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Series IV: Sermons, 1914-1963, undated.

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Succoth, 1937.

Where wandering is Nomadism -

" Also dwelling - is shiftlessness - inprovidence
Heart weary - Mind confuses

But a Pilgrimage - towards .. from slavery to freedom
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מסע ארץ ישראל

And in this aspiration, is the מסע ארץ ישראל

1201, 2/10/23



1- Kinship with God: Prayer - Communion -

Kinship with Nature - Fruit of goodly trees - Palm -
Branches, thick trees - Willow, the brook -
In the Sacred Books which Nature writes - ^{we are summoned to} ~~you~~ can learn
deep lessons -

~~but to dwell in it~~

2. Evolution - Growth adaptability - development.

Nothing is static - changeless. A stage
Not only cycles - seasons revolving - but blossom - fruit - withering
but progression - never change

3. Two Motives in life. Security and Progress

{ Instinct to conserve - Not to change - Change is
fraught with uncertainty, perhaps with danger -
urge to advance - to explore - poke into
unknown

4/- Habit - groove - chain - We do things here.
Bec. others do them (conventions).
Bec. past did " (traditions)

Creators of routine - "think" that we are free.

- Critical Spirit of Inquiry, adventure, breaks with
past - unfettered life - strike out along new paths
monies.

5/- Same same man - when he gets old -
Saul -

6/ Social life to-day is a struggle bet. Security & Progress
Those who ~~think~~ fear all change, who think that security
can be found only in consecrating the old - are
resorting to desperate wrath - Force, Dictatorship -
to stop the democr. evolution of life.
Then are those who think that security can be found
only in changing all things - also desperate
wrath

7/ Law when in harmony is the golden mean.
~~Law is progress but not without~~
There are laws which grow change in nature -
& there are laws which must grow change in life.
Blind, desperate, unintelligent destruction of old ideas
or institutions, as for these they are old & untrue.
they are poor - lead to chaos not to progress.

8/ 1910 - Confusion - On the way to The
Promised Land, ^{the} must dwell in 1910 - always
ready to move on - 1911 - 1911 -
- but even in their wandering they must have to
reach 1912 - must carry plans - and must
have definite goal - the Promised Land
where North dwelling is Utopia, & now never
true or ambition
where ^{"going places"} ~~1910~~ - is aimless wandering - which leads
that way - aimless exhaustion
but if there is a land & a goal - and life is rejuvenated

as a journey towards the holy shrine of self-perfection
then it is wise to regard every day's experience
as a temporary habitation - a stopping place on the
way - אין ארץ זבת חלב וסוכה - From slavery to
freedom - from Egypt to the Promised Land - if
we are to walk that journey - then complacency -
cannot be an אין ארץ זבת חלב וסוכה

לחם ירוד וסוכה

