

Breviary for a Mountain Stream

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Jesus in Swaddling Clothes

What I am is what is wanted.
What I do is part of what I am.
Therefore, what I do is what is wanted.

The most revered Sanctuaries should be maintained and the rest dismantled. The most revered Sanctuaries are those whose architecture best reflects spiritual discipline.

2

Jesus is Baptized

Western Civilization is a species of Vedic Culture, of Indian Spirituality.

Main types of Sanctuary include: Jewish (several), Coptic, Episcopalian, Protestant Reformed, Lutheran, Roman Catholic (several), Maronite, Eastern/Byzantine (several), Muslim, Vaishnavite, Saivite, Parsi, Sikh, Buddhist (several).

3

Mary Magdalene Adores Jesus

There is no one who owns the house they live in.

When she had finished the picture, Mary remarked that she and God have a lot in common.

4

Jesus Blesses the Children

They aren't less than we are.

Just different.

(birds and animals)

The pull of God is stronger than the pulls of the world. The sweetness of Divinity is more satisfying than the sensibility of society. The Savior of Life is more appealing than the savor of life.

5

Jesus Walks on Water

Jesus -- His original name was Isa --
spent His Career more in India than in Palestine.

A Sanctuary should be open at all times, all days, and staffed by clergy and laity in six-hour vigils:

6am to 12pm

12pm to 6pm

6pm to 12am

12am to 6am

6

Jesus Cleans Up the Temple

Laborare est Orare.

Duty is God. Work is Worship.

An interviewer asked him why he didn't get involved with peace and the peace movement. Gould replied, 'When it becomes illegal for a child to pull the wings off a butterfly, I'll become interested in the peace movement.' MacArthur said, 'The way to end war is to outlaw war, not to disarm.'

7

Jesus is Beaten

Consciousness is Truth.

Truth is Bliss.

Supreme Reality is Truth-Consciousness-Bliss.

Lehmann paused after finishing a typical one-page sentence ... 'I am reminded of a certain woman ... she passed away some years ago ... a great soul, she had the heart of a Franciscan'

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Jesus Falls Under the Weight of the Cross

Truth is not asymptotic:
It is not measured by a standard external to itself.

Every Sanctuary is a Prayer Hall for the adherents of all religions. Catholicity and secularity are the norm. Christ and Abraham belong to all spiritual aspirants.

9

Jesus Dies on the Cross

God is selflessness.
Self is Godlessness.

The memorial service for Niebuhr was held at the church where Edwards preached. Heschel gave the eulogy. Handy said, 'One felt the confluence of mighty spiritual forces.'

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Descent into Hell

All time fields are concurrent.

Willoughby (G2) remonstrated with the Supreme Commander regarding personal visits to the front, than which, at that time, nothing was more fluid. MacArthur replied, 'Thanks, Charlie, but if I can't see 'em, I can't fight 'em.'

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Ascension

Attachment brings grief. Detachment brings joy.

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The Last Supper

It is good to be born in the church but not to die in it.
We must travel beyond all boundaries of reason and the mind
and emerge in the Absolute.

Strolling with the Benedictine in a garden of the Mission Inn, at Riverside, Graham said, 'May I ask a very personal question?' Meehan replied, 'Of course, please do. It is my job to take such questions.'

'Well, then,' Graham continued, 'where should I look for authority? What can I rely on as absolutely true?'

Looking at the ground and still strolling, Meehan began: 'If you ask any Catholic theologian that question ... and if you show him that you are really serious ... and that you want him to tell you not what the doctrine says but what he really knows to be true ... then, any Catholic theologian will tell you that authority rests in the hearts of the believers. And that is the truth.'

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Jesus Goes to India

A thing and its nature is one and the same.

Referring to the church, Galt said, 'I don't think there's anything there anymore.'

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Jerusalem, Jerusalem ..

Judaism is based on the Sages of Zoroastrianism.
Christianity is based on the Seers of Buddhism.
Islam is based on the Prophets of Christianity.

Heschel liked to stand at the podium and get an impish grin as he asked, rhetorically, 'And what is the most anti-Semitic book in the world?' He'd look around to gauge the dramatic effect and then light with a huge smile before announcing, 'The Hebrew Bible!' This would bring the house down.

15

YHWH Appears to Elijah

The Word is The Beginning
Brahma Kavi
God is the Poet -- The Poet is God

Silence is the essence of existence, the *Summum Bonum*. It is the Goal of Life. When the mind is still, the whole world is at Peace.

Prayer is not 'for' someone. You do not know even yourself. How can you 'pray for' an other? Prayer 'for' someone is conjuring, white or black, nor prayer.

Prayer is being in the presence of the Source, the Supreme Person, the God.

16

The Fiery Chariot

The Truth belongs to the pure in heart.

'The Jewish people, they believe in God. In the old country, everybody was religious and still I am the same. I am an old lady. It doesn't pay to change. I accept life. That's all. The way I grew up, the way I am, the same way I'm going to die.'

Donna Benoun

Let Me Hear Your Voice:

Portraits Of Aging Immigrant Jews

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Elijah's Cloak

India is the spiritual heart of this planet.

Cage's father said, 'Measurements measure measuring means.'

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The Prophet Amos

God is not only a Christian.
He is also a Jew,
a Buddhist,
a Muslim,
a Hindu,
a Sikh,
and more.

Kandinsky liked to refer to art as the expression of mystery by means of mystery.

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Mary Washes Jesus' Feet

L'amour et la fumee ne peuvent se cacher.
Love and smoke cannot conceal themselves.

When the heart is devoid of anger, where is the need for a doctor? In a successful medical practice, the patients are healthy and the doctor is otherwise engaged.

When the heart is devoid of hatred, where is the need for a lawyer? In a successful legal practice, the clients are neither harming nor being harmed and the lawyer is otherwise engaged.

When the heart is devoid of lust, where is the need for a priest? In a successful church, the members are out on station and the Sanctuary is enveloped in Primordial Silence.

The three professions exist in order to eliminate the need for their existence.

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Mary Weeps Over Jesus' Crucified Body

Nature is not only binary.
The Universe is reasonable to some extent

QUINTIVIUM

Philosophy
(Grammar)
Overview-Vedantha
ETHER

History
(Science)
Brahmin/Teacher
AIR

Government
(Sociology)
Kshatryia/Ruler
FIRE

Industry
(Economics)
Vaisya/Producer
WATER

Art
(Composition)
Sudra/Laborer
EARTH

21

St. Francis and Friends

Every creature's body is just another costume that God wears.

The old man studied the score for some time, and many thoughts appeared to be going through his mind. At last, he said, 'Brahms' music is sweet, just like he was.'

Ellen said, 'You knew Brahms?'

The old man replied, 'Yes, I did. I can remember Brahms sitting on this very bench, playing with us children. He was a very sweet man, just like his music.'

Ellen's heart swooned in joy. Waves of wonder washed over her. She was immersed in the bliss of nearness to the Master.

The old man, too, was overwhelmed with memories. Tears flooded his eyes.

Then they spent some time there on the park bench together relating and hearing stories of Brahms.

22

Apolo Kivebulaya

An educated person is one who has cultured taste,
who is able to discriminate
between the eternal and the ephemeral.

Clergy should earn a living in the regular economy, at manual labor. This is a Benedictine principle that has stood the test of time.

Clergy who receive money from a community are not dependably impartial. The leadership they give will not be above suspicion.

A community which remunerates clergy is not dependably trustworthy. Probably, it will expect to control or condition the Magisterium, the authority and responsibility clergy have, to teach the Truth.

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Lt. General T. J. Jackson, C.S.A.

Audaces Fortuna Juvat Fortune Aids The Bold

L'audace, l'audace, toujours l'audace.
Audacity, audacity, always audacity.

It was a beautiful Fall day at Fredericksburg, Virginia. East of the Rappahannock, the legions of Federal puissance, commanded by General Burnside, prepared to assault frontally the well-placed Confederate States Army Corps, the Army of Northern Virginia, commanded by General Lee.

Lee's left comprised the First Corps, Lt. General James Longstreet commanding. His right comprised the Second Corps, Lt. General Thomas Jonathan Jackson commanding. Lee sat his horse near the First Corps and surveyed the Federal troops being revealed as the morning fog of the river bottom slowly lifted to the rising sun. The Federals were on his side of the river.

As Confederates sighted their guns by the gleam of Federal musketry, Jackson rode over to confer with Lee. When he made ready to rejoin his command, Longstreet, who liked to tease the terse Jackson, inquired of him, 'Don't all of those Federals frighten you, Jackson?' 'We'll see who frightens whom,' replied Stonewall. 'But what will you do with all those Federals,' persisted Longstreet. 'Sir,' said Jackson, rising to his saddle, 'we will give them the bayonet.'

He was as good as his word. The charge of the Second Corps, later that day, drove the Army of the Potomac into the Rappahannock, spent and routed. Observing the victory of his screaming demons, Lee said, 'It is good that war is so terrible or we should grow too fond of it.'

Kasturi Accepts

To reduce degradation of the environment, electrify.
Electro-chemical generation-transmission
- - bionic-economic ideal.

Schoenberg told Cage he had no feeling for harmony. 'You'll come to a wall. You won't be able to get through,' he said. Cage replied, 'Well, I'll bang my head against that wall.'

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Brahmarishi

Art is artists, not works.
Religion is persons, not ideas.

Desire is the cause of Grief,
But, who can overcome it?
Oh, no one can, 'tis my Belief,
We cannot else but hum it.

Desire is the cause of Grief,

But since we can no other,
We must discover some relief,
Or suffer constant Bother.

Desire is the cause of Grief,
Of that there is no doubting.
But it would not be like our Chief
To leave us all a-pouting.

Desire, true, can be a Friend,
If rightly we direct It.
It should be set upon the End,
The End of life explicit.

Desire, true, can be a Friend,
Desire that cannot miss,
If we just care to make Amend
And want perpetual Bliss.

Desire Bliss, that is allowed --
'Tis but our own true Nature.
All else belongs beneath the shroud.
Bliss is our Nomenclature.

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Malcolm X

Human beings are capable heirs to the counsel of perfection.

'I am always thinking of him. When he was sick from his stroke, he said, "You work too hard." I said, "No, don't tell me that. I am your wife. You are my husband. I didn't get married the way you are now. I am looking at you with the same eyes just like I saw you the first time." He smiled and we kissed each other. He was an angel.'

Rachael Peha

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Unity in Diversity

All effects are indeterminate.
There is no isolated system.
'Science' is an indeterminate number.

Mass should be said five times per year: All Saints, Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, and Whitsun.

The Daily Office should be said five times per day: 6 AM, 12 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, and 12 AM, or a similar schedule.

The breviary of any religion would be appropriate. Any Daily Office can be used in any Sanctuary.

The point is the prayer and its regularity, not its denomination. The Recipient, after all, is listening to the heart, not to the words. Sincerity is the quick and easy -- also, the one and only -- path to the Heart of God.

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Ecumenism

Every substance is a resource.

Landes said, 'One day, Union will ask you to come back.' Graham replied, 'Yes, but by then I'll be irrelevant.'

29

The Wheel of Fortune

Dios me libre de hombre de un libro.
God deliver me from a man of one book.

Bateson said that the most common epistemological error (insanity) is 'eating the menu instead of the meal' ... taking a symbol for the thing it indicates.

30

Siva Receives the Ganges

The purpose of art:
give people pleasure by reminding them who they are.

Christ	Father	Holy Spirit
Laity	Clergy	Religious
Education	Worship	Service
Consummation	Creation	Preservation
Dualism	Qualified-Non-Dualism	Non-Dualism
Body	Mind	Spirit
Self-Confidence	Self-Satisfaction	Self-Sacrifice
Siva	Brahma	Vishnu
Parvathi	Saraswathi	Lakshmi

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God is No Wimp

We are sons and daughters of Immortality.
Let us not be common.

Postulates

Human Birth is the instrument for visualizing the Divine Base.

The unique and potent capacities of this instrument are ratiocination and intuition.

Human Birth is the Duty to cognize the Truth.

Truth has no second.

Anything can be defined, but nothing can be proven. The indefinable is the Seed, the Germinant, of all definitions.

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What is Thought Exists

The Orthodox Tradition,
outside of which there is no Salvation,

is wider than the orthodox take it
and narrower than the heterodox take it.

Luce was discoursing on 'American Manifest Destiny.' He was fervid on the subject and aimed to be believed. Some regarded it not as a discourse but a harangue. When he finished, polite applause arose from the audience and Niebuhr leaned towards his wife, 'the other Dr. Niebuhr,' as she liked to style herself. 'Ursula,' he stage-whispered, 'wasn't that the biggest pile of garbage you've ever heard?!' The room erupted.

33

The Cult of the Lion

'E' calculated as 'mc²'
is a fraction of the 'E' that exists
for any values of 'm' and 'c'.

Our Father in Heaven!
May Your Name be held Holy.

May Your Kingdom come.
May Your Will be done
On Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us today the Bread of Heaven.

And forgive our mistakes
as we forgive those who would harm us.

Let us see You during the test
and be saved from the Evil One.

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Triple Predestination

No given is a member of a single-member set.

A Sanctuary should be used often for artistic work of all kinds: didactic, entertaining, comforting, stimulating -- anything which is uplifting and ennobling.

Art is work. Work is worship. Worship is theatre, acting, art. Catholicity and secularity are the norm.

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Jesus Walks on the Water

Among geniuses, there is neither race nor era.

The assertion that personal life is not connected with the capacity for leadership, that private habits do not affect the discharge of professional responsibilities, is invita Minerva.

The fitness of clergy to provide spiritual leadership and to discharge the duties of the Magisterium will be evident in the nature of their personal and family life, in the children they help raise and the wife they care for.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Clergy who have addictions, whose children are a wreck or whose wives are unhappy cannot provide spiritual leadership in the Community of the Faithful. For the same reason, they cannot provide leadership in the company of the unfaithful, either.

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Thandava

Life is like this:
What we grasp flees;
what we release comes.

We start by recognizing that these are not our children. They belong to He Who made and is them. We are care-takers, accountable more or less as hired hands are to a property owner.

We try to discover and lead out the inner necessity of each child. ex (from) + ducare (lead) = educate.

We lead by encouraging self-motivation.

Each child, male and female, should learn a trade or 'blue-collar' occupation. The trade chosen should be that determined by the inner necessity of the child, at about age 15 or 16.