

GLOSSARY

Being and Non-Being – The ability to sustain awareness of both manifest and unmanifest realities of divine presence. Ability to experience the divine presence in creation and in the silence beyond all.

Condition of Being - The essential relationship of all beings, a condition of interdependence with all sentient beings that is characterized by both giving and receiving in a deep union that is both conscious and unconscious. This essential relationship models right relationship.

Fierce Embrace – The ability to embrace with compassion the foreign and disowned elements of the self. The ability to embrace with compassion the perceived fearful, ugly or disliked parts of others.

Fine Art of Not Knowing - Ability to suspend judgment or definitions. Ability to be humble in the presence of mystery and in the presence of others without judgment while remaining linked to your own spiritual center and experience (not creed or dogma). The ability to focus with Naked Intent on the mysteries of divine presence in a situation.

Glory and Dust – A form of holding paradox that accepts both the frailty and wholeness of oneself or others. Ability to sustain the humble awareness of the finite and infinite within oneself or others.

Godly Folly – Action that reflects the values of holy wisdom but is contrary to the societal opinions, beliefs or ideologies.

Great Silence - The Great Silence refers to the unknowable mystery of the silent source of life.

The Silence - The Silence refers to the experience of silence that is found when we quiet ourselves, and accept the invitation to enter silence within us.

Holding Paradox – The ability to sustain opposites or multiples without forcing conclusions or choosing – affirming both.

Mindfulness – The development of a witnessing self that is greater than ego and is able to witness states of being, attachments and aversions without identifying with them.

Naked Intent – The focus and intent of our being toward the divine mystery that is primary and unfettered by ideas, “isms” or “ologies”.

Refining Fires – Those life experiences, both pleasant and difficult, which purify and transform.

Practice of Presence - Ability to stay with the breath. Refraining from focus on the past or future. Awareness of the precious present. Awareness of our condition of being (see above). Living in the Now. Ability to truly listen and respond in the now. Ability to sustain mindfulness, and clear the ego of its agendas that prevent being present. Ability to sustain an open heartedness. Ability to trust.

States of Being – The cultivated awareness of emotional and mental states that affect us, and the ability to not identify with these states.

The Ten Thousand Names – The names of God which reflect the divine attributes such as Compassionate One, Ever Abiding, Comforter; or depending on the situation, the multiple expressions within the human soul that echo the attributes of God.

The Ten Thousand Voices – The voices of the world soul, of all beings speaking, a resonance of all beings; or the opposite depending on the circumstances, the chatter of divided thought forms or voices in the soul.

The Ten Thousand Things - The endless and varying forms that arise out of God; or the opposite depending on the circumstances, the myriad illusions that rise in the human mind.

This and That – A form of holding paradox in which we accept opposites.

Wu-Wei – Action without action. Effortless doing. Action from out of one's nature as a tree buds, leafs, reaches for the sky. A non-action that allows the natural action to arise. A way of beingness or "isness" in the present that brings about natural equilibrium.

