

Harmony of the Earth Interbeing

Disharmony arises when groups of people have diverging views and values. Their opinions and intentions separate one from the other. They compete to gain the upper hand. Divisions emerge from imagined differences. When we act out of our self-centeredness to have our way over others and in the world, we cause disharmony, the inability to get along with others

Families experience disharmony when they fail to respect the sacred equality of each other and when members prioritize their interests above those of the family, even taking advantage of others to further their self-benefit. The family may say they have values, but it offers no support to learn or live them.

The Earth Interbeing family has learned over the eons how to live with each other in ways that further life on Earth, from one generation to the next. Learning how to get along with others within our shared place deepens over time by interacting in mutually beneficial ways with other beings.

Interbeings know their common needs for food, shelter, well-being, and children. Every being of the interbeing family has their own unique ways to meet their needs and to give back what furthers others for what they took from the Earth Interbeing. On the path, we transform our self-centered focus into the perspective of the Earth Interbeing family. In this way, we recover and preserve our harmony with the Earth Interbeing.

The equality of Earth Interbeing family members draws all beings into a unity. Beings relate to others without divergent aims or secret agreements. All have equal responsibility to live within the sacred ways and to fulfill their life purpose to further life on Earth. We do so because we have so much in common.

The family avoids hierarchical relationships by upholding the equality of all as a moral principle and by holding everyone accountable to it. Interbeings have the responsibility to discipline ourselves not to harm others so we can live in harmony with others.

Every being has their own ways of understanding a situation. The wise family respects the voices of every member to learn from others a common way forward. From this collective wisdom, the family discerns how to respond to challenging situations in ways that benefit all. In a family, we need to have a proper perception of each other and situations to know what to do.

We experience disharmony with the sacred when we deny the sacred and seek to impose our will upon others and the Earth. Interbeings surrender their self-centeredness to live the valued ways that bring us together with the Earth Interbeing and overcome our separation from the sacred.¹

All beings know the sacredness of life and the sacred within our being. All beings center on the sacred and fulfill the singular sacred command to care for life and the Earth. Life benefits from serving the sacred within all. We connect and communicate with each other through our common sacredness.

We disperse disharmony at its very onset before harmful feelings take root. If necessary, we distance ourselves from what harms. Sometimes our efforts to overcome disharmony become so difficult that

¹**Sacred ways and values furthering life on Earth (work in progress):** awakening and maturing our loving sacred being, living humbly, joyful surrender to sacred wisdom to know what to do, compassionate action, harmonious interactions, equitable sharing and caring for the Earth, responding to change in ways that further life on Earth, and preserving our inner balance with the sacred, life, and Earth. By living these ways, we deepen our loving awareness of the sacred and reverence for the sacredness of life and Earth.

we must put all personal concerns aside and renounce what separates us from the sacred and others. Only from such a sacrifice can we have the strength needed to achieve the great purpose of furthering life on Earth.

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