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Meat Complicity and Thou

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Hi! Welcome back to the Interbeing. As I said earlier, I have the job to reacquaint you with the sacred Interbeing. Yet before I do that, we would best start with an understanding of what I mean when I use the word sacred.

Lao Tzu got it right when he said that the words we use to name the sacred do not define the sacred. Our understanding of the sacred goes beyond words, but we still have a sense of the sacred – the unknowable yet known. While words may not capture knowing the sacred, we have a relationship with the sacred, a relationship that goes beyond perception.

We know the Creator's creations – the Earth and all life, the Sun, the sacred universe.

The setting of the orange-red August moon,  
The feasting on Earth's bounty,

The delight of children discovering snow,  
The careful dance with other hungry beings,

The frolicking stream freshened by melting ice,  
The trumpeting of the high-flying returning geese,

The long days of growing and putting aside,  
The reflection of the moon in the breathless pond,

We turn to Thee.

We know that the spirit as the Creator, the provider, the sustainer of all life and the Earth, and the harmony and balance of interbeing, which emerges out of the loving and caring interactions of beings, all moving in the ways of the spirit. The love for the spirit, Earth, and all life unites all beings into the Creation, the devoted community.

Life does not live apart from Earth but with it. Earth, beings, cultures, and all reflect and embody the sacred, woven into a whole by the sacred dance of Creation.

Worship points to the how we relate to the Earth and Interbeing, a way of life, of culture. We worship the spirit through how we live. We connect lovingly with all other beings and the Earth, each sharing our special gifts the Creator gave us to forge our interdependence. This extraordinary tapestry of life goes beyond beauty into awe.

Life has no hierarchy of higher or lower, simpler or more complex, primitive or advanced. Instead of hierarchy we see differences among equal beings, which includes land, air, and water. We live among equal beings within Interbeing. We share the same natural processes. All beings live within a mutually interdependent Interbeing, the seamless web of Creation. All life belongs together within a greater whole.

Every being has the responsibility to preserve the harmony and balance and to make amends when they disturb the whole. Whenever we take without giving back in some way, we cause a disturbance. Not to point my ears, but some beings on Earth have done a whole lot of taking without ever a thought of giving back. Every action has a consequence, and we really need for “some beings” to have a change of heart before the harmony and balance of the Creation of Earth disintegrate beyond recovery. Thus the urgency of this messages from the Interbeing.

The Interbeing moves with the Spirit to lovingly fulfill the spirit’s only command – to care for the Earth and all life. We bring about this harmony of Interbeing through kindness, gratitude, and reciprocity, the doing unto others of how we want them to do to us. We cultivate interbeing by having healthy relationships with others, trusting the trustworthy, and meeting others half-way. We willingly live within the natural and moral limits and give each other the encouragement and confidence to live in ways that benefit all.

The Interbeing shares wisdom to penetrate with understanding difficulties and dangers and then discerns the way through or around them. Wisdom informs our actions, and we hold ourselves accountable for what we do, learning from our missteps and making amends to keep us whole.

In these ways we renew and sustain the Interbeing of Creation for generations to come. Our well-being depends upon the density of our interconnections and our harmonious relations with all life and the Earth. We draw upon our love, wisdom, and discipline to interconnect with all in the ways of the spirit to keep us whole, our offering to the sacred.

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