

# Texts for *Secrets, Dreams, Faith and Wonder* - A Film by Stephen Travis Pope, R. Lane Clark et al.

"Those who have heard the rhythms and hymns of the angels, who have understood any of the words of the angels, will try to recite those hymns in such a way that the angels will be attracted." Joseph Campbell

## Jerusalem's Secrets (Lamentatio)

### Introduction

*De Lamentatione Jeremiae Prophetiae*

(This is from the lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah.)

### Part 1

Help me somebody

Jerusalem

It's not the big things; it's the small things.

*Serna a'la darb elhawa, nlamlem ejrouh*

(We traveled on the road of passion, collecting our wounds)

There's no escape from it.

### Part 2

*Recordare, Domine*

(Watch what is happening to us, oh Lord.)

(voice of God) I know

### Part 3

*Plorans ploravit in nocte, et lacrimae ejus in maxillis ejus*

(Weeping, she wept in the night, and her tears ran down her cheeks.)

*Noo'af ala bab elhub, wa'fat el ghafeer*

(standing at the door of love, the watchman's stand...)

### Part 4

*Jerusalem, convertere ad Dominum, Deum tuum*

(Jerusalem, turn back to the Lord your God.)

*Noo'af ala bab elhub, wa'fat el ghafeer; ein ein ein ein eini eini .....*

(standing at the door of love, the watchman's stand, eyes, eyes, eyes, ...)

You need to take a good look at yourself and see if you're the kind of person that God wants you to be.

## Leur Songe de la Paix (Their Dream of Peace)

Text and Voice: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. From the speech *A Time to Break the Silence* delivered in New York City on April 4, 1967

### Part 1

Oh, our government, and the press generally, won't tell us these things, but God told me to tell you this morning; the truth must be told.

Oh my friends, if there is any one thing that we must see today, it is that these are revolutionary times.

A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.

I am convinced, that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, then we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values.

A true revolution of values will soon look uneasily on the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth with righteous indignation.

A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our present policies.

It will look across the seas and see individual capitalists investing huge sums of money in Asia, Africa, and South America, only to take the profits out with no concern for the social betterment of the countries and say, "this is not just."

A true revolution of values will lay hands on the world order, and say of war, "this way of settling differences is not just."

Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit.

### Part 2

I have not lost faith. I'm not in despair, because I know that there is a moral order.

And don't let anybody make you think that God chose America as his divine messianic force to be, a sort of policeman for the whole world.

God has a way of standing before the nations with judgement, and it seems that I can hear God saying to America,

"You are too arrogant; and if you don't change your ways, I will rise up and break the backbone of your power."

No lie can live forever.

We must rapidly begin to 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, militarism, and economic exploitation are incapable of being conquered.

### Part 3

Let me say finally that I oppose the war in Viet Nam because I love America. I speak out against this war not in anger, but with anxiety and sorrow in my heart, and above all with a passionate desire to see our beloved country stand as the moral example of the world.

Men will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, Nations will not rise up against nations, neither shall they study war any more, and I don't know about you, but I'm not going to study war any more.

I call on Washington today. I call on every man and woman of good will all over America today, I call on the young men of America who must make a choice today. Take a stand on this issue; tomorrow may be too late. The book may close.

## Evigt Dröm (Eternal Dream)

...try to recite those hymns in such a way that the angels will be attracted.

### Quotes

Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.

G. K. Chesterton

We harbor a greater life than we know.

We all have the extraordinary coded within us, waiting to be released.

Jean Houston

We know that we are made for the transcendent.

Desmond Tutu

You are not a human being in search of a spiritual experience.

You are a spiritual being immersed in a human experience.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

In your nature, eternal Godhead, I shall come to know my nature.

And what is my nature, boundless love?

It is fire.

Catherine of Siena

I have had dreams, and I have had nightmares.

I overcame the nightmares because of my dreams.

Jonas Salk

Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.

Rabbi Abraham Heschel

I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge;

myth is more potent than history;

dreams are more powerful than facts;

hope always triumphs over experience.

Robert Fulghum

Life is a purposeful experience!

All you may know of heaven or hell is within your own self.

All you may know of God is within your own self.

Edgar Cayce

## Credo

Text & voice: Mohandas K. Gandhi's *Statement of Faith* (BBC, 1931)

There is an indefinable mysterious power that pervades everything. I feel it, though I do not see it. There is an unalterable law governing everything and every being that exists or lives.

It is this unseen power which makes itself felt; it is so unlike all that I perceive through my senses. It transcends the senses. That law then, which governs all life, is God.

I do dimly perceive that whilst everything around me is ever-changing, ever-dying, there is underlying all that change a living power that is changeless, that holds all together, that creates, dissolves, and re-creates. That informing power of spirit is God. He alone is.

And is this power benevolent or malevolent? I see it as purely benevolent, for I can see that in the midst of death, life persists; in the midst of untruth, truth persists; in the midst of darkness, light persists. Hence I gather that God is life, truth, light. He is love. He is the supreme good.

It is proved not by extraneous evidence, but in the transformed conduct and character of those who have felt the real presence of God within. Such testimony is to be found in the experiences of an unbroken line of prophets and sages in all countries and times.

He, who would, in his own person, test the fact of God's presence can do so by a living faith. The safest course is to believe in the moral government of the world, and therefore in the supremacy of the moral law; the law of truth and love.

I confess that I have no argument to convince through reason; faith transcends reason.

## Ora penso invece che il mondo...

Full title: "Today, however, I have come to think that the world is an enigma, a benign enigma, though, which is only rendered terrible by our folly of trying to interpret it according to some personal truth." Umberto Eco, *Foucault's Pendulum*

The seven sections of Olivier Messaien's *Visions of the Amen*

Amen of creation (opening piano solo)

Amen of the stars and ringed planets (first episode of "things falling apart")

Amen of the agony of Jesus (second episode of "things falling apart")

Amen of desire (third episode of "things falling apart" leading to the bridge)

Amen of the angels, of the saints, of bird song (larghetto song)

Amen of the judgement (contrapuntal interlude after the song)

Amen of the consummation, or perfection (final return to the song)