



Universal Worship Service Scriptural Selections
Theme: Freedom – The Path of Spiritual Liberty,
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UPANISHADS

Chapter 4: Mundaka Upanishad

The Peace Chant

Om. May we, O gods, hear with our ears what is auspicious!
May we, O worshipful gods, see with our eyes what is good!
May we, strong in limbs and body, sing your praise and enjoy
the life allotted to us by Prajapati (“The Creative Force”)!
Om. Peace! Peace! Peace!

Invocation

Om. That is full; this is full. This fullness has been projected
from that fullness. When this fullness merges in that fullness,
all that remains is fullness.
Om. Peace! Peace! Peace!

Om. May Brahman protect us both! May Brahman bestow upon
us both the fruit of Knowledge! May we both obtain the energy
to acquire Knowledge! May what we both study reveal the
Truth! May we cherish no ill feeling toward each other!
Om. Peace! Peace! Peace!

DHAMAPADA

Chapter 2. Wakefulness

Wakefulness is the way to life.
The fool sleeps
As if he were already dead,
But the master is awake
And he lives forever.
He watches.
He is clear.
How happy he is!

For he sees that wakefulness is
life.
How happy he is,
Following the path of the
awakened.
With great perseverance
He meditates, seeking
Freedom and happiness.

So awake, reflect, watch.
Work with care and attention.
Live in the way and the light will
grow in you.
By watching and working
The master makes for himself an
island
which the flood cannot
overwhelm.

The fool is careless.
But the master guards his
watching.
It is his most precious treasure.
He never gives in to desire.

He meditates.
And in the strength of his resolve
He discovers true happiness.
He overcomes desire -
And from the tower of his wisdom
He looks down with dispassion
upon the sorrowing crowd.

From the mountain top
He looks down at those
Who live close to the ground.
Mindful among the mindless,
Awake while others dream,
Swift as the race horse
He outstrips the field.
By watching Indra became king of
the gods.

How wonderful it is to watch.
How foolish to sleep.
The beggar who guards his mind
And fears the waywardness of his
thoughts burns through every bond
with the fire of his vigilance.
The beggar who guards his mind
And fears his own confusion
Cannot fall.

He has found his way to peace.
And by ruling them to find
happiness.
With single-mindedness
The master quells his thoughts.
He ends their wandering.
Seated in the cave of the heart,
He finds freedom.

ZENDA VESTA

Book 12: The Zoroastrian Creed

12.3. I want freedom of movement and freedom of dwelling for those with homesteads, to those who dwell upon this earth...

12.8. I pray for the freedom and glory of the entire existence of the holy (man) while I bless it.

HOLY BIBLE – THE OLD TESTAMENT

From the Song of Songs, Chapter 7, Verses 10-13

{7:10} I [am] my beloved's, and my beloved's desire [is] toward me.

{7:11} Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

{7:12} Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, [whether] the tender grape appear, [and] the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

{7:13} The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates [are] all manner of pleasant [fruits,] new and old, [which] I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

HOLY BIBLE - THE NEW TESTAMENT

2 (Second) Corinthians, Chapter 3, Verses 17 and 18

{3:17} Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord [is,] there [is] liberty.

{3:18} But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord.

HOLY QU'RAN

Chapter 11 Hud - The Warner

Section 10, Verses 118 and 119

If your Lord had so willed, He would have certainly made mankind one single nation but that is not what He wants, so they will continue to differ[118] except those on whom He has bestowed His mercy; and that very freedom of choice and action is the whole purpose of their creation.... [119]

GAYAN

No sacrifice is ever too great to be offered in the cause of liberty.