

Unchanging Sacred Ways

We live on a finely tuned planet within a universe that improbably has all the exact parameters for life. Some researchers realize that this extreme precision wildly exceeds the blind presumption of Western science that we can account for life on Earth by chance alone. We even have a cosmological constant that gives the odds for the universe, Earth, and life happening on its own without a sacred influence: one in one trillion squared five. Read that as one chance in a trillion five times multiplied by each result.

The sacred brings forth the universe and the Earth on which life exists within space-time. We find the sacred unknowable but the universe, Earth and life open to our knowing through its patterns and connections.

All flows within a flux of change caused by changing causal conditions. All change has consequences that cause further change.

All life comes into being and then dies. All life feels pain and suffers.

We live on a planet finely tuned for life to survive. Exceeding those limits extinguishes life.

The sacred designed life to live interdependently on Earth within a harmonious interbeing. Reciprocity keeps what life needs to survive flowing. Life commons the Earth.

Life has innate natures of reverence, mutual caring, harmonious interbeing, sacred knowing of what to do, responding in ways that further life on Earth, commoning the Earth, balance, and patience.

All life is sacred and equal. The Earth Interbeing has no hierarchy.

Life has the purpose of surviving and furthering life on Earth.

These sacred unchanging ways describe reality. We cannot change the sacred conditions of life on Earth. Efforts to do so harm or destroy life. Accepting the sacred conditions as given allows us to know our limits and to live in balance with them in ways that further life on Earth.

Life has the power to change itself within limits.

We may choose to deny any or all of the sacred unchanging ways, but that does not change their reality.

For Westerners on the sacred path of the Earth Interbeing, we can turn to the Earth to learn how to live within our limits on Earth with other beings in ways that further life on Earth.

The Earth fully manifests the sacred command to care for all and always yields to the ways of the Sacred. The Earth has no other purpose. It neither adds nor takes away from its purpose to embody the sacred will.

Life is Earth. The Earth bears and supports all life, serving as the enduring ground for life. The Earth's holding quality allows all life to realize their potential within valued ways¹. The Earth causes life to flourish through its care and generosity, which harmonizes and balances Earth and life.

¹ **Common values of furthering life on Earth (work in progress):** a strong resolve to live a sacred life to further life on Earth, grounded within the sacred experience of life, willingly surrendering to the sacred knowing of how to further life on Earth, relieving suffering and unravelling the causes of suffering, harmoniously interacting others by knowing the sacredness, equality, and interdependence of life on Earth, equitably sharing of the Earth commons, responding in valued ways that

The word *humility* derives from the Latin word *humus*, which means Earth. When we become more humble, we become more like the Earth. The humble sage brings to life the sacred ways by bearing and supporting all beings to further life on Earth. We become sages by constantly surrendering our self-centered will to benefit others. Through a compassionate understanding of the needs of others, we relieve the suffering of others and work to transform the conditions that cause suffering. In this way, we turn toward furthering life on Earth.

All beings have their unique sacred path through life. Yet all paths gradually lead to becoming humble interbeings of the Earth.

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further life on Earth, restoring and renewing through self-discipline our balance with Earth and life to recover our mutual wellbeing. By living in these ways, we deepen our loving awareness of the sacred and sacredness of all life and the Earth.