



So... your friend or family member is an *Atheopagan*.

Congratulations! If you wish, you can have many fascinating conversations with them.

Atheopaganism is a naturalistic, Earth-revering spiritual practice.

So what do these terms mean?

Naturalism means that we view the Universe as a set of physical processes controlled by laws of nature, and only by laws of nature. Science is naturalistic, and Atheopagans understand the world as science describes it. We do not believe in supernatural beings, or in supernatural claims like magic or effective prayer.

Atheopagans **revere the Earth** and hold our home planet as Sacred because it is where we come from and what sustains us with every



breath and every bite of food. We are a part of the Earth, not separate from it, and it is our responsibility to steward it carefully so many species—including ours—do not go extinct.

In the course of celebrating our joy in living and at the beauty of nature, Atheopagans **practice rituals** to celebrate the passing of the seasons, the cycles of the Moon, or personally meaningful rites of passage. These rituals are intended to help us feel deep emotion, to grow psychologically and to share our celebration with others.

Many of us set up a **Focus**, similar to an altar but not meant for worshipping anything. The Focus is a collection of meaningful objects and symbols for contemplation, meditation, and usage during rituals.

Although there are many related naturalistic Earth-revering religious paths, Atheopaganism was articulated by author Mark A. Green in his book, *Atheopaganism: An Earth-Honoring Path Rooted in Science*, which may be ordered from any bookstore or online. The book provides a comprehensive description of what Atheopagans believe, our values and our practices. We have no “secret lore”.

Ours is a path of celebration, exploration, joy and service. We seek to live fulfilling lives in which we pursue happiness for ourselves and others and to leave the world better for our having been in it.

You can find more information about Atheopaganism at the website of our nonprofit religious organization, The Atheopagan Society:
TheAPSociety.org



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