



Water does not resist. Water flows. When you plunge your hand into it, all you feel is a caress. Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. But water always goes where it wants to go, and nothing in the end can stand against it. Water is patient. Dripping water wears away a stone. Remember that, my child. Remember you are half water. If you can't go through an obstacle, go around it. Water does.

Margaret Atwood

In water everything is dissolved, every form is broken up; everything that has happened ceases to exist; nothing that was before remains after immersion in water... Immersion is the equivalent at the human level of death at the cosmic level, or the Flood which periodically dissolves the world into the primeval ocean.

Breaking up all forms, doing away with the past, water possesses the power of purifying, of regenerating, of giving new birth, water purifies and regenerates because it nullifies the past and restores, even if for a moment, the integrity of the dawn of things".

Mircea Eliade, *Patterns in Comparative Religion*, Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 1958, pp. 194-96).

Jewish Proverb - Don't throw away the old bucket until you know whether the new one holds water.

Deuteronomy 4:15 "You shall guard your lives carefully" – requires that we avoid situations of danger. Hence, a person should not swim in the sea in a place where there is no lifeguard, and likewise, wherever else they swim, they should ensure they are safe.

In time and with water, everything changes.

Leonardo da Vinci





Water, like religion and ideology, has the power to move millions of people. Since the very birth of human civilization, people have moved to settle close to it. People move when there is too little of it. People move when there is too much of it. People journey down it. People write, sing and dance about it. People fight over it. And all people, everywhere and every day, need it.

Mikhail Gorbachev, written for Civilization, the Magazine of the US Library of Congress (2000).

Water is open to change. Depending on the temperature, it can be a liquid, solid or gas. Depending on the medium it's in, it can be a teapot, a cup or a flower vase. In fact, it's water's ability to adapt and change and remain flexible that made it so enduring through the ages, despite all the changes in the environment. We also live in a world today of constant change.

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Isaiah 12:3 - with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation

Isiah: 43:2 - When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

The water moves softly around my outstretched fingers, caressing coolly, eddying in their wake. I pull my hand out and watch the drips, both transparent and opaque at the same time. They fall as if snatched by gravity to the saline below, each one swiftly haloed by ever-growing rings, distorting the pebbled sea-bed. In the breeze my hand is cold, yet my back is warmed by the early summer sun.

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If a person is destined to drown, they will drown even in a spoonful of water.

Jewish Proverb

