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rise

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With *rise*, I refer to the many meanings of that word:

- ‘rising’ as a society
- ‘rising’ as individuals
- ‘rising’ to a challenge
- ‘rising’ above any evil or intolerance
- ‘rising’ as individuals, to speak and to be heard in one's authentic voice
- ‘rising’ to be counted, as in politically, especially in this current political climate
- ‘rising’ to competence and mastery in one’s work
- ‘rising’ on a tide of love and good energy, and finally,
- as my assistant Yoshi has said, like the everyday phrase for waking up: ‘rise and shine’

rise is both an observation and a call to action, celebrating social progress and each person’s ability to ‘rise’ in her or his own unique way – above challenges, above evil or intolerance, and giving voice, action, and credence to the better part of her or his own nature – and in so doing, to ensure that society (and in that, a single people on this blue-green marble we call home) continues to ‘rise.’

As John Lennon wrote, ‘we all shine on,’ and as Warhol observed, we are all stars, and so indeed, may we all “rise and shine.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized letter 'J' followed by a period and the number '17'.