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**UNFOLDING  
MEDITATIONS ON A SPACE BLANKET**

**On Looking Back**

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Over the years our Space Blankets have come in handy for all sorts of uses when on day hikes. Often, when we get to our hiking destination, we like to sit and take in the scenery and have a bit of trail food for lunch. If the ground is sandy we will often spread out one of the blankets so that we can kick off our boots, keep our socks clean, and get our feet elevated. They also make a nice, clean spot for a quick nap before the return trip.

On other occasions, when we are on a driving trip, we have used them as pads on hard or cold picnic table benches. If it has been raining we can lay the blankets down so that we have a dry place to sit. We have used them as wind breaks, sun screens, and rain ponchos.

As you've now seen, our little six to twelve dollar investments have paid off many times in the long term. It was a sad day when I had to retire my original blanket, but it served well and even in retirement has come to our assistance, and may again. One never knows. There are not many of our possessions that we can use this often or this hard and expect to last this long. With over 40 years of use for hiking and camping, the Space Blanket is an amazing product.

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