garden than the alternatives. As a matter of dosage over time, there's danger in overusing it, just like consuming too much red meat, fried food, and that occasional glass of

wine. This is all true, but as I kudzu. Not making a value mentioned in the opening to call, just a statement of fact, this column, a lot of percep- which you can interpret action comes from our world cording to your own mind views, not reality.

By the way, kudzu has beautiful wisteria-like flow- Weeds or wildflowers? ers that smell like grape Darned if I do or don't. bubblegum. And all parts are edible, unlike like the tamer sippi author, columnist, and vegetables I just planted. host of the "Gestalt Garden-And there are many more er" on MPB Think Radio. acres of high-maintenance, Email gardening questions monocrop Asian turfgrass to lawns in Mississippi than com.

Tomatoes or butterflies?

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Skippers depend on crabgrass to survive.





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