

Week 3rd – 7th March: The Past

This week in collective worship we reflect on the past and how we can learn from it. We can't live in the past but nor can we ignore it if we are to make wise decisions in the present. Spiritual traditions often prize the significance of memory.

Wisdom from Spiritual Traditions

Take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. (Deuteronomy 4:9)

[Jesus/Isa will say:] "And [I come] confirming that which was before me, the Torah, and to make lawful unto you part of that which was forbidden unto you. And I have come to you with a sign from your Lord. So reverence God and obey me." (al 'Imran Q 3:50)

The past has no power to stop you from being present now. Only your grievance about the past can do that. What is grievance? The baggage of old thought and emotion. (Lao Tzu)

Life in all its fullness – John 10:1-10

Reflection & Prayer

Teach us, O God,
to learn from the past
that we can avoid repeating mistakes,
and make informed judgements for our actions
in the present so that we can draw
wisdom from the lives of those who have come before us
and by their example, build a better future
so that together we may enjoy life in its fulness. Amen.

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Monday	A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots. -- Marcus Garvey
Tuesday	History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. -- Maya Angelou
Wednesday	Study the past, if you would divine the future. -- Confucius
Thursday	History never looks like history when you are living through it. -- John W. Gardner
Friday	We are not makers of history. We are made by history. -- Martin Luther King, Jr.