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"The indigenous understanding has its basis of spirituality in a recognition of the interconnectedness and interdependence of all living things, a holistic and balanced view of the world."
-- Rebecca Adamson

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"The end of the Cold War removed the immediate causes of whole destruction -- but not the threat contained in our knowledge. We must tame this knowledge with the ideals of justice, caring, and compassion summoned from our common human spiritual and moral heritage, if we are to live in peace and serenity in the twenty-first century."
-- Wahnsi Ahfarmi

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"We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race."
-- Kofi Annan

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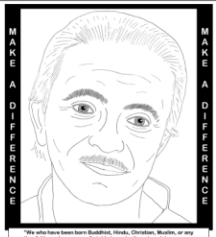

"We who have been born Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, Muslim, or any other faith can be very comfortable in each others temple's, mosques, and churches, praying or meditating together to create a spiritual mass of consciousness which can overcome our greed, hatred, and illusions."
-- Dr. Ari Ariyaratne

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"...never before probably has the need for interfaith commitment been nearly as great as it is at this very moment."
-- Walter Cronkite

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"I appreciate any organization or individual people who sincerely make an effort to promote harmony between humanity, and particularly harmony between the various religions. I consider it very sacred work and very important work..."
-- The 14th Dalai Lama

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"I see religion as a powerful positive healing force for this nation and the world. But that force is blunted, weakened, compromised inestimably, if we turn religion into a tool for advancing political strategy...if we treat it as anything other than a sacred part of life from which we ought to draw sustenance and values and strength, if we marginalize as good citizens."
-- C. Welton Gaddy

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"Every religion contains, in varying degrees, elements of the soft and the hard. For the sake of world peace, dialogue within religions and among them must strengthen the softer aspects."
-- Johan Galtung

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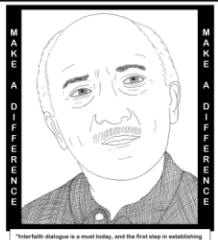

"Interfaith dialogue is a must today, and the first step in establishing it is forgetting the past, ignoring polemical arguments, and giving precedence to common points, which far outnumber polemical ones."
-- M. Fethullah Gülen

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"To me, love, spirituality and life are all the same thing. To me they're all about honoring the circle, and they're just different ways of defining the same understanding. Our society as a whole, because we have placed our love for money above our love for life, has devalued the sacred and devalued love."
-- Julia Butterfly Hill

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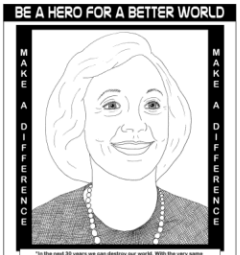

"In the next 30 years we can destroy our world. With the very same powers — spiritual, social, scientific — we can evolve our world. Our mission is to serve as catalysts for a planetary awakening in our lifetime, to take a non-violent path to the next stage of our evolution."
-- Barbara Marx Hubbard

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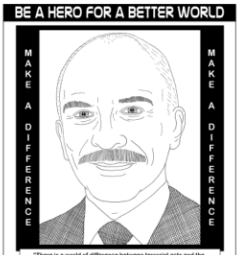

"There is a world of difference between terrorist acts and the Islamic Shari'a. Islam is not only a religion, but a way of life. And at its heart lie the sacred principles of tolerance and dialogue."
-- King Hussein of Jordan

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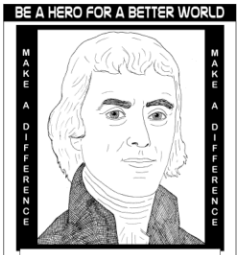

"I never will, by any word or act, bow to the shrine of intolerance or admit a right of inquiry into the religious opinions of others."
-- Thomas Jefferson

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"Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others."
-- John F. Kennedy

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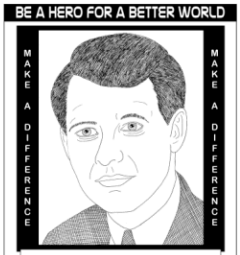

"Ultimately, America's answer to the intolerant man is diversity, the very diversity which our heritage of religious freedom has inspired."
-- Robert F. Kennedy

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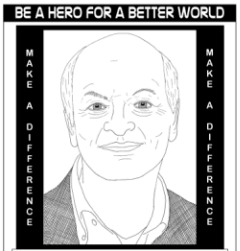

"The force and the strength for peace will come from people. And that will happen when people see that the rich diversity of religions, of traditions, of languages, of customs, of religions, of cultures, of languages, are all beautiful diversities, for they are only on the surface. And deep down we share the same humanity, the global humanity."
-- Satish Kumar

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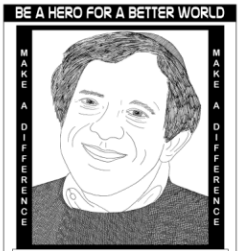

"People of all faiths need to shape a political and social movement that reaffirms the most generous, peace-oriented, social justice committed, and loving truths of the spiritual heritage of the human race."
-- Rabbi Michael Lerner

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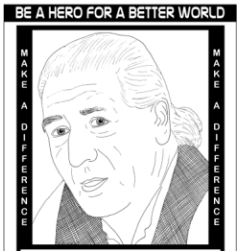

"All things are bound together, all things connect. Whatever befalls the earth, befalls also the children of the earth."
-- Chief Oren Lyons

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"The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another."
-- Thomas Merton

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"One world, one people, living together as a global family! Young people will cross religious, ethnic and cultural divides to recognize the universal human as family. WE ARE ONE and the elders of tomorrow will carry this torch."
-- Nina Meyerhof

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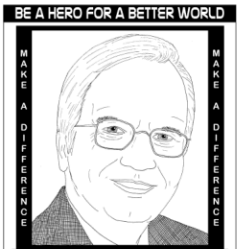

"The Interfaith Alliance has to become an ongoing sustaining and powerful movement whose interest is to prove that religion has a healing side as well as a killing side, and that democracy is the consequence of conscience."
-- Bill Moyers

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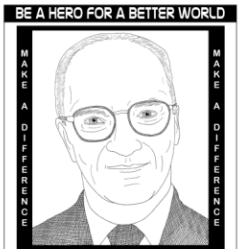

"What the world needs today is a convergence of the different religions in the search for and definition of the cosmic or divine laws which ought to regulate our behavior on this planet."
-- Robert Muller

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"As believers we all have an opportunity and moral obligation to recognize our spiritual common ground; to rise above our differences; to combat prejudice and intolerance."
-- Queen Noor of Joran

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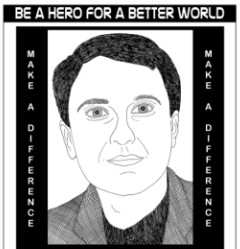

"Show me a religion that doesn't care about compassion. Show me a religion that doesn't care about stewardship of the environment. Show me a religion that doesn't care about hospitality."
-- Ebso Patel

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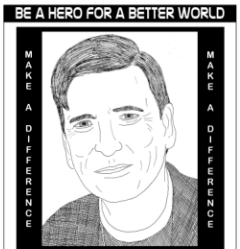

"I would like the church to be a place where the questions of people are honored rather than a place where we have all the answers. The church has to get out of propaganda. The future will involve us in more interfaith dialogue.... We cannot say we have the only truth."
-- Bishop John Shelby Spong

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"We have to sit down, have a meal together, pray together and then actually talk together. Then we realize that, yes, although we have some differences they are not impassable differences."
-- Pauline Tangiora

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"... if we are to promote genuine justice and thus bring real peace to the planet—and with it the possibility of improving lives on every level, not just economically, socially, and politically, but also culturally, spiritually, and intellectually—then, just on a practical level, we need to have all of the religions working together."
-- Brother Wayne Teasdale

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"I honor the path each person is on. I believe that all of our prayer paths lead to the Great Mystery, or Spirit, or God."
-- Mary Thunder

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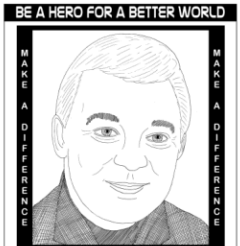

"We can find common ground only by moving to higher ground."
-- Jim Wallis

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"We believe in taking down the barriers, but we also believe in the most energetic reconciliation. We have come to a big setting that's in two room sizes: one room where kids learn about each other's languages, understand each other's fears and beliefs, getting to know each other physically, philosophically, and spiritually. It is much harder to kill your near neighbor than the thousands of unknown and hostile aliens at the other end of a rocket missile. We have to create a world in which there are no unknown, hostile aliens at the other end of any missiles."
-- Betty Williams & The Peace People

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