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Building the future with women's vision



« Sakineh », painted by Caroline de Boissieu, Women's Forum 2010

How glad I am, dear Aude de Thuin, that Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani is given a prominent place at your forum this year. This kind of gesture is important, and more than one thinks. It will matter even more that each of the Forum's participants leaves with, both in their heads and their hearts, the burden of this woman who is waiting in a cell of the Tabriz prison to be stoned, condemned by a so-called justice. May you, ladies, from this very moment become ambassadors for this woman. Wherever you are heading, may you plead her case and that of other women, in Iran and elsewhere, who are in the same situation and who are facing the same fate. May you in your families, in your professional environments, in all those places where your voice is heard, bring awareness to the revolt that even the idea of such a barbarian verdict inspires in one's conscience. Totalitarian regimes are neither as strong nor as deaf as we are given to believe. It is not true that they are impervious to international pressure when this pressure is powerful enough and carried by voices such as yours. We can save Sakineh. Together we can make her innocence recognized. And we can thus further the cause of women.

Bernard-Henri Lévy