

Sharing Points

We live on a planet and in communities increasingly threatened by omnicide and great inequality. The collapse of omnicultural Western capitalism and its hierarchic culture unleashes even more suffering and dangers. We know we do not have the power or influence to change Western capitalism to make it more life and planet friendly. Nor can we halt its collapse.

The primary Western social change model mobilizes outrage for the egregious suffering Western capitalism causes in futile attempts to change the system. Westerners view problems of the world caused by Western culture and their solutions from a self-centered point of view, ignoring the suffering we cause other cultures, other life forms, and the Earth. Until we stop harming life on Earth, we cannot know how to further life on Earth.

The sacred path of the Earth Interbeing begins with the awareness of suffering caused by the harmful way and views of Western capitalism and culture. We on the sacred path aspire for all life to continue on Earth without privileging white people over other cultures or life forms. The sacred path does not focus on changing others or institutions as we know we can only change ourselves.

The Western theory of social change focuses on external change and influencing decision-makers. The sacred path of the Earth Interbeing's theory of change depends upon us changing ourselves and influencing others by living the changes we want to see in the world. Living the valued ways of the path walks the talk.

Changing ourselves keeps us humble and grounded in the possible. When we think about how to make others change their ways, we waste our time. Planning and scheming to impose our will upon others distract us from changing ourselves. As long as we live the ways of Western culture, we remain complicit in its omnicide.

Those on the path who live in Western culture feel torn between two worlds. We distance ourselves from the privileges, power, and wealth Western cultures offers. The culture of the Earth Interbeing expects us to live as an equal among equals and surrender our self-will to furthering life on Earth. Westerners feel compelled to directly resist those they blame for harming others and see nonaction as weak and cowardly. Yet many of us raised in Western culture have come to the sacred path because we have tried every other way to stop the omnicide and do not know what else to do.

The sacred path requires us to stop the ways we willingly harm others for self-benefit. Until we stop harming others, life and the Earth, we have no business even thinking about saving the Earth. Longing for a changed world but unwilling to stop how we harm the world misses the mark. Instead, we give up acting to change others but focus on changing ourselves.

On the sacred path, we become points of sharing. As we stop ourselves from harming life and the Earth, we influence others, not through our talk but our actions, as role models. We share with others how to live the valued ways by living them.¹

¹ **Ways and values of the sacred path to further 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.

Living the sacred ways involves sharing our lives, our gifts, and our time to respond to the suffering of the beings who share the place we live on Earth, the place where the sacred has planted us.

We come to know the mutual neediness of life and naturally want to compassionately share what we have to meet the needs of those who suffer. We share our kindness, gratitude, and generosity.

As we connect with others on this sacred path, we come to share the responsibilities of commoning the resources with all beings who inhabit our shared place. Learning how to live in ways that further the wellbeing of all humbles us.

Through sharing, we learn how to mutually interact in ways that benefit all, a sharing that moves us ever deeper into the unity of interdependence. By living in these ways, we share the creative efforts to rejoin the culture of the Earth Interbeing.

Throughout this gradual path, we share with each other what we have tried, both our failures and successes. Often, we learn more by failing as we come to know the sacred through our faults.

Through the long collapse of Western culture, our mutual points of sharing will attract others who want to learn how to share their lives. The culture of the Earth Interbeing that Western culture has for long sought to destroy becomes ever more visible as we learn how to harmoniously live on Earth with other beings. On the sacred path, we dissolve what harms life and Earth and return to living the culture of the Earth Interbeing. The impossible becomes possible.

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