

THE 13 ATHEOPAGAN PRINCIPLES

1. I recognize that the metaphorical is not the literal.
2. I honor the earth which produced and sustains humanity.
3. I am grateful.
4. I am humble.
5. I laugh a lot - including at myself.
6. I enact regular ritual observances.
7. I honor and celebrate diversity.
8. I recognize and embrace my responsibility to the young and future generations.
9. I acknowledge that freedom is tempered by responsibility.
10. I celebrate pleasure as inherently good, so long as none are harmed.
11. I understand that knowledge is never complete.
12. I conduct myself with integrity.
13. I practice kindness and compassion with others and myself.

Praise

*O black expanse of mostly nothing
Though you do not hear, you have
no ear nor mind to hear;*

*Praise O inevitable,
O mysterious*

— from “An Atheopagan Prayer”
by Mark Green

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ATHEOPAGANISM



A GODLESS
PAGAN
PATH

THE FOUR SACRED PILLARS

What is holy to a Godless Pagan?



Modern Paganism teaches tolerant, Earth-caring values and appreciation for joy and pleasure that promote less conflict and greater happiness in the world. Like other religions, however, its theism is built on a foundation of willful denial of much of what science now tells us about the nature of the Universe. In turn, many atheists have wrongly concluded that anything science cannot do for us is not worth having.

Science and critical thinking are the best tools for answering questions about the nature of the Universe, but religion performs other valuable functions—such as community-building, life enrichment and development of a sense of meaning and place in the Cosmos—which science cannot possibly fulfill. Atheopaganism strives to deliver the benefits of traditional religion without asking us to sacrifice the unique and marvelous capacities of our Neocortical minds.

The World. The Universe. The biosphere. Life. Evolved from the mathematical unfolding of the exquisite Universe, the interconnected fabric of Life on Planet Earth is the single most sacred of all phenomena. It is these systems which gave rise to all humanity and which support our ability to survive. All we eat, all we breathe, all this is holy.

Beauty. Beauty inspires joy in living. It fills our hearts and provokes our minds. Beauty sets our limbic brains to singing. It is not optional, trivial or superfluous. It is to be cultivated, celebrated, revered as the means by which the finite and precious moments of our lives are best measured.

Truth. What is true is of deep and inherent value. It is the only beacon we have to light our way into the unknown future. The more significant the topic, the more sacred is the truth about. Truth has a tremendous and humbling power to bring down despotism and corruption, to right wrongs, to advance liberty, to further closeness between us.

Love. Humans are subject to a degree of loneliness suffered by no other creature. But love corrects this. Love provides us the courage to reach across the great gulf to the Other. It drives our kindest and best impulses, enables us to forgive, spurs us to face down the darkness and carry on. It is the redemptive power each of us bears within us.

