

## ***The Creative Force and the Sacredness of Life***

The best things in life are not things made by people. They are moments—shared time with others in nature, the quiet companionship of animals, the joy of memory, and the awe of existence itself. I have sat on mountaintops and watched golden eagles float in the jetstream. I have seen whales breach and spray water into the air beside peaceful ocean shores. I have witnessed sunrises and sunsets that no human hand could ever replicate. These are the gifts of the Creative Force. They are awesome. And they are irreplaceable.

Yet today, many in so-called “civilized” societies feel lonely, depressed, or bored. We have filled our lives with things, but forgotten the sacred. We have built towers of technology and commerce, but lost sight of the mountain peaks and the quiet dignity of weeds growing through sidewalk cracks.

Let me offer a few principles—simple, but urgent—for anyone willing to listen:

### **1. Belief Without Violence**

You have a right to your beliefs. But if you must be vulgar or violent to make others accept them, you should consider changing those beliefs. Conviction without compassion is not strength—it is blindness.

### **2. Thought and the Creative Force**

Everyone has a right to express their thoughts. But everyone should also consider the Creative Force. Astrophysicists search with all their strength for the Grand Unifying Theory. It may be a supreme being. It may be something beyond beginning or end. Either way, it deserves our reverence.

### **3. Dreams With Meaning**

Being the best you can be—or living your dream—is not meaningful unless it includes respect for all of Creation and the Creative Force. Ambition without awareness is hollow.

### **4. Life Is Precious**

Every living being is fighting to live. From whales to weeds, life strives. Do not merely allow others to live—live in a way that helps other beings thrive, too.

## **5. The Best Soldier**

The best soldier is not the one who defeats his enemy, but the one who convinces his enemy to put down their weapons and discuss the Creation and the Creative Force. Peace is not weakness—it is wisdom.

## **6. Hard Blips and Shared Humanity**

Most people have experienced a hard blip in their life—whether long or short, including yourself. Remember that. Work together to battle those blips. Compassion is the only cure for isolation.

We are not more awesome than one another. I am not more proud of one person fighting to live than I am of another. But I am proud of the Creative Force. And I am proud to have witnessed its work.

Let us return to awe. Let us live with humility. Let us remember that no one can create a sunrise—but anyone can choose to watch one.