

## The Tenth Annual Rev. Robert W. Bullock Memorial Lecture

RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS: THE ROBERT BULLOCK LEGACY

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ALFRED NORTH WHITEHEAD, WROTE, RELIGION "...CARRIES TWO SORTS OF PEOPLE IN TWO ENTIRELY OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS:... GENTLE PEOPLE IT CARRIES TOWARD MERCY AND JUSTICE; PERSECUTING PEOPLE ... INTO FIENDISH SADISTIC CRUELTY."

WE KNOW PEOPLE BUTCHER ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF GOD. WE KNOW PEOPLE GIVE THE LAST MORSEL OF THEIR FOOD AND THE COAT OFF THEIR BACKS FOR THE LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR (WE KNOW PEOPLE OF NO RELIGION DO THESE THINGS, TOO, EMPLOYING OTHER MOTIVES)

"IF IT BLEEDS, IT LEADS." SIMPLE, ORDINARY, HEROIC, REMARKABLE, SELF GIVING , WHETHER MOTIVATED BY RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE OR HUMANIST IMPULSES, DOES NOT MAKE HEADLINES.

THERE ARE A LITTLE OVER 7 BILLION PEOPLE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH, C. 5 BILLION ARE RELIGIOUS (THAT IS THEY ARE IN RELIGION). C. 250 MILLION PEOPLE IDENTIFY AS HUMANISTS. CHRISTIANS ACCOUNT FOR A LITTLE OVER 2 BILLION OF THE 5 BILLION RELIGIOUS PEOPLE ON EARTH, THAT IS, 2 OUT OF EVERY 7 PEOPLE ON EARTH ARE CHRISTIANS, OVER 50% OF THESE, C. 1.4 BILLION, ARE CATHOLICS. ISLAM HAS C. 1.4 BILLION ADHERENTS AS WELL , AND SO ON.

ONE OF THE AMBIGUITIES OF RELIGION PRESENTS ITSELF IN THE OPENING PORTION OF THE TITLE OF MY PRESENTATION: "RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP" AND "INTERFAITH RELATIONS."

RELIGIOUS LEADERS NURTURE DISCRETE, MEASUREABLE, IDENTIFYABLE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES. RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE CHARGED CHIEFLY WITH CULTIVATING RICHNESS, ANIMATING OTHERS IN THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY TO CULTIVATE RICHNESS - (SPIRITUAL, ETHICAL, LITURGICAL, INTELLECTUAL RICHNESS) - WITHIN THESE COMMUNITIES. RELIGIOUS LEADERS MAINTAIN THE BOARDERS OF THESE COMMUNITIES; WITHOUT BOARDERS FRUITFULNESS SPILLS OVER AND DISSIPATES....PEOPLE PLACE BOARDERS AROUND THEIR GARDENS TO STAVE OFF WEEDS, AS WELL AS RABBITS AND DEER!

THE ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH MOVEMENT, THOUGH IT HAS SERENDIPITOUS AND RARE EARLIER PRECURSORS, IS A TRUE HISTORICAL ANOMOLY, A REALLY NEW THING IN THESE TIMES . A PERILOUS THING FOR SOME. FOR OTHERS, THE KEY TO HEALING THE WORLD. THAT THERE BE BRIDGES, NOT ONLY BOARDERS! IT IS A TERROR - THIS ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH MOVEMENT - A TERROR TO FUNDAMENTALISTS, JEWISH FUNDAMENTALISTS, CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALISTS, MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALIST, HINDU FUNDAMENTALISTS, EVEN BUDDHIST FUDAMENTALISTS.

THE FEAR OF BUILDING BRIDGES OVER WHICH PEOPLE TRAVERSE AND FIND THINGS TO ENVY, TO ADMIRE, TO EMULATE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE, THINGS TO INTEGRATE, OR, THINGS TO REPLACE THE THINGS IN THEIR RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY OF ORIGIN, THIS FEAR HAS SEVERAL MOTIVES AND EXPRESSIONS. THE CAMPAIGN PLATFORM, TEN YEARS AGO, OF THE NOW EMERITUS POPE, THE GERMAN POPE, WAS TO WARN HIS FELLOW

CARDINAL ELECTORS OF THE DANGER OF THE “DICTATORSHIP OF RELATIVISM.” THE DICTATORSHIP OF RELATIVISM” ! BE CAREFUL NOT TO BE RELATIVE! IT IS A BAD THING TO BE RELATIVE. BUT, YOU KNOW, THE OPPOSITE OF RELATIVE IS ABSOLUTE !

MOST COMPELLING IN THE RESISTENCE TO INTERFAITH BRIDGE BUILDING, PERHAPS THE ONLY REALLY SYMPATHETIC DEMUR, OR DISINCLINATION, IS THE RESISTENCE WHICH IS BASED ON THE FEAR THAT A SMALL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY WILL MIX AND MIX AND DISAPPEAR. REMEMBER THE DEMOGRAPHICS ON RELIGIONS A MINUTE AGO, A BILLION HERE, A BILLION THERE AND SO ON? WELL, AFTER CENTURIES OF MURDEROUS ANTI-SEMITISM, TODAY, IN THE YEAR 2015, ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH THERE ARE ONLY A LITTLE MORE THAN 18 MILLION JEWS.(NO TALK OF BILLONS HERE) ! WRITING OF A JEWISH IMPERATIVE FOR SEPARATENESS, DAVID GELERTNER SAYS - COMPELLINGLY - “IN HUMAN SOCIETY...A PEOPLE DISPERSES - MIXES WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND GETS LOST LIKE A TEAR DROP IN THE OCEAN.”

AND THIS, NOT XENOPHOBIC RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM OR DOGMATIC ABSOLUTISM, ACCOUNTS FOR THE GREAT RABBI SOLOVEITCHICK’S INSISTING THAT INTERFAITH RELATIONS BE LIMITED TO COMMON ETHICAL COMMITMENTS BUT NEVER ENGAGE IN THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE, NEVER REVEAL TO ONE ANOTHER MATTERS THAT LIE, IN THE REBBE’S WORDS, IN “THE REALM OF FAITH,” NEVER, EFFECTIVELY, SHARE THE EXPERIENCES THAT INFLAME OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE.

THIS SINGLE, COMPELLING, CASE ACKNOWLEDGED, THE QUESTION REMAINS: WHAT SORT OF RELIGIOUS LEADER, WHAT SORT OF MAN OR WOMAN, NURTURES MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES TO CROSS BRIDGES WITHOUT FEAR OF LOST BOUNDARIES, WITHOUT FEAR OF ANYTHING?

THE ANSWER IS THE RELIGIOUS LEADER WHO KNOWS, WITH RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL, THAT “GOD IS GREATER THAN RELIGION, FAITH IS GRATER THAN DOGMA.” THE RELIGIOUS LEADER WHO KNOWS, IN THESE RECENT, LUMINOUS, WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS “THE CHURCH’S PASTORAL MINISTRY CANNOT BE OBSESSED WITH THE TRANSMISSION OF A DISJOINTED MULTITUDE OF DOCTRINES TO BE IMPOSED INSISTENTLY. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE SAVING LOVE OF GOD COMES BEFORE MORAL AND RELIGIOUS IMPERATIVES.” THE RELIGIOUS LEADER WHO KNOWS NURTURING SPIRITUAL LIVES TAKES PRIORITY OVER PROMULGATING DOGMATIC FORMULAS OR IMPOSING OFFICIAL DISCIPLINE; THE RELIGIOUS LEADER WHO KNOWS NURTURING SPIRITUAL LIVES MEANS PROVIDING SKILLS FOR HAVING TRUE, OR REAL, INNER LIVES. AND THE NAME RELIGIOUS PEOPLE GIVE TO THIS SKILL SET... HAVING AN INNER LIFE WHICH IS REAL OR TRUE, RATHER THAN FALSE, THE NAME OF THE SKILL IS PRAYING. MARTIN BUBER WROTE “THE DEGENERATION OF RELIGIONS IS THE DEGENERATION OF PRAYER IN THEM; THE RELATIONAL POWER IN THEM IS BURIED MORE AND MORE IN OBJECTHOOD.” AND RABBI HESCHEL, AGAIN, “YOU WILL NOT ENTER THE GATES OF RELIGION THROUGH THE DOORS OF SPEECH. THE WAY TO GOD IS THROUGH THE DEPTHS OF THE SOUL....THERE IS ONLY ONE LEGITIMATE FORM OF RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION: PRAYER.”

ONE MORE - CRUCIAL - THING TO ADD, KEY TO THE TOPIC , KEY TO THE LEGACY: RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO LEAD US TO EMBRACE PRAYING, WHICH IS UNIVERSAL, MORE THAN DOGMATIC CERTAINTIES, WHICH OFTEN SEPARATES US, THESE RELIGIOUS LEADERS KNOW SOMETHING VERY PARTICULAR, VERY SPECIFIC, ABOUT THE SKILL CALLED PRAYING. THEY KNOW:

ALL PRAYING FINDS ITS MATURITY, (INDEED ALL RELIGIOUS BEING FINDS IT MATURITY) IN THE CAPACITY TO ACCESS THE VAST INNER LANDSCAPE OF STILLNESS AND AWARENESS WITHIN OURSELVES; THE SILENCE BEHIND THE CHATTER, THE INNER LANDSCAPE WHERE GOD DWELLS.

THAT IS:

ALL PRAYING FINDS IT MATURITY IN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYING

PRAYING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, AS THE DESERT FATHER, EVARGRIUS WROTE, IS “SETTING ASIDE OF THOUGHTS,” THAT IS CULTIVATING INNER SILENCE.

EVERYONE CAN PRACTICE AND CULTIVATE THIS SKILL, CONTEMPLATING. IT IS NOT A RARE, ESOTERIC SKILL. FOR WHICH REASON THE GREAT ANGLICAN SPIRITUAL THEOLOGIAN, EVELYN UNDERHILL, WONDERFULLY TILED ONE OF HER BOOKS *NATURAL MYSTICISM: A LITTLE BOOK FOR NORMAL PEOPLE*. AND THE AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUAL THEOLOGIAN, MARTIN LAIRD, WRITES, CONTEMPLATION PRACTICE IS AS NATURAL TO US AS THE RHODODENDROM'S FLOWERING, THE FLEDGLING'S ABILITY TO TAKE FLIGHT AND THE CHILD'S ABANDONMENT OF SELF IN THE SHEER JOY OF PLAY.

THE RELIGIOUS LEADER WHO LEADS MEMBERS OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY ACROSS BRIDGES TO ENCOUNTER OTHERS NOT AS A THREAT BUT AS SPIRITUAL COMPANIONS IS A CONTEMPLATIVE. THE GREAT MONASTIC SPIRITUAL MASTER, ABBOT THOMAS KEATING, HAS REALLY NAILED THIS CONNECTION, SAYING “THE CONTEMPLATIVE DIMENSION OF LIFE IN THE WORLDS GREAT RELIGIONS IS THE COMMON HEART OF HUMANITY; THERE THE HUMAN FAMILY IS ALREADY ONE.”

BOB BULLOCK WAS A CONTEMPLATIVE! AND IN THIS LAY HIS SUPREME GIFT FOR BEING SIMULTANEOUSLY AN AVATAR OF INTERFAITH REVERENCE AND A SIMPLY SUPERB PARISH PRIEST, CULTIVATOR OF BOARDERS, EFFECTIVE BUT POROUS BOARDERS, AND BUILDER OF BRIDGES!

A BRIEF SKETCH. BOB WAS BORN IN 1929 AND DIED AT THE AGE OF 75 IN 2004. HE ENGAGED IN PARISH MINISTRY FOR THE FIRST 9 YEARS AFTER HE WAS ORDAINED A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST IN 1956. THEREAFTER, FOR 13 YEARS, BOB WAS A DEFINING LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL FIGURE IN THE REVITALIZATION - IN LINE WITH THE RICH REFORMS OF CATHOLICISM AT THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL, THE REVITALIZATION OF CATHOLIC, INDEED BROADLY CHRISTIAN, CAMPUS MINISTRY. CHAPLAIN HIMSELF AT BOSTON STATE COLLEGE, SIMMONS COLLEGE AND THEN FOUNDING CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY. DIRECTOR OF ALL CAMPUS MINISTRY FOR THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON, BUT MOST NOTEWORTHY A NATIONAL INFLUENCE IN CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTERS REVITALIZING THE LITURGICAL RICHNESS AND INTELLECTUAL RIGOR OF THEIR WORK WITH YOUNG ADULTS. (ON THIS LATTER POINT, “INTELLECTUAL RIGOR,” BOB WAS AN ODD MIX, WE WHO KNEW HIM WELL FOUND, AN ODD MIX OF THE SILENCE AND SOLITUDE OF ONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED A BREAKTHROUGH TO CONTEMPLATIVE SIMPLICITY, AND THE ASSERTIVENESS OF ONE WHO WAS A DEMON ON HAVING ONE'S IDEAS AND THEREFORE ONE'S DISCOURSE STRAIGHT AND CRYSTALLINE, NOT CROOKED AND FUZZY. HIS ALL TIME FAVORITE HISTORICAL FIGURE IN THE RELIGIOUS REALM MAY HAVE BEEN THE RENAISSANCE, CHRISTIAN HUMANIST, ERASMUS, WHO IS REMEMBERED FAMOUSLY AS SAYING OF HIS STUDENT

DAYS IN PARIS THAT WHEN HE HAD SOME MONEY HE BOUGHT BOOKS, AND IF THERE WAS ANY MONEY LEFT OVER, HE BOUGHT FOOD).

TWO DATA MORE ABOUT BOB'S NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN CAMPUS MINISTRY. DURING THOSE YEARS, THE YEARS 1965-1978. OVER THREE OF THESE YEARS, BOB DIRECTED THE HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL SUMMER NATIONAL CHAPLAINS' TRAINING SCHOOL. AND IN 1973-74, ON A DANFORTH FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP, HE TRAVELLED AND RESEARCHED EXTENSIVELY THROUGH THE UNITED STATES, GERMANY, POLAND AND ISRAEL STUDYING PRECISELY HOW CAMPUS MINISTRY NURTURES INTERFAITH RELATIONS.

FOR 26 YEARS, BOB BULLOCK WAS PASTOR OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH, PASTOR OF THIS LOCAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. HERE, WITH JEWISH, WITH OTHER CHRISTIAN, AND THEN WITH MUSLIM LEADERSHIP, HE SOUGHT TO CULTIVATE A LABORATORY FOR SPIRITUAL COMPANIONSHIP ACROSS RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES.

IN 48 YEARS AS A CATHOLIC PRIEST, BOB LED 14 PILGRIMAGES TO ISRAEL, ALMOST ALL OF THEM WITH HIS REVERED FRIEND, THE LATE RABBI MURRAY ROTHMAN. (A GREAT, GREAT RABBI, RABBI ROTHMAN WOULD REVEAL TO THOSE WHO WOULD LISTEN NOTHING LESS, MIND YOU NOTHING LESS, THAN THE MYSTERY OF THE VERY MEANING OF LIFE. THE MEANING OF LIFE ! WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR RABBI ROTHMAN'S REVELATION OF THE VERY MEANING LIFE? WOULD YOU? VERY WELL: "LIFE IS A RIVER.".....OR MAYBE IT'S NOT A RIVER)

BOB MENTORED AND "COMPANIONED" (FROM THE VERY BEGINNING IN 1976) MARGO STERN STROM, THE FOUNDER AND FOR MANY YEARS LEADER OF *FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES*, THE EXTRAORDINARY, ENORMOUSLY INFLUENTIAL, INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE, ANTI-RACIST, JUSTICE AND PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM. BOB'S PASSION FOR THIS WORK, HIS PASSION FOR JUSTICE ACROSS THE BOARDS, EMERGED FROM OUTRAGE, AND FOUND EXPRESSION FIRST OF ALL IN A SINGLE NARRATIVE, A NARRATIVE OF BULLYING AND HUMILIATION, A STORY OF BYSTANDERS TO A LITTLE CHILD, A GIRL, BEING PICKED ON IN A SCHOOL YARD AT RECESS, A LITTLE CHILD IN A WIG, A WIG WHICH HID, (UNTIL IT WAS PULLED OFF IN THE SCHOOL YARD), A WIG WHICH HID A HEAD BALD OF HAIR BECAUSE OF CANCER TREATMENT.

AND BOB CHILLED JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES ALIKE, INSISTING UNSENTIMENTALLY UNTIL THE END OF HIS LIFE THAT WE RESIST FALSE OPTIMISM, SAYING "IN THE WARMEST CHRISTIAN HEART, THERE IS STILL A COLD SPOT FOR THE JEWS."

BOB RECEIVED MANY AWARDS; HE PUBLISHED LITTLE, BUT IN FINE JOURNALS AND WELL RECEIVED ANTHOLOGIES, HIS WRITING, AGAIN, CLEAR AND STRONG. HE WROTE OUT 100S AND 100S OF SERMONS, AND DELIVERED THEM WITH ELOQUENCE AND CLARITY. MANY ARE IN THE BULLOCK ARCHIVE AT HIS *ALMA MATER*, BOSTON COLLEGE. THEY ARE ENORMOUSLY REWARDING TO READ, BUT ONE SORELY MISSES THE DELIVERY.

FINALLY, BIDDEN BY FATHER WALTER CUENIN, AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE MOVEMENT, BOB JOINED AND LED REGULAR AND DIOCESAN PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR BETRAYAL OF TRUST BY LEADERSHIP. THIS PROMPTED THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL, JAMES CARROLL, TO SAY OF HIM "BOB BULLOCK WAS THE BEST CATHOLIC PRIEST OF HIS TIME, AND HIS LAST YEARS WERE GREAT TESTIMONY TO THAT AS HE IN A VERY POWERFUL WAY LEAD THIS ARCHDIOCESE TO

THE TRUTH AND THE POSSIBILITY OF RECOVERING FROM THE TERRIBLE AND UNFINISHED SCANDAL OF PRIESTLY SEXUAL ABUSE AND THE UNFINISHED AND EVEN MORE GRAVE UNIVERSAL ABUSE BY BISHOPS OF THEIR AUTHORITY BY PROTECTING ABUSIVE PRIESTS INSTEAD OF CHILDREN.”

BOB’S THE LEGACY, BUT HE IS NOT THE THESIS OF THIS PRESENTATION. AGAIN, THE THESIS IS: GIFTED RELIGIOUS LEADERS NURTURE RICH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES, BUT ALSO CULTIVATE INTERFAITH RELATIONS WHICH ENRICH US ACROSS THE BOUNDARIES OF THESE COMMUNITIES. THEY DO THIS BECAUSE THEY HAVE COME TO FEEL, AND TO UNDERSTAND, THE SUBORDINATE PLACE OF DOGMA AND DISCIPLINE IN HEALTHY RELIGION AND THE PRIMACY OF PLACE OF PRAYING IN HEALTHY RELIGION. COME TO SEE THE FULFILLMENT OF PRAYING IN SILENT PRAYING, IN LISTENING, IN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYING...THE SKILL SET FOR CULTIVATING AN INNER LIFE WHICH IS TRUE; REAL NOT FALSE. COME TO SEE THAT FALSE SELF IS CAPABLE OF LEADING TO FALSE, TO UNHEALTHY, RELIGION, TO FUNDAMENTALISMS, TO OPPOSITIONAL RELIGION, TO VIOLENCE IN THE NAME OF GOD!.

THE CLUE THAT NAILS THAT THIS WAS THE SECRET INGREDIENT IN BOB BULLOCK, THE ENGINE OF HIS LEGACY, THE CLUE THAT NAILS THAT THIS WAS THE SOURCE OF HIS POWER, IS 25 YEARS, THE THIRD THIRD OF HIS LIFE, TRAVELLING EVERY AUGUST TO A TEMPLE FOR NURTURING THE STILL POINT, THE SILENT CENTER, THE PURE HEART, THE CONTEMPLATIVE SKILL SET. BOB HAD TO HANG OUT EACH YEAR WITH HEALTHY MONKS, AND HE DID !

ALMOST EVERY AUGUST FOR THE FINAL THIRD OF HIS LIFE, BOB BULLOCK ENDED UP HIS VACATION MONTH, ENDED HIS AUGUST WITH A SUBSTANTIAL STAY WITH THE TRAPPIST MONKS OF ST BENEDICT MONASTERY IN SNOW MASS, COLORADO. THE ABBOT OF SNOW MASS, THOMAS KEATING AGAIN, HAS WRITTEN - SUMMARIZING THE WHOLE OF THE RICHNESS OF MEDIEVAL CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY- : “GOD AND YOUR TRUE SELF ARE NOT SEPARATE. THOUGH YOU ARE NOT GOD, GOD AND YOUR TRUE SELF ARE THE SAME.”

HOW COULD ANYONE THIS CAREFUL ABOUT PAYING ATTENTION TO THE DIVINE IN THEMSELVES, AND AROUND THEM, CAREFUL ABOUT CULTIVATING THEIR IDENTITY WITH GOD, HOW COULD ANYONE LIKE THAT GET MIRED IN PETTY SECTARIAN STUFF LIKE, (AS ANOTHER A ND DISTINGUISHED BULLOCK MEMORIAL LECTURER , WALTER CUENIN, PHRASED IT HOW COULD SUCH A ONE EVER GET MIRED IN “FOR MY RELIGION TO BE TRUE YOUR RELIGION MUST BE FALSE.”

I’LL END ON A PURELY PERSONAL NOTE, JUST FOR THOSE WHO KNEW BOB AND LOVE HIM AND MISS HIM.... SEE IF YOU DON’T RECOGNIZE A LOT OF BOB IN THE GREAT THOMAS MERTON’S DESCRIPTION OF THE KIND OF HUMAN PERSON WHO EMERGES FROM REALLY PAYING ATTENTION TO THEIR INNER LIVES, PAYING ATTENTION TO THEIR IDENTITY WITH THE DIVINE. SUCH A MAN OR WOMAN GROWS PROGRESSIVELY INTO WHAT MERTON CALLED AN “ACTIVE CONTEMPLATIVE:” (ALLOW ME TO RETAIN THE MASCULINE PRONOUN, MERTON WS WRITING IN THE EARLY 60S HERE; OBVIOUSLY ACTIVE CONTEMPLATIVES COME IN ALL GENDERS).

“ IN ACTIVE CONTEMPLATION A MAN BECOMES ABLE TO LIVE WITHIN HIMSELF. HE LEARNS TO BE HOME WITH HIS OWN THOUGHTS. HE BECOMES TO A GREATER AND GREATER DEGREE INDEPENDENT OF EXTERIOR SUPPPORTS. HIS MIND IS PACIFIED NOT BY PASSIVE

DEPENDANCE ON THINGS OUTSIDE HIMSELF - DIVERSIONS, ENTERTAINMENTS, CONVERSATION, BUSINESS - BUT BY HIS OWN CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY. THAT IS TO SAY THAT HE DERIVES INNER SATISFACTION FROM SPIRITUAL CREATIVENESS: THINKING HIS OWN THOUGHT, REACHING HIS OWN CONCLUSIONS, LOOKING AT HIS OWN LIFE AND DIRECTING IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS OWN INNER TRUTH, DISCOVERED IN MEDITATION AND UNDER THE EYES OF GOD. HE DERIVES STRENGTH NOT FROM WHAT HE GETS OUT OF THINGS AND PEOPLE, BUT FROM GIVING HIMSELF TO LIFE AND TO OTHERS. HE DISCOVERS THE SECRET OF LIFE IN THE CREATIVE ENERGY OF LOVE - NOT LOVE AS A SENTIMENTAL OR SENSUAL INDULGENCE, BUT AS A PROFOUND AND SELF-[GIVING] EXPRESSION OF FREEDOM.”

OUTSIDE THIS PARISH HE SERVED SO WELL FOR 26 YEARS, BOB BULLOCK WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WORK IN JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS AND ESPECIALLY IN HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE EDUCATION, HIS WORK WITH THE ORGANIZATION, FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES. AND WHEN BOB DIED, FACING HISTORY PRODUCED A SHORT VIDEO ABOUT HIM. IT SERVES AS A FITTING CONCLUSION TO THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REV. ROBERT W. BULLOCK MEMORIAL LECTURE.

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