

The Sacred Path

On the sacred path, we walk on holy ground. Our knowing the sacredness of ourselves, all life, the Earth, and experience deepens along with our wonder and mystery for it all. Every way we turn, we see the sacred. Our reverence grows.

The sacred path uncovers our sacredness, our true nature. At the beginning, the path offers the support we need to remove what obstructs our true nature through self-discipline and compassion.

Beginners on the path do not know how to live a sacred life but have faith that the path will teach us. That faith turns into confidence as the path proves the transformative powers of the sacred. We give up the delusion of knowing how to further life on Earth and surrender to the sacred knowing of what to do.

<p>Sacred Nature Sacredness Humbleness Sacred Knowing Balance Self-Discipline Compassion Harmony Commoning</p>

The more we liberate ourselves from our conditioned wrong views and dangerous behaviors, the brighter our sacred nature shines. We begin to live as sacred beings. How we respond in sacred ways to whatever we experience grows more certain and natural.

The sacred path challenges us with an ongoing series of life lessons, each lesson a step in our sacred life journey. We learn from our lessons by living what they teach us, building the momentum to finally unseat our self-centeredness and willingness to harm others for self-benefit. Learning not to act on self-centered reactivity allows experience to unfold in its own sacred ways without our interference. Through these and other lessons we learn how to joyfully live our sacredness.

On the sacred path, we evaluate and correct our behavior and views. We know the direction of our lives by seeing how we benefit others, all life, and the Earth. Those with sincere intentions to care for the Earth and all life may stumble and make mistakes, inadvertently causing harm. The path turns these missteps into yet another lesson. Through our faults, we come to the sacred.

Those who deny the sacred feel oppressed by their self-centered delusions. Westerners abandon sacred knowing and instead ignorantly act against those they blame for their suffering. Consequently, they endanger themselves, lose the support of others, and rest on thorns of worry. The time for us to separate us from what harms has come, even for those of us who have benefited from the willingness to harm others for self-benefit. We cannot afford skepticism and doubt from stopping how we harm the Earth Interbeing when the survival of life on Earth is at stake.

Life has the power of will – to do what it wants to do. Life wants foremost to survive. When we use our will in ways that harm the Earth and life, we act in ways opposite to our sacred nature. When we live to further life on Earth, we act in harmony and synergy with our true nature. Our willpower can break negative cycles and recover by living the sacred ways that further life on Earth. The sacred path lenses our will to do that.

We come to know ourselves as the ocean and the wave, as sacred being who arise as expressions of the sacred and then return to the sacred. Without expectations or demands, we act to further all life and not just our own. We see the sacred coming through the distortions and defilements of the

cultural conditioning which imprisons us. By holding on to the sacred ways, we maneuver dangerous situations.

A helpless joy arises from following and surrendering to the sacred ways. The sacred reaches into our experience through our treading upon the mystery of life.

The path of harming the Earth Interbeing comes to an end. The sacred path of furthering life on Earth continues forever in ways beyond our knowing.

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