

**An Atheopagan Declaration of Policy Values
(2022)**

In the many names of the Sacred Earth and Sun

In the names of the many Peoples, all one People

In the many names of the Lands and the Seas

In the many names of the Sacred Beings with whom we share this good Earth

Let our work be done in Beauty,

With Kindness,

With fierce and powerful Love.

Atheopaganism is founded in declaring four Sacred Pillars—Life, Love, Truth and Beauty—and 13 Principles for joyous, meaningful and ethical living. We hold a vision of a better, more ecologically sound, kinder and more inclusive world, and as such, our path is inherently political. We pursue our path not only to better ourselves, but to better the world: to enhance happiness, wisdom, kindness, and environmental sustainability for ourselves and for future generations. Activism on behalf of these values is inherent to our religion and a Sacred calling to each of us.

We advocate for justice, not just for ourselves but for all peoples, especially those who are marginalized, and to amplify the voices of the many whose interests and voices are disregarded by our world's current politics. As spiritual leaders we recognize that our beliefs reflect our politics and vice versa. It is therefore central to our purpose to seek truth in the pursuit of justice.

As Atheopagans we seek to learn from nature, and not to project ourselves or our views upon it. We grow and evolve with new information, always trying to better ourselves, with open minds supported by scientific skepticism and critical thinking—our first Principle. We acknowledge history and commit to being better than the past; we charge those who come after us to be better than we are and we charge ourselves to overcome our own resistance to change for the better. For what we do now will help to shape the future, for better or worse.

With this statement, the Atheopagan Society and its associated community declare that:

- I.** Human rights and the rights of ecosystems are more important, more valuable and more Sacred than property or profit interests.
- II.** The current climate crisis is the greatest threat to the biosphere of Earth.
- III.** Every one of us is an integral part of the Life of the Sacred Planet Earth. We are neither separate from nature nor from one another.
- IV.** Our strength, like that of the fabric of Life itself, lies in relationships: in building strong communities and diverse alliances.
- V.** To ensure the survival of our world we must put an end to the destructive, predatory, and parasitic economic systems which currently exploit both the Earth and humanity. Societies must be organized to prioritize maximizing the sustainability of the ecosystems with which they interact, and the health, happiness and fulfillment of their members, rather than the accumulation of wealth by a privileged few.

- VI.** It is imperative that we speak out against injustice and corruption. To remain silent in the face of oppression and injustice condones and fuels the cruelty of the oppressor and condemns the oppressed.
- VII.** The Atheopagan path is open to all who are drawn to it, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, location and economic background. Our path, like nature, thrives from diversity rather than homogeneity.
- VIII.** Body sovereignty is paramount, particularly with respect to reproductive choices. Only the individual can make choices for their health and body except in the most extreme cases such as to protect public health (e.g. control of infectious diseases) or that individual's safety (e.g. in a mental health crisis).
- IX.** Sex, gender and gender roles are independent of one another and to force them into the rigidly distinct categories to which they have been misattributed by many of our forebearers is harmful.
- X.** It is morally necessary to condemn 'white supremacy', racism, misogyny, patriarchy, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, ableism, fascism and all other forms of bigotry and hatred, and to reject all claims of 'natural law' used to defend or support ideologies of bigotry and hatred-supporting pseudoscience, such as 'eugenics'.
- XI.** It is our duty to stand with the marginalized and oppressed, as well as with allies who seek to tear down the structures and institutionalization of oppression, in order to create a more just, kind and egalitarian world.
- XII.** Educating ourselves to the truths of our world is the key to greater understanding of the issues discussed here and the nature of our planet generally.
- XIII.** It is of the utmost importance that we remain ever-vigilant against the forces of authoritarianism. Religious freedom can flourish only under a secular government, and firm separation of religious institutions from governmental power must be maintained and enforced.

SO WE ARE RESOLVED,

The Council of the Atheopagan Society

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