 MOVIES: The movie is a language that allows us to express the ideas of life in other ways.

 MOVIES: But we have seen that language is not specific to the movie, but is also found in literature, music, and art. It is a means of communication that transcends borders and time.

 MOVIES: Our movies are an extension of our experiences, and they reflect our culture and history. They are a way for us to explore our emotions and ideas.

 MOVIES: The movie is also a form of escapism, allowing us to escape from the stresses of daily life. It is a way for us to experience new worlds and situations.

 MOVIES: The movie is an art form that has been around for over a century, and it continues to evolve and change. It is a reflection of our society and culture, and it will continue to shape our future.

 MOVIES: In summary, the movie is a powerful form of expression that has the ability to move us emotionally and intellectually. It is a language that we all can understand, and it is a part of our lives.
surmount the ethnic rivalries, the religious conflicts and the nationalism that is liable to make this experiment in democracy impossible.

**MOYERS:** You are talking about a society, democratic society, that goes beyond simply the ongoing progress of material goods. You’re talking about something quite different from that—

**ROCKEFELLER:** Yes, yes.

**MOYERS:** —basically liberal tradition.

**ROCKEFELLER:** Yes. Well, I think, at its best, the liberal tradition has been more than economic democracy and political democracy. I mean, you have voices like Emerson, Whitman and Dewey which have—and Martin Luther King, who have had a vision, that at the core of a really healthy democracy there has to be a spiritual democracy. And I think that the real challenge of history is creating a social organism where all the institutions are—have a liberating effect on the people within them. And this is a challenge that human culture has only just begun to wrestle with.

And my point about the world religions is that all of them should identify with this task, that all of them should see the meaning of the religious life is in creating this social order, call it the kingdom of God, call it the identity of nirvana and samsara, whatever. Call it developing in people the capacity for I-Thou relation. This challenge is where the religious life I believe should come to focus.

**MOYERS:** [voice-over] From Middlebury, Vermont, this has been a conversation with Steven Rockefeller. I’m Bill Moyers.

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