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Social media experts have noticed something interesting in recent years. Many of the top-viewed videos on services like Facebook and Instagram have one thing in common: they have no sound.

One reason, they believe, is that silent clips can be viewed anywhere without disrupting others – on public transportation, in bed late at night, beneath the desktop at work.

But there's also something captivating about the simplicity of a film that doesn't need dialogue or music to communicate its message. To better understand the genre, content providers are looking back at early 20th century films made before it was possible to combine audio and video.

Yet more proof that the writer of Ecclesiastes was onto something: "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done."

Just a thought. I'm Sid Batts from First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro, overlooking Fisher Park.