

## **Guidelines for Reverence:**

We are Sovereign Earthans, We observe that a life-enabling, animating force is made self-evident by the existence of the Earth, ourselves, our animal cousins, and the Universes large and small. We need no interpreter to sense and appreciate its power; we have no mandatory requirement to subjugate ourselves to or worship any fabricated God-personage created in Man's image; we need no organized religion to intermediate with any "higher power" on our behalf; and we have no need for those who would claim some special authority to represent and speak for a fabricated or imagined figurehead. We have no original sin, we are not superstitious, and we are free of the limiting influences of creative mythologies.

We understand that our pulsing physical bodies are of this planet - *Earth*; that our life energy source has its origins in the Sun - *Helio* at the center of our solar system; and we speculate and allow that there *may be* some unfathomable, ubiquitous, unifying energy - *Inergy* coursing through us and everything everywhere. We are thus offspring of our Sun *Helio*, its third planet *Earth*, and a ubiquitous energy force *Inergy*...we are, in fact, demonstrably "Earthans".

- Our Reverence Facilitators, are *not* the sole conduit to or from any God figure, nor do they possess exclusive divine authority or access. We commune directly, individually and in groups, and we welcome and receive *Inergy* on a one-on-one individual basis.
- Our Reverence Facilitators purpose is to coordinate reverence and fellowship among those persons who *freely* choose to associate with them, and to perform those beneficial deeds deemed wholesome and worthy, and funded by their congregations.
- Our Reverence Facilitators are *not* empowered by any deity or by us to undertake causes not within their purview nor to engage in uninvited proselytization.
- Our Reverence Facilitators will not engender, encourage, advocate, nor participate in violence of *any* sort (no Crusades, Fatwa's, Jihads, or Holy Wars).
- Our Reverence Facilitators will not demean, oppose, nor punish those who follow other (or no) spiritual paths.
- Our Reverence Facilitators function to facilitate reflection upon the spiritual insights of their congregations insights acquired through individual spiritual awakening, and deliberate thoughtful consideration; the congregations do not exist to serve the Reverence Leaders.

- As coordinators our Reverence Facilitators have no rationale with which to justify any claim of special spiritual privilege or insight above those possessed by anybody else.
- Our Reverence Facilitators will not attempt to supersede the will or spiritual connectedness of their congregations by claiming unique and extraordinary access to divine spirit or insight. *Inergy* touches all of us, and insight is made manifest through our individual and common awakening. *Inergy* does not require an institution to accomplish outreach, and Earthans do not require an institution to commune directly.
- Our Reverence Facilitators will not claim to speak for *Inergy*. Nor will they attempt to interfere with our direct communion. Our Reverence Leaders will not claim special access as intermediaries; and will not bind, restrict, nor in any manner inhibit the free expression of our spiritual awakening.
- Our Reverence Facilitators coordinate local reverence groups designed to maximize effectiveness at coordination of reverence activities, fellowship, and the accomplishment of philanthropic works.
- Our Reverence Facilitators may offer their insight into the virtues of a particular spiritual understanding to all willing participants. Our Reverence Leaders may not, however, demean nor in any way slander the validity of alternate perspectives.
- Our Reverence Facilitators may enjoin with others as desired by their respective congregations to cooperate and pool resources in the pursuit of productive good works to gain economies of scale where mutual cooperation is beneficial.
- Our Reverence Facilitators will advocate for tolerance, acceptance, and mutual support. There will be no exclusionary tracts in our texts; no retribution against followers of alternate understandings; and no actions taken of any kind that perform or advocate violence or hatred towards others of any (or no) spiritual awakening.

This is how we must evolve. Earthan communities demand freedom from dogmatic religions based upon unfounded mythologies. We will offer reverence as we choose, or not. Our reverence must not promote divisiveness or exclusiveness. Our Reverence Facilitators must advocate for familial communion, productive cooperation, generous & kind compassion, and Light, Life, and Love for all.



Light, Life, Love...

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