



## GENERAL ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR CLERICS PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICES

(in hospitals, prisons, hospices, etc.)

- **Represent Atheopaganism**
  1. Uphold and represent the ethical and philosophical principles of Atheopaganism as expressed in the Four Sacred Pillars and 13 Principles.
  2. Be honest in any interaction about the nature of Atheopaganism including scientific naturalism, the Pillars and Principles, and our psychological approach to ritual.
  3. You may choose or not choose wording referencing divine/supernatural or otherwise non-Atheopagan content in your rituals, depending on the preference of those you are serving. Just as priests may refer to scientific or humanistic ideals, so may we include spiritual ideas in our own rituals.
  
- **Maintain Atheopagan Values**
  1. Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects the highest degree of honesty and integrity when dealing with those you serve.
  2. Value people and the diversity they represent. This includes diversity of belief. While Atheopagan clerics need not hide their own beliefs or avoid disagreements, reserve arguments for the proper time and place.
  3. Treat others with courtesy, dignity, respect, empathy and fairness, and without prejudice or bigotry. Particularly, treat those suffering from stress, trauma, or tragedy with the utmost empathy and care.
  4. Adhere to the Atheopagan Community Conduct Guidelines.
  
- **Maintain Integrity**
  1. Treat any information divulged by clients with strict confidence at all times within the extent authorized by law.
  2. Do not use your position to further any other paid or voluntary work.
  3. Do business primarily as an ambassador of Atheopaganism. Financial compensation may be appropriate for services rendered (such as officiating a wedding), but profit-making should never override Atheopagan values.
  4. In performing any service, don't ever exceed your qualifications. This applies to the type and size of rituals, events or counseling. *It is particularly important that Atheopagan clerics provide no mental health services of any kind without proper qualifications.*
  5. Be willing to act on behalf of those you are working with and provide referrals to more-qualified personnel whenever necessary, including psychologists, religious personnel, or other Atheopagan clerics, as appropriate.
  6. Work and interact with other Atheopagan clerics in an atmosphere of collegiality, cooperation, and mutual benefit, and without undue enmity or disparagement.
  
- **Protect Those You Serve**
  1. Don't publicize the content of any ritual or activity that has been completed without first ensuring that sufficient changes have been made to ensure that identification of the subject is impossible or that subjects have authorized, in writing, use of their likeness or ritual.
  2. Never exploit those in your care, particularly for financial, commercial, sexual, political, or other favors.
  3. Adhere to all policies and procedures of any facility visited.