NOTES AND REFERENCES USED IN PERSEVERANCE

As you go through these citations, you may notice that I’ve quoted certain people more than once. These are the authors, poets and spiritual teachers who have most shaped my ideas and perspectives. I am deeply grateful to them, for their own ability to persevere and to express their experience with such profound insight and clarity. If their words inspire or intrigue you, I encourage you to seek them out via the web or through their books.


A Prophecy from the Hopi Elders *spoken at Oraibi AZ, June 8, 2000.* I received this directly from Fireweed Eagle Woman, a “pipe carrier,” in March 2009; she had just returned from a gathering where the prophecy was again discussed. (Scanning of the prophecy is mine—this was an oral transmission with no particular form.) The Hopi people are known for many prophecies about these times which they offer as stewards of the Earth. At a presentation to the U.N. in the late 90s, the Hopi elder Thomas Banyacya said: “Hopi in our language means a peaceful, kind, gentle, and truthful people. We made a sacred covenant which includes the responsibility of taking care of this land and life for Masawá, the Great Spirit's purpose. Our goal is to pray and promote the welfare of all living beings and to preserve the world in a natural way."

This prophecy was issued at Oraibi, Arizona, the Third Mesa of the Hopi Nation. Oraibi was founded sometime before the year 1100 AD, making it one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements within the United States. There are many websites that contain the year 2000 prophecy. For general information about the Hopi prophecies, I found this site of value: [http://mondovista.com/thomasomillsx.html](http://mondovista.com/thomasomillsx.html)
p. 2 “It is not necessary to hope…” Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, 1433 - 1477.

p. 8 “I’m making my shoulders strong…” Lyric by Susan Osborn from “Chain of Life.” Used with permission. A remarkable voice and presence. www.susanosborn.com

p. 12 “Ours is not the task…” Clarissa Pinkola Estes, from “Letter to a Young Activist During Troubled Times”, 2003. See p. 128 of Perseverance for another passage from this letter. This is an extraordinary and moving piece—I urge you to read it in its entirety. Download a copy of the letter (PDF).


p. 21 “I was grounded in that moral fiber…” Wangari Maathai interviewed by Krista Tippett, “Speaking of Faith”, April 30th, 2009. I encourage you to listen to the entire interview with one of the world’s great women. Podcast at: http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/programs/2009/plantingthefuture


p. 36 “At one community meeting…” Parker Palmer. Told in a presentation and used with his permission. Parker is a remarkable teacher, author, philosopher—I have the deepest respect and love for him and what he’s offered to us through many books and his Courage to Teach and Courage to Lead programs. [www.couragerenewal.org](http://www.couragerenewal.org)


p. 44 “It was like this…” Jane Hirschfield. “It Was Like This: You Were Happy.” After. Harper Perennial: NY, 2006, p. 92-93.


p. 50 “If you maintain a sense of humor…” Chögyam Trungpa. Spoken 1980.

p. 54 “The basic difference between an ordinary person…” Don Juan, Carlos Castenada. I credit both Don Juan and Carlos Castenada; Castaneda is the author who wrote about Don Juan’s teachings. Although there is controversy about whether Don Juan was a real person, I believe that he


p. 64 “*This has been going on through the ages…*” Buddha, in *The Dhammapada*. The Venerable Balangoda Ananda Maitreya, translator. Parallax Press: Berkeley CA, 1995, p. 64.


p. 80 “*So let us plant dates…*” Rubem Alvez is a Brazilian theologian, philosopher, educator, and one of the founders of Liberation Theology. Dr. Alves is a prolific writer of books and articles in journals and newspapers on education, psychology and life in general. This quote may come from his out-of-print book *Tomorrow’s Child: Imagination, Creativity and the Rebirth of Culture*. New York: Harper and Row Publishers, 1972.


p. 89 “If we are able to give ourselves to the loss…” Norman Fischer. *Shambhala Sun*, September 2009, p. 42.

p. 96 Excerpt from Wallace Stevens’ poem, “The Well-dressed man”.


p. 100 Excerpt from William Stafford’s poem, “Earthdweller”.

p. 102 Ajahn Chah story in *Small Boat, Great Mountain: Theravadan Reflections of the Natural Great Perfection*. Amaro Bhikkhu. Abhayagiri Monastery, Redwood Valley, CA, p. 67. Following the Theravada tradition of freely sharing Buddhist teachings, Abhayagiri offers a variety of teachings in book and audio form. These free distribution books and CD-ROMs can be downloaded for free, or requested by mail through the website. [www.abhayagiri.org](http://www.abhayagiri.org).


p. 114 “Human life should be like a vow…” Ezra Bahda. *Buddhadharma*, Fall 09, p. 7.

p. 118 “Pleasure is not a reward…” Chögyam Trungpa. This teaching is quoted often by his students.


p. 134 The Samurai’s Creed has many different translations. I much prefer this one.


p. 142 “In my grief…” This was in a communication received by me and others in The Berkana Institute from one of our many friends in Zimbabwe, as conditions began to deteriorate severely about 2002.


p. 153 “We’ve known, we’ve known…” Devendra Banhart. From his song “This is the Way” on *Rejoicing in the Hands*, 2004. I encourage you to listen to this and other of his songs. Whimsical, direct, melodic and unique. [www.devendrabanhart.com/music](http://www.devendrabanhart.com/music).