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- liberation from the logic of “permission” to exist,
- liberation from the invisible hierarchy that decides what is “legitimate”,
- liberation from the illusion that change walks through the front door of a system designed to keep it out.

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