

Core philosophy

Divine envelops and permeates the entire universe

View every part of Nature as a manifestation of the Divine

Humans and nature are interconnected

- Honor the relationship by playing our part in the grand cosmic process
- Nature and humans serve each other; humans are not its masters or stewards
- Human are required to nurture nature and enjoy its bounty responsibly
 - **Clear violation to disturb ecological balance by greed and self-indulgence**

Applying Hindu values in current context [some examples]

- Consumerism and waste is opposed to *Aparigraha* (non-acquisitiveness)
- non-vegetarian diet is opposed to *Ahimsa* (non-injury)

Examples of Hindu stories to show divinity in nature

- Story of King Prithu and Goddess Earth: bounty produced when Earth is not exploited
- Story of Krishna and Kaliya: water becomes pure when we stop polluting it

Examples of Hindu practices to show divinity in nature

- Worship of animal forms: Hanuman, Ganesha, cow, eagle, bull etc
- Puja includes flowers, fruits, and coconut
- Rituals involve sacred rivers, lakes, and mountains
- Fire is revered for its infinite capacity to transform; integral part of several ceremonies, including marriage

Examples of prayers to remind us that Divine is everywhere

- When we wake up, ask for forgiveness for stepping on Mother Earth
- When we eat, remember that eating is part of the Cosmic drama
- When we bathe, remember the sacred rivers