

"We do not, however, come alone to the meeting. For the needs of those within and without the meeting sit down with us. They sit down with us in the person of our bodies which connect us with the whole of the natural creation and every exchange of breath reveals our profound dependence on the rest of nature and discloses to us our responsibility for it. They sit down with us in the persons of those who actually sit on the benches with us, each of whom is the center of the world of his or her own and who yearns as I do for the great tendering, the new angle of vision, the regrouping within, that would respond to the deepest thing that that we know. They sit down with us, the wretched and the poor of the earth, both in spirit and in body, and a new feeling sense of our unity with them may be opened in that sitting." Page 7

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