

Celtic Worldview

Equals Wholeness + Holiness



The Celtic world view may best be described in its sensitivity to Creation. It is sensitive to the whole nature of Creation. It is sensitive to the holy nature of Creation. It is sensitive to the divinely co-creative role of creation. It is sensitive to the divine web of Creation.

1. Sensitivity to the whole nature of Creation.

Celtic spirituality has no understanding of sacred and secular, rather there is wholeness to all of Creation that extends not only to nature, but also to humankind and her endeavors, as well as to the numinous.

2. Sensitivity to the holy nature of Creation.

There is in Celtic spirituality what may best be described as an eco-spirituality. All of nature, in Celtic spirituality is intrinsically holy, and this includes humankind. Thus, in Celtic spirituality, creation, sin, redemption and the Other-World take on an entirely different perspective than western thought and religion usually affords them.

3. Sensitivity to the divinely co-creative role of Creation.

All of Creation, especially humankind, according to Celtic spirituality, function both within their relationship with one another and with divinity in a on-going, co-creative capacity. To put it as one early Celtic Christian theologian put it, "God needs Creation to continue co-creatively with him his creative act."

4. Sensitivity to the divine web of Creation.

Celtic spirituality presents life as a divine inwardly/ outwardly spiraling web, a pilgrimage. This is not a web that traps and fatalistically draws us in, but a divine web that we co-create, with the numinous and one another, that gives meaning to the entirety of life. In Celtic spirituality it is not the finished web that is significant, but the process of creating it. Herein lies the difference between the traditional western concept of journey.