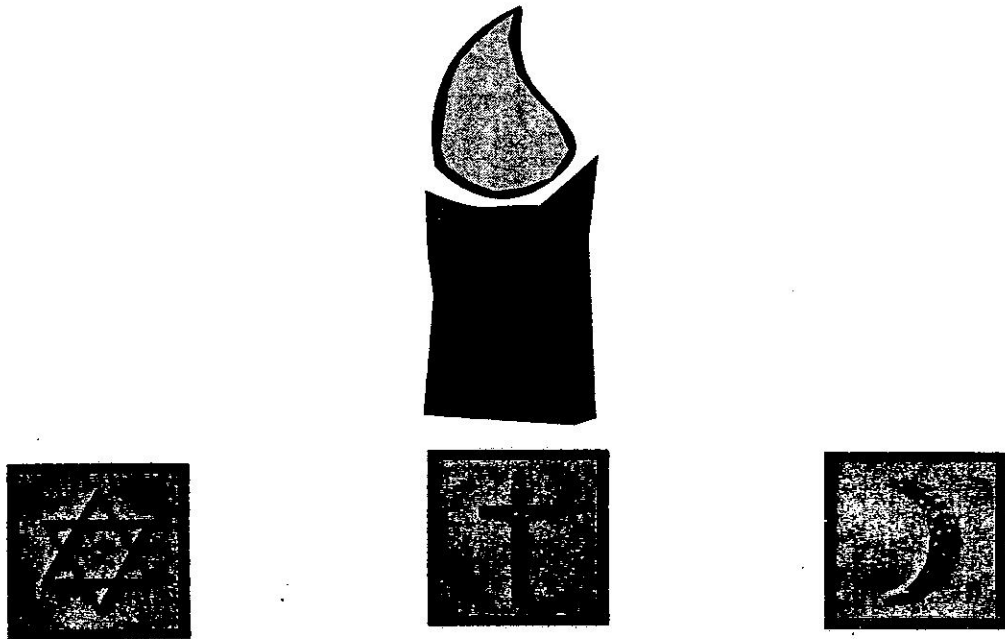


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OPENING READING (from The Boy Scout Handbook):

*A Scout is **reverent**.* A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

Wonders all around us remind us of our faith in God. We find it in the tiny secrets of creation and in the great mysteries of the universe. It exists in the kindness of people and in the teachings of our families and religious leaders. We show our reverence by living our lives according to the ideals of our beliefs.

Throughout your life you will encounter people expressing their reverence in many different ways. The Constitution of the United States guarantees each of us the freedom to believe and worship as we wish without government interference. It is your duty to respect and defend others' rights to their religious beliefs even when they differ from your own.

SONG:

Upward Trail

The musical score for 'Upward Trail' is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a first ending bracket (1) and a second ending bracket (2). The lyrics are written below the notes.

1
We're on the up - ward trail! We're on the up - ward trail!

2
Sing - ing, sing - ing, ev - 'ry - bod - y sing - ing, As we go!

We're on the up - ward trail! We're on the up - ward trail!

Sing - ing, sing - ing, ev - 'ry - bod - y sing - ing, Home - ward bound!

RESPONSIVE READING:

No Religion Is An Island

No religion is an island;
there is no monopoly on holiness.

*We are companions of all who revere Him.
We rejoice when His name is praised.*

No religion is an island;
we share the kinship of humanity,
the capacity for compassion.

*The hand of God is extended to all who seek Him.
He is near to all who call upon Him in truth.*

God's spirit rests upon all, Jew or Gentile,
man or woman, in consonance with their deeds.

*One Adam was created in order to promote peace;
no one dare claim: my ancestry is nobler than yours.*

Diverse in our devotion and commitment,
we must unite to bring about the kingship of God.

*Let us help one another to overcome any hardness of heart
and enable minds to be opened to the challenges of faith.*

Rather than hope for each other's failure,
we pray for each other's welfare.

*Let mutual concern replace remnants of mutual contempt,
as we share the precarious position of being human.*

The challenge posed by the Prophet Malachi continues to
reverberate: Have we not all one Father?
Has not one God created us all?

*Let us not be guided by ignorance or disdain,
let us permit the light of holiness to illumine all our paths.*

May all who revere the Lord speak one to another,
thereby leading all to acknowledge His splendor.

--ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

PSALM LVI

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In God do I trust, I will not be afraid;
What can man do unto me?
I will render thank-offerings unto Thee.
For Thou hast delivered my soul from death
Thou hast delivered my feet from stumbling.

O rejoice the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee,
O Lord, do I lift up mine eyes. Heal me, O Lord,
and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved,
for Thou art my praise. AMEN.

From THE KORAN:

Do not argue with the followers of earlier revelation otherwise than in the most kindly manner—unless it be such of them as are set on evil doing—and say: "We believe in that which has been bestowed upon us, as well as that which has been bestowed upon you: for our God and your God is one and the same, and it is unto him that we [all] surrender ourselves."³⁰

A POEM:

If

RUDYARD KIPLING

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same:
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss:
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much:
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

THE PARABLE OF THE FOOLISH BUILDERS, Luke 6:46

The Wise and Foolish Builders

46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? 47 I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house, but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

THE CREEDS (Silent Reading of Your Choice):

Christian:

We believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of all things, visible and invisible,
and in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Son of God,
the only-begotten of the Father,
that is, of the substance (*ousia*) of the Father,
God from God,
light from light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of one substance (*homoousion*) with the Father,
through whom all things were made,
those things that are in heaven and
those things that are on earth,
who for us men and for our salvation
came down and was made man,
suffered,
rose again on the third day,
ascended into the heavens
and will come
to judge the living and the dead.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit. ¹¹

Islam:

"We believe in God and in that which had been bestowed from on high upon us, and in that which has been bestowed upon Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and their descendants, and that which has been vouchsafed to Moses and Jesus; and that which has been vouchsafed to all the [other] prophets by their Sustainer: we make no distinction between any of them. And it is unto him that we surrender ourselves." ³³

When I was midway on the mountain, I heard a voice from heaven saying, "O Muhammad! thou art the apostle of God and I am Gabriel." I raised my head towards heaven to see who was speaking, and lo, Gabriel in the form of a man with feet astride the horizon. . . . I stood gazing at him, moving neither backward or forward; then I began to turn my face away from him, but towards whatever region of the sky I looked, I saw him as before. ³

Jewish:

I Am a Jew

I am a Jew because my faith demands no abdication of the mind.

I am a Jew because my faith demands all the devotion of my heart.

I am a Jew because wherever there is suffering, the Jew weeps.

I am a Jew because wherever there is despair, the Jew hopes.

I am a Jew because the message of our faith is the oldest and the newest.

I am a Jew because the promise of our faith is a universal promise.

I am a Jew because for the Jew the world is not completed; people must complete it.

I am a Jew because for the Jew humanity is not fully created; people must complete it.

I am a Jew because the faith of the people Israel places humanity above nations, above Judaism itself.

I am a Jew because the faith of the people Israel places above humanity, image of the Divine, the Oneness of God.

POEM

Not in Vain

EMILY DICKINSON

(Born 1830; died 1886)

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If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain:
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

SONG

Green Grow the Rushes

CHORDS

I'll sing you one-ho! Green grow the rush-es ho; What is your one-ho?

One is one and all a-lone and ev-er-more shall be so.

B ♯ III to XII

I'll sing you two-ho! Green grow the rush-es-ho; What are your two-ho?
(three etc.)

Two, two, the lil-y-white boys, cloth-ed all in green-ho,

D. S. Fine

One is one and all a-lone and ev-er-more shall be so.

Three, three the ri-vals, (to 2) Four for the gos-pel mak-ers. (to 2)

(4, 6, 10)

5. Five for the symbols at your door and four for the gospel makers, (to 2)
6. Six for the six proud walkers, (to 5)
7. Sev'n for the sev'n stars in the sky and six for the six proud walkers, (to 5)
8. Eight for the April rainers, (to 7)
9. Nine for the nine bright shiners, (to 8)
10. Ten for the ten commandments, (to 9)
11. Eleven for the 'lev'n went up to heav'n and ten for the ten commandments, (to 9)
12. Twelve for the twelve Apostles, (to 11)

PSALM XXIII

Psalm XXIII The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want,
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul;
 He guideth me in straight paths for His name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil,
 For Thou art with me;
 Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
 Thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
 And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

A READING FROM THE KORAN

God is the light of the heavens and the earth. The parable of his light is, as it were (*ka*), that of a niche containing a lamp; the lamp is [enclosed] in glass; the glass [shining] like a radiant star: [a lamp] lit from a blessed tree—an olive tree that is neither of the east nor of the west—the oil whereof [is so bright that it] would well-nigh give light [of itself] even though fire had not touched it: light upon light.²⁸

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (The Jewish Kiddush):

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם
בזר פרי הנפץ:

Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, King of the
universe, who hast created the fruit of the vine.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I

I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy:

Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work:

But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI

Thou shalt not kill.

VII

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII

Thou shalt not steal.

IX

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

SONG:

We Shall Overcome

Slowly American Freedom Song

1. We shall o - ver - come, — We shall o - ver -
 come, — We shall o - ver - come some
 day; — Oh! — Deep in my heart
 I do be - lieve, We shall o - ver - come some day. —

2. We'll walk hand in hand some day. . .
3. We are not afraid to-day. . .
4. The truth shall make us free. . .
5. We shall live in peace. . .

SERMONETTE

CLOSING PRAYER

Peace

Thou dost keep him in perfect peace,
 whose mind is stayed on thee,
 because he trusts in thee.
 Trust in the LORD for ever,
 for the LORD GOD
 is an everlasting rock.

CLOSING SONG

Day Is Done

Day is done, Gone the sun From the lake, From the hills,
 Thanks and praise. For our days 'Neath the sun, 'Neath the stars,
 From the sky, All is well, Safe - ly rest, God is nigh.
 'Neath the sky, As we go, This we know, God is nigh.