

Freedom Seder- Wisdom Toward the Journey

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"Prayer is meaningless unless it is subversive, unless it seeks to overthrow and to ruin the pyramids of callousness, hatred, opportunism, falsehoods. The liturgical movement must become a revolutionary movement, seeking to overthrow the forces that continue to destroy the promise, the hope, the vision."

— Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, 1970

"If we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a "thing-oriented" society to a "person-oriented" society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered. Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism, and militarism.."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, April 4, 1967

Before entering the Hajj {Pilgrimage to Mecca} which is the beginning of a great change and revolution, you must declare your intention. It is the intention of a "transferral" from your house to the house of the people, from life to love, from the self to Allah, from slavery to freedom, from racial discrimination

to equality, sincerity and truth, from being clothed to being naked, from a daily life to an eternal life and from selfishness and aimlessness to devotion and responsibility.

— Ali Shariati, Hajj

These trees and branches are part of us as we have each become part of this land. The water we have brought is our drinking water, the water that grows our gardens. We literally eat and drink the land. We pray that our homes and lives can be preserved as we struggle to learn, once again, how to integrate fire with this land, how to restore the balance that has been so lost. — Starhawk, The Earth Path

[Include also quotes on human-nature connection from Joanna Macy, Rachel Carson,, others?]