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MEDITATION

Persian Chant

MUSIC

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Aboriginal Dreaming

EARTH DYING, EARTH REBORN

Once, the earth was completely dark and silent; nothing moved on its barren surface. Inside a deep cave below the Nullabor Plain slept a beautiful woman, the Sun. The Great Father Spirit gently woke her and told her to emerge from her cave and stir the universe into life. The Sun Mother opened her eyes and darkness disappeared as her rays spread over the land; she took a breath and the atmosphere changed; the air gently vibrated as a small breeze blew.

The Sun Mother then went on a long journey; from north to south and from east to west she crossed the barren land. The earth held the seed potencies of all things, and wherever the Sun's gentle rays touched the earth, there grasses, shrubs and trees grew until the land was covered in vegetation. In each of the deep caverns in the earth, the Sun found living creatures which, like herself, had been slumbering for untold ages. She stirred the insects into life in all their forms and told them to spread through the grasses and trees, then she woke the snakes, lizards, and other reptiles, and they slithered out of their deep hold.

As the snakes moved through and along the earth they formed rivers, and they themselves became creators, like the Sun. Behind the snakes mighty rivers flowed, teeming with all kinds of fish and water life. Then she called for the animals, the marsupials, and the many other creatures to awake and make their homes on the earth.

The Sun Mother then told all the creatures that the days would from time to time change from wet to dry and from cold to hot, and so she made the seasons. One day while all

the animals, insects and other creatures were watching, the Sun travelled far in the sky to the west and, as the sky shone red, she sank from view and darkness spread across the land once more. The Creatures were alarmed and huddled together in fear. Some time later, the sky began to glow on the horizon to the east and the Sun rose smiling into the sky again. . . .

The Promise

*Praise we the All-Wise God, who hath made and
created the years and the ages;
Praise him who in the heavens hath sown and hath
scattered the seed of the stars;
Praise him who moves between the three ages that
are, and that have been, and shall be;
Praise him who rides on death, in whose hand are all
power and honour and glory;
Praise him who made what seemeth, the image of
living, the shadow of life;
Praise him who made what is, and hath made it
eternal for ever and ever,
Who made the days and nights, and created the
darkness to follow the light,
Who made the day of life, that should rise up and
lighten the shadow of death.*

Zoroastrian Writings

Whenever spirituality decays and materialism is rampant, then, O Arjuna, I reincarnate myself. To protect the righteous, to destroy the wicked, and to establish the Kingdom of God, I am reborn from age to age. The ignorant think of Me, who am the Unmanifested Spirit, as if I were really in human form. They do not understand that my Supreme Nature is changeless and most excellent.

Bhagavad Gita

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The Blessed One replied: "I am not the first Buddha who came upon the earth, nor shall I be the last. In due time another Buddha will arise in the world, a Holy one, a supremely enlightened One, endowed with wisdom in conduct, auspicious, knowing the universe, an incomparable leader of men, a master of angels and mortals. He will reveal to you the same eternal truths which I have taught you. He will preach his religion,

glorious in its origin, glorious at the climax, and glorious at the goal, in the spirit and in the letter. He will proclaim a religious life, wholly perfect and pure; such as I now proclaim.

from the Teachings of Buddha

And the Lord said . . . I will raise them a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee and will put my words in his mouth.

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The Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day shall the Lord be One and His Name, One.

from the Old Testament

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Verily I say, this is the Day in which mankind can behold the Face, and hear the Voice, of the Promised One. The Call of God hath been raised, and the light of His countenance hath been lifted upon me. It behoveth everyman to blot out the trace of every idle word from the tablet of his heart, and to gaze, with an open and unbiased mind, on the signs of His Revelation, the proofs of His Mission, and the tokens of His glory.

Baha'u'llah *from the Baha'i Writings*

**Be happy! Be happy!
The Sun of Truth has Shone!
Be happy! Be happy!
The Light of the Spirit has surrounded the world!
Be happy! Be happy!
The doors of the Kingdom are opened!
Be happy! Be happy!
The song of the Supreme Concourse is raised!
Be happy! Be happy!
The breaths of the Holy Spirit are life-giving and the world of man is being quickened.**

Abdu'l-Baha from the Baha'i Writings

And listen for the day when the crier shall cry from a near place; - the day when they shall hear the shout in truth—that is the day of coming forth!

Verily we quicken and we kill, and unto us the journey is!

the Qu'ran

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Be Mindful

Be alert, be wakeful. You do not know when the moment comes. It is like a man away from home: he has left his house and put his servants in charge, each with his own work to do, and he has ordered the doorkeeper to stay awake. Keep awake, then, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming. Evening or midnight, cock-crow or early dawn—if he comes suddenly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you, I say to everyone: Keep awake.

Mark 13:33-37

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I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Revelations 3:3

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from the Baha'i Writings

The Hour which We had concealed from the knowledge of the peoples of the earth . . . hath come to pass.

Baha'u'llah

**Glad Tidings!
For everlasting life is here.
O ye that sleep, awake!
O ye heedless ones, learn wisdom!
O blind, receive your sight!
O deaf, hear!
O dumb, speak!
O dead, arise!
Be happy!
Be happy!
Be full of joy.**

Mi Maestro by Ana Castillo

i wish
 you were
 a sponge -
that i could
 wring
 squeeze tightly
above my head;
With all
 the desire
 that i have
to learn
 from you
 about me.

The Birth of the Renaissance Ideal

By Gary F. Moring

Medieval thinkers can be divided into two basic types. Those that believed that since God has spoken to us it is no longer necessary for us to think; and the other believing that divine law required people to seek God by the rational methods of philosophy. . . Fortunately for us, the first kind didn't make it very far.

Characteristics by Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881)

Behind us, behind each one of us, lie Six Thousand Years of human effort . . .
Before us is the boundless Time, with its yet uncreated and unconquered
Continents and Eldorados, which we, even we, have to conquer, to create;
and from the bosom of Eternity there shine for us celestial guiding stars.

Hymn to the Sun

Attributed to Akhenaten ~ 350 BC

You are the one God,
 shining forth from your possible incarnations
 as Aten, the Living Sun,
Revealed like a king in glory, risen in light,
 now distant, now bending nearby.
You create the numberless things of this world
 from yourself, who are the One alone -
 cities, towns, fields, the roadway, the River;
And each eye looks back and beholds you
 to learn from the day's light perfection.
O God, you are in the Sun-disk of Day,
 Over-Seer of all creation
 -your legacy
 passed on to all who shall ever be;
For you fashioned their sight,
 who perceive your universe,
 that they praise with one voice
 all your labours.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Multicultural Chant **In Search of the Dreamer**

The City by Juanita Bryant

The city is full of people
pushing and rushing for the check
the city is kids playing in the park
telling their mothers the hell with them

It's full of hate and war
With people never knowing who to turn to for help.
it's a prison with people fighting for freedom
Black white.
the city's full of them.

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**The world is shrouded in darkness,
O God send us light!
The world is engulfed by huge waves,
O God send us a boat!**

**A high flying bird has fallen to the earth
and is being stifled by its poisonous foul air,
O God rescue her!**

a Hindi song from Kotapani

AUDIO RECORDING - Martin Luther King, Jr.

I HAVE A DREAM TODAY . . . we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

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Everywhere the signs multiply that the earth's peoples yearn for an end to conflict and to the suffering and ruin from which no land is any longer immune. These rising impulses for change must be seized upon and channelled into overcoming the remaining barriers that block realization of the age-old dream of global peace. The effort of will required for such a task cannot be summoned up merely by appeals for action against the countless ills afflicting society. It must be galvanized by a vision of human prosperity in the fullest sense of the term - an awakening to the possibilities of the spiritual and material well-being now brought within grasp. Its beneficiaries must be all of the planet's inhabitants, without distinction, without the imposition of conditions unrelated to the fundamental goals of such a reorganization of human affairs.

The Prosperity of Humankind
from the Baha'i Writings

FLORIDA ROAD WORKER
by Langston Hughes

I'm makin' a road
For the cars to fly by on,
Makin' a road
Through the palmetto thicket
For light and civilization
To travel on.

Sure,
A road helps everybody!
Rich folks ride-
And I get to see 'em ride

I'm makin' a road
For the rich to sweep over
In their big cars
And leave me standin' here.

I ain't never seen nobody

Ride so fine before.
Hey, Buddy! Look!
I'm makin' a road.

from the Qu'ran

and their hands shall speak to us, and their feet shall bear witness of what they earned.

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MEANS AND ENDS Gandhi

If we take care of the means, sooner or later we are bound to reach the ends.

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from the Qu'ran

Enter into it in peace ; this is the day of eternity!

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