

Greetings and acknowledgements.

Prayer

Source of Time and Space

Avinu Malkaynu!

From infinity draw down to us

The great renewal

And attune us to Your intent,

So that Wisdom, Your daughter

Flow into our awareness,

To awaken us to see ahead,

So we help instead of harm.

May all the devices we make and use,

Be sparing and protecting

of Your creation.

Help us To set right

what we have debased,

To heal

what we have made ill,

To care for and to restore

what we have injured.

Bless our Earth, our home

And show us all

How to care for her,

So that we might live

Your promise

Given, to our forebears

"To live heavenly days

Right here on this Earth."

May all the beings,

You have fashioned,

Become aware

that it is You

Who has given them being.

May we realize

that You shaped our lives

And may each one, who breathes
Join with others who breathe,
In the delight of shared knowing
Of the great breath.

Assist us in learning
How to partner,
With family, neighbors,
And friends.
Aid us
in dissolving old enmities.

May we come to honor,
Even in those whom we fear,
Your image and form,
Your light
Dwelling in their hearts.

May we soon see the day, when
Your House will be indeed,
The House of prayer
For all peoples,
Named and celebrated
In every tongue and speech.

On that day You will be one
And one with all cosmic Life.
Amen!

The problems we face at this time
don't seem to yield
to the solutions
our traditions and lineages
have provided in the past.
Each one of our traditions
had built in a high degree
of surface tension
and saw itself
as sharply separate
from others.

Often universalistic statements
were made which
in subtle and not so subtle ways
were what people call inclusivistic;
that is to say
"if you come under our umbrella
as a lesser adjunct,
as a minor satellite,
we will legitimate you"

Still the attitude
was basically triumphalistic;
when the Mashiach - Christ -
Mahdi - avatar - Maitreia -- comes
we will be proven right
and you will end up to be
on a lesser plane than we.

Then came Auschwitz
- Hiroshima-Nagasaki -
the moon walk - the internet -
and now
we can no longer afford
any reality map
that does not base itself
on an organismic view of life
on this planet.

Our traditional theologians,
in order to defend themselves
against existential terror
and high anxiety
the spiritual vacuum
in which they have to preach --
have by and large,
been co-opted
by those haves,
who have the deep pockets,
to hold on to the status quo-
or by the have-nots
who want to return
to implausible security

of the old time religion.

More and more
have deep thinking eco-theologians
come to the conclusion
that each religion
is like a vital organ
of the planet
and that we
for the planets sake
need, each one of us,
aim to stay alive and devout
in the most healthy way
we can manage.

Hence for all my universalism
I need to be
the best and healthiest Jew I can be
and urge my co-religionists
to become the best and healthiest Jews
they can be in order to contribute
to the healing of the planet.

While I have gained much help
from our tradition which provided me
with the sacred tools and means
to higher consciousness
many of them seem not to be
immediately applicable
to our current situation.

However
There is a revelation
coming down to us
from helpers above our ken
as well as the result
of a chthonic push
from below
from our mother the Earth .

This leads me
not so much to offer answers
as to raise questions.

Therefore my contribution will be
To raise questions
and they are all intertwined.

As each generation comes
it needs answers for the problems
which the old answers have created.
Example nuclear fuel,
pesticides and herbicides, -
soon we will have to deal with questions
which genetic engineering
is creating in bio engineered plants
and who knows how soon?
Even with human genetic stock.

The urge we experience
to grow in awareness
is often blocked and opposed by forces
that want to cut us off from that urge
and addict us
to mind deadening distractions.

Yet at a meetings like this one
we want to amplify that urge
that has the push
of our earth's need of healing
as well as the pull
of the vision of organismic health
that wants to birth itself in us.
Here, we want to wake up ourselves
and wake others up
to even more awakedness.

We have been habituated
to find the easiest
and most immediate answers

so that we not stay in the anxiety
of holding on to the question.
The answers, easily available,
don't work to stave off
the impending disaster
of our accelerating global dying.
So what are some of the questions?

First:

What ideas of cosmology
do we have to have
in order to approach
the healing of the planet.
Apparently the reality map
we have at this time is not correct.
Our sense of the direction to which
the possible harmonious life matrix points
demands that we change that map.

Creativity does not reside
in the way we are imprisoned
to repeat precedent.
It is in daring - to be outrageous,
to play with the least probable possibilities,
the ones more weird and spiritual
where we may find answers.
These possibility forms
dance before the mind's eye
and from that vision
there emerges an unexpected form
with its creative proposal
and therefore new way
to understand and map reality.

We need to learn this process
of questing
in order to discover
- and this is urgent -
to co-create
with the integral -

planetary mind -
the cosmology
we have to have in order
to approach
the healing of the planet.

Secondly:

What is the basic health ethos
arising
from that new cosmology?

The cosmology
of the industrial revolution
gave us an ethos to productivity
at any cost.

The cosmology
of corporate capitalism
pushes an ethos
to consumption at any cost.

The cosmology we seek to find
should produce first and foremost
an ethos that honors
harmonious biological health
in the individual
and in the matrix
of the most harmonious
biological health
of the environment.

In order to co-create this cosmology
we can no longer rely
on a single mind.

The complexity
and with it the responsibility
of what we have to mind
in the world and life
is too great to bear for only one person.

The only way
to get it together
is together.

I plead for research
that would, discover
what it takes
to enable us
to operate in webs of consciousness
in mind networks.

At least for a small group
of prepared minds
to seek to merge dreams
and behold visions.
These people would serve
as our psychonauts
and contact minds
on other regions.

We are quite underdeveloped
in this area.
We have very low ideas
of how groups really work.
While there is
immense sophistication
in the technological area
of military systems
and lethal Weapons
of Mass Destruction
we are very low
in our understanding
how we need to handle
conflict resolution.

Much research
needs to be done to help us
to optimal
social and political harmony
and this cannot wait.

What do we need to do
in order that there be

that cultural revolution
that is now urgently needed?

I have often challenged educators
To plan the curricula
For handling information
with ecological wisdom,
For the formation of character,
For education of the heart,
For raising the emotional IQ
For teaching skills of cooperation
That would produce the
Adepts, saints,
Zaddikim, rishis,
Bodhisattvas and shamans
Which we will need
At this time.

Thirdly:
What are the upaya,
the skillful means,
needed to lift cultural trance
and launch the awareness
of the emerging cosmology.
Current consensus mind
leads us to ever greater crises.
We must do the miraculous work
of altering
millions of people's awareness.
We must go
deeper and deeper
in to regions
where we cannot use muscle effort ,
where only awareness
can shift awareness
which is
as one of my friends remarked
changing the tires
while the car is moving -
moving fast.

We need so to update
the inner resources
of our spiritual traditions
that once worked well
but which were associated
with flesh rejecting
monastic asceticism.

If your suggestions
for my spiritual practice
exceeds 20 minutes in the morning
and 20 minutes in the evening
I will not do them
and the old traditions
demand more time
than I can afford.

So we need to look
at what works
of the old techniques
and enhance their yield
by learning
to attune our consciousness
to optimal transformational power.
These actions take place
in other regions
than the mind of the shopping mall.

When I think
of the turbulent mind space
we inhabit at this time
I get close to schizophrenia.
I can't hear
the choral - symphonic music
of a sacred common dream.
Just as some people once lamented
the twilight of the gods
so it seems
that we now experience
the twilight

of the life affirming archetypes!

How can we access them?
How can we empower them?
How can they empower us?
We have come to realize
that we are not
on the top of the chain of being.
What do we,
as spiritual people,
have as means
to access the waiting helpers
from higher planes?

What do we need to do
To address the matrix
of the life process
on the subtle plane to gain
understanding
of the deep life process.

Only then
can we embark on
designing the needed education
of heart and spirit.

Last:
What adjustments
in psychology, anthropology,
biology, physics, medicine
philosophy, political science,
theology, spiritual technologies,
economics, the arts,
communications
and most of all, the ethics
we need
in order to heal the planet?
So the big questions remain.

The current state

of the disciplines
of Transpersonal Psychology
and Transpersonal Sociology
is too primitive
to handle our crisis.

You who are here,
my colleagues on the dais,
as well as you in the audience
I invite you to help find
the answers
to the questions we raised.

We need to relearn
the technology of blessings.

May the people
who organized this event,
the people who contributed
with effort and finances
may we who spoke
and you how listened
be blessed
energy, vigor, resourcefulness,
joy, health and wellbeing
harmony in your family and work life
to actualize our renewed hope.

May the words of my mouth
and the concerns in our hearts
be received and responded to
by the One in whom
we find refuge and redemption.
AMEN.

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