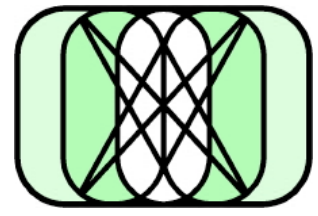


# Church of Creation Charter



The **Church of Creation** is an undenominational, not-for-profit, faith-based organization providing a variety of spiritual, congregational and educational services.

**Our mission is to unconceal the Absolute Love and Perfect Unity of all Creation.**

Intentionally devoid of creeds, codes and cultic practices, we faithfully and reverently explore philosophy, theology, art, science and myth in a **method of inquiry** that produces elucidations that are immediately relevant to our lives. Our inquiries begin with these foundational propositions:

## **Extraordinariness of Being**

For most of us, life is lived within an ordinary, rational, process-oriented reality. Through inquiry, we find there is also an extraordinary aspect of existence. Rather than a transcendent, mystical state that one must seek to attain, the extraordinary is always already present, here and now. Mostly, the extraordinary aspect remains neglected, ignored or unnoticed, limiting the development of our society and culture and constraining the creative power of humanity — up to now.

## **Integrity of Being**

Each of Us is integral to all there is. While it may seem or feel like there is a sensible and reasonable separation between oneself and one's experience or environment, the existence of one (exactly as it is) is dependent on the existence of the other (exactly as it is). The two are inextricably co-existent, and any attempt to separate them by reason disintegrates both. Disintegration (the illusion of reason) produces nightmarish results: war, exploitation, environmental destruction, anxiety and the desperate (ultimately futile) hope of survival. When we awaken to the recognition of who we are, these nightmares disappear.

## **Primordially of Being**

While we frequently use forms of the verb, *to be* (be, being, been, am, are, is, was, were and the negations of these) in our speaking and thinking, few of us have considered what it is to Be or not to Be. Ponder this possibility: Being is the Nothing from which all things come. We constitute our practice as an open inquiry into Being.

These inquiries empower us to create new openings and possibilities in the World.

We are accountable for our commitment to purpose, our accomplishment of mission, and ongoing inquiry into the Being of Being Alive, here in this moment.

**This is who we have declared ourselves to Be.**

**On this, you can rely.**

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## Core Values

**As Creators,** we are dubious toward values as ratios or rationales. We do not assess value, nor measure others or ourselves against rational values. We bring extraordinary values to our experience and practice, as intrinsic and powerfully transparent elements. Some of the values we are reliable for bringing are:

### **Creativity**

Creating futures, possibilities and powerful metaphors that resonate with our direct experience; we create new choices and expansion of aliveness.

### **Completion**

Completing what has been left incomplete, saying what has been left unsaid, we create new openings for ongoing creation.

### **Integrity**

Being who we are is revealed in wholeness, consistency, unity and reliability.

### **Responsibility**

Being the origin and cause of Everything in Universe

### **Clarity**

Creating the clear space of Nothing, from which all things come.

### **Being Present**

The present, here and now, is the only place and time one can be alive.

### **Listening**

A rare and essential act of Love, listening is an opening for affinity and relatedness.

### **Passion**

The abandonment of ego and self-consciousness begins an heroic adventure.

### **Authenticity**

Authentic inquiry calls us to relinquish ordinary understanding and concern based in duality, pretense, separateness and attachment to self-invented ratios.

### **Dialogue**

We restore the original context of this word, derived from the Greek terms for “speaking through” and we shall complete conversations through dialogue.

These are representative illustrations of our created and distinguished values. As one speaks and listens, additional value may be revealed in the listening and speaking. An essential participant in this Creation is You, the one who has been forever expressed, as in the ancient Sanskrit, *Tat tvam asi*— You ARE that!

**You are always, already Included, Valuable and Valued**