

8. *Life and Our Planet*

Life is subject to rules and this requirement cannot be escaped.

The PieCEs connect everything. The whole and every part of reality, the living and the nonliving parts, is defined by the PieCEs. This means that living things are subject to the same rules as lifeless objects like rocks and air, and that the whole universe, the stars the planets and life on Earth, all exist in accordance with the same principles. Being aware of the immense unlimited connection that joins our individual-self with the whole world is an exhilarating feeling. To realise that the whole universe has as much possibility as we do, it brings goose bumps to the skin.

The PieCEs are the fabric, the weave and the texture of reality. The PieCEs do not start or finish. Reality is a seamless bleeding of one aspect into another and without other aspects, one aspect alone is indefinable.

A whole has its parts but outside of the whole the description of each part is lost. Every part of the universe links to every other part and we are a part of that linking. If we didn't exist then Earth would be a different place. Individual units unite to become the unity of the whole.

Our planet is like a body and the life on it is an integral part of the embodiment. Of all the planets in our solar system Earth is the only one known to have life. Even if there is some life on Mars it is very small and impossible to find whereas Earth is covered in living beings. On our planet the possibility of life has flourishes. You know, it is possible that our planet is the only one in the universe with life on it. And even if it isn't,

it is impossible for a planet to last forever so unless the life on it can escape somehow, eventually it will disappear. Life is a special part of existence and the experiment will eventually lead to more possibilities if it can survive long enough. As the most advanced life form, we have that possibility but we must begin to see ourselves as more than just a human being.

There are many human traits that threaten our survival and, if we are to succeed, we must learn to grow beyond these. Perhaps very early in our history, when the numbers of humans on the planet was low, perhaps then there were days without war. This is no longer the case and this alone can destroy us but that is not all we must change. We must learn to strike a balance not only with each other but also with the planet. Eventually we may have to harmonize with the universe, possibly with time itself. For now our boundaries do not extend far beyond our planet but unless we extend our evolution they never will.

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