

VISION QUEST: A PILGRIMAGE OF TIME

The Trecena of Spirit: 1 Jaguar/IX (eesh)

An Offering from Spirit:

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Every tradition of Faith offers a Pilgrimage as Time devoted to engaging in a Divine Conversation with the Holy Spirit. The season of Lent is a 40-day pilgrimage of the Christian tradition. The 40-days that Jesus Christ spent in the desert was a pilgrimage and a “test of Faith” in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

The Jaguar/IX trecena from the Mayan calendar defined a Time ordered by “Human’s calendar of Creation” for a Vision Quest, an Intention to walk in Divine Trinity through a “cycle of Darkness” to bring an Unknown Truth to Light as an experience made real on Earth, as it is in Heaven.

The Mayan calendar is not a “religion,” but an order of Time like any other calendar. The Maya are considered the Masters of Time by their accounting of Universal cycles of Time, ordered by the Sun the Moon and all the Stars in the heavenly vault. The beauty of the Mayan calendars is a synchronicity with every calendar of every tradition. It’s no coincidence when their Holy Days coincide with liturgical calendars of the world, as well as astronomical events. The Divine Order was an Offering from the Creator to know a Meaning for every Time. Over the course of Human history, Human named the Days, the Moons, the Seasons, and Years by their own experience of the Time and Place.

The Creator’s Truth can’t be changed by any language. Every tradition of Divine Trinity is an Intention of the One Highest Purpose to Know the Creator in a personal way in the realm of physicality.

Comparing one tradition with another reveals the same Truth and the same Way to the end. I’ve come to believe that we were all intended to have our own One Way passed down as the “Faith of our Fathers.” Those are often the Words that we are most likely to remember. They bear the weight of Truth created by the generations that came before. As Beings of Duality, we learn everything by comparison. From our own tradition, we can realize that every tradition is the same. From one another we can see the Truth from more than one perspective. Every tradition broadens our understanding of Divine Truths and offers new Spiritual Tools we can apply to our own way.

The indigenous tribes called the pilgrimage of Spirit a Vision Quest. The traditions of the Sacred Medicine Wheel path are a 4-Day journey of “living on the Light of Spirit.” The sacred ceremony was a 4-Day food and water fast, carried out alone in the wilderness.

We can begin “the work” from Tone 3, the Day of Movement, 3 Wisdom/CIB. 4 Days will complete the ritual at the “Top of the Pyramid” on 7 Sun/AHAU. 7 Sun/AHAU completes the 1st uinal of the Tzolk’in round and the Intention of Unity with the Highest One.

We can complete the rest of the trecena watching and waiting for the Divine Effect. The Guardian of the Jaguar/IX trecena is 13 Transformer/CIMI – the symbol of the Holy Spirit and the Sign of a Major Life Change.

EARTHLY PREPARATIONS

Preparations were made in advance. Leading up to the Time prayers were made “visible” as tobacco ties, each one tied to a prayer. Before the Sun/Moon Dance ordered by the Fall Equinox, the Dance Chief ordered the number of ties to be connected on a string. The Vision Quest is a personal choice of numbers with the intention of a string long enough to create a circle as an Earthly boundary for a Sanctuary within. We can engage the tradition in our own way through “written prayers” we can “see” in a realm of physicality. We could create our circle with sticky notes to be reminded of our prayers from every direction.

The indigenous traditions honored the Creator’s Light associated with the Gift of Light from each of the 4 directions. They honor the 4 directions with every prayer by the “meaning of the Light.”

East: The Sunrise, the “Hour we first believe” in a new beginning to become something greater than we knew yesterday. (The traditional chant to the East is “Ah” repeated 4 times.)

South: The Earthly direction where we realize who we are through our Human relationships and through our relationship with the Natural world. (The traditional chant to the South is “Eh” repeated 4 times.)

West: The place where the Sun sets marks the Time when the Truth is revealed by an experience that was Unknown at the beginning. (The traditional chant to the West is “Ee” repeated 4 times.)

North: The direction that transforms the Unknown into Wisdom by the Truth of our own. Wisdom is a Divine Trinity created from Truth and Love. (The traditional chant to the North is “Oh” repeated 4 times.)

The Creator will complete the 7 directions of the “sphere” of Spirit that includes the **all-around**, the **up-above**, and the Light **within**.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATIONS

Every pilgrimage holds a Dream of a Spiritual Experience that we can call our own. A Divine Communion offers the opportunity to ask questions for the Divine Truth we want to know about the realm of Spirit. The indigenous tribes asked to know their Spirit Animal and Spiritual Guides. We can ask to see our Guardian Angel, our Divine Ancestors, and Celestial Beings that serve in the “Legion of Light.” We can ask to know our Gifts of Spirit in a way we can grasp to apply for the Highest Purpose. A Divine Creator intended for us to Know, when we are Wise enough to surrender Our Will to the Creator’s Will. The Creator uses our Gifts to empower a Human hand to carry out “orders from Above.”

THE DIVINE ORDER OF TIME

13 Tones reflect the 7 Days and 6 Nights of Creation. Consider the 13 Intentions as the Order of a Divine Conversation that move us to the Truth of a Mystery. Each “Tone” reflects a Higher Vibration.

Tone 1 (Inspiration): A Divine Inspiration for a Dream at the end.

Tone 2 (Application): Time to think about it and ASK to know the Way to the end.

Tone 3 (Inspiration): The Answer revealed as the “first thing” to do. Every “next thing” will be revealed when we need to know.

Tone 4 (Application): We create stability by creating our own “rules of the game.” On Tone 4 we draw boundaries around the “thoughts that belong” to our Intention, so we’ll know the thoughts to follow and the ones we’ll turn away.

Tone 5 (Inspiration): We’re Empowered when we see how the rules are working in our favor from behind the scenes.

Tone 6 (Revelation of Light): We see that small steps are turned into Leaps of Faith when we’ve chosen to move for a Divine Cause.

Tone 7 (Revelation of Truth): We see all that is and all that is not the Truth as it first appeared to be.

The first 7 Tones complete Human’s climb to discover “what the Truth is” that we were intending to know. Tone 8 begins a Transformation that is carried out by a Hand of Divine Agency. The Highest One reveals “what the Truth will mean to us” when we apply it to every Choice we make.

Tone 8 (Inspiration of Divine Justice): By an Act of Faith we raised our self to believe in the Creator’s promise of a Sacred Exchange. On Tone 8 Faith begins a Transformation to Knowing the Truth.

Tone 9 (Inspiration in the Big Picture): From a Higher Perspective we realize that our Divine Justice is Guaranteed by a Universal Law of Cause and Effect.

Tone 10 (Manifestation): We manifest a New Reality when we claim the Truth by our own experience.

Tone 11 (Higher Consciousness of the Truth): We surrender our Truth in Humility, acknowledging that there’s always something more to know.

Tone 12 (Consciousness of Understanding): Because we kept an open mind, the Creator’s Higher version of the Truth breaks through and we Comprehend the Truth of the Highest Order.

Tone 13 (Ascension): We know by the Light of Higher Ground that God shared the way that was Unknown at the beginning. In the 13th Hour, we Ascend to our Dreams where the Creator shares the Inspiration for tomorrow’s Sunrise.

Every experience must have a beginning and an end. Every end reveals the Truth for the next climb of Higher Faith and Higher Hopes for the next cycle of creation.

A PLAN OF ACTION

The following plan is an order for carrying out each Day of the Vision Quest.

- 1) Acknowledge the first Light of every Sunrise and offer Gratitude for a New Day. Give thanks as you take your first step out of bed to a new day.
- 2) Begin the Day with ritual of Prayer. C.W. Lewis offered Psalms 27 as a Morning Prayer. By doing something different, we raise our Consciousness to the Light of Change. You can choose another prayer from your own tradition that you haven't recited before to raise conscious of the words you say.
- 3) Call upon your Higher Self to carry out the Intentions of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows the Highest Intentions, and can carry out the way every moment of the Day.

BLESS THE LORD, OH MY SOUL!

Worship the Creator for me all the Day long.

- 4) The Holy Spirit shares the Power and Authority to speak the Creator's Words to Bless our Self and the Whole. We can begin every Day with a blessing of the Word spoken over us by the Holy Spirit.

Numbers 6:24-26

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

- 5) We carry out the daily business of living in the consciousness of "God with us." God can speak to us while we're "washing the dishes" when we've dedicated Time to the purpose.
- 6) Dedicate a Special Time for the Conversation, morning, noon and night.
 - a. In the morning we share our hopes and dreams for the Day, and enlist our Hand in the Divine Service.
 - b. At noon, we acknowledge our progress and give thanks for the Hand that will continue to guide the rest of Day.
 - c. At night, we replay every scene. We Ask to know a Higher Way we could know at the Dawn of every New Day.
- 7) Keep a special journal of the experience. In the moment we're sure we won't forget, but we do. When you look back, you'll see it was the beginning of a major change. The Elders encouraged us to record special sightings, like a butterfly, a feather, or whatever appeared to us as a sign of Spirit.

CREATE YOUR OWN SACRED SYMBOLS TO REMEMBER

You can choose a physical object to serve as a tangible reminder of this Time. At the sweat lodge ceremony, the Elders invited us to lay our sacred objects near the fire to receive a blessing. Some left their shoes. Others left their glasses. You can consecrate something to have and to hold from this Sacred Time and Place.

ADDING THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE ELEMENTS

The more we engage all our Senses, the more we remember the Vision Quest as a Real Experience.

- **The Element of Fire** – We can see and feel the energy of Life when we light the candles. Candles on the altar are the symbols of “God with us.” The incense we burn as the smoke of our prayers can create a power of instant recall.
- **The Element of Water** – Bless the water you drink. Turn the shower into a ritual of receiving a blessing of Living Light. If it rains, go outside to receive the blessing. Offer water as an Intention of blessing your pets and the green beings in your home.
- **The Element of Earth** – Earth’s vibration is a source of energy that grounds us. Send a “tap root” into the Earth beneath your feet to empower an attraction to the Light.
- **The Element of Air** – Draw the Sacred Breath in Conscious of Powers Unseen that are delivered by the Light of the Sun. Spoken Prayers and Songs of Faith create a Divine Sound in the Universe.
- **The Element of Ether as Life** – Acknowledge the consciousness of every living thing that responds to Love and Light. Bless living things all around from the Green Beings to our friends in the Animal Kingdom.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER

There is no wrong way. YOUR way is the beautiful expression of your Spirit. Traditional ways were offered as proven and worthy tools to borrow until we create our own ways. Give thanks for the Divine Inheritance.

When we forget, the work is finished by Remembering. That was the point from the beginning. Let Spirit guide your way. When Joseph Rael, “Beautiful Painted Arrow” was asked how he manifested his Visions of Spirit, he answered, “I just obey.” If Spirit calls you to bring an offering to the altar, obey. There’s a promise of Atonement for every offering of Faith.

There are so many beautiful traditions of Faith. There is a Power of Momentum in every way that’s been passed down as a Divine Inheritance for the whole. Walk your “land” and bless the “home” as a dedicated place for your Sanctuary.

And Remember, you’re not the only one lighting candles and saying prayers. Honor the whole when you speak the Words “Amen” and “So Shall It Be.”

One Last Thought...

Sacred Ceremony is an offering of Faith in an Unknown Experience. It can appear as if nothing is happening in the moment. A Divine Cause of Faith comes first. The Divine Effect that comes After will be multiplied to abundance.

C.S. Lewis' Offering for a Daily Morning Prayer

This has been a powerful new practice for me. When I remember at noon and at night, I can feel the difference in how my path was made clearer from the beginning.

Psalm 27

*1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?*

*2 When the wicked advance against me
to devour[a] me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.*

*3 Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.*

*4 One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.*

*5 For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.*

*6 Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.*

*7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.*

*8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.*

*9 Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.*

*10 Though my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.*

*11 Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.*

*12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.*

*13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

***14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.***

