

ALL with respect.

As we say in the first statement...
"Inner Truth is universal in nature."
It is incumbent upon us to make that
one simple statement a mantra for
peace and unity in the entire world.

This commentary on A Correllian
Creed is only intended to introduce
the concepts. I am sure you will
have questions. Believe me when I
say that I still have questions. It is
in the questioning itself that we
grow. Take some time to meditate
on these statements. Read them
again in a week – in two weeks – in
a month – and so on.

I know you will see something new
in it each time. As your connection
with Deity deepens, so will your
understanding of the basic beliefs
set out in these simple lines of text.

holographic Universe, every part of
the whole contains the true image of
the whole. Each Galaxy contains
the true nature of the Universe.
Each planet carries the true nature
of the Galaxy. Each one of us
possesses the true nature of Earth.
So... you can now see that each of
us reflects the True Nature of the
Divine, in whole, within us.

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life.***

I discuss "Harm None" in greater
detail in other works. Here, I will
only point out that Harm None
should be taken as one normally
uses the word "harm". Any extreme
view should be avoided. It doesn't
include hurt feelings or healthy

We will start this lesson with a
presentation of a core set of
statements about what Correllians
DO believe:

A Correllian Creed

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universal in Nature. It is
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The first two statements deal with
the Universalist approach with
which Correllians deal with all forms
of Deity. To my mind, and in my
ministry, these two statements call
us to lay aside ideas of differences
and to focus on the commonalities.

all the official ones and all of the
unofficial ones that the Holy Ones
give us – my life experiences are
different. Therefore it is acceptable
and expected that my relationship
with the Divine will change also.

We should not expect that our
relationship with the Divine is going
to remain stagnant. We should not
even expect necessarily that spirit
guides will stay with us for our entire
incarnation. People will come and
go in our lives and so will
manifestations of the Divine. What
we needed at one time in our life
may not be what we need at this
stage, and it may be different again
in another 15 years.

So, this statement is just trying to
say that we expect that
relationships will evolve and change
and shift, and this is a good thing,

Another point to remember in these
statements is the idea that the soul
is created from Deity and is never
separate from Deity. We spend so
much time in our lives seeking to
reconnect with something that we
were never separated from. It is
amazing the number of people that
feel this illusion of separateness,
and yet the Divine is with us always.
Whatever we do, we can never get
away from the Divine and the Divine
will never leave us. We may choose
to ignore. We can choose to hide.
But we are only hiding from
ourselves. We are ALWAYS
connected to the Divine. The
illusion of separation is just that, an
illusion.

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***We believe that everything is in a
state of constant and ultimately
beneficial growth and evolution.
This growth and evolution occurs
to all of existence, be it the soul,
the planet, or the Universe, all
being a mirror of Divinity, which
evolves and grows as well.***

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***We believe that ultimate truth is
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as being "God's will..." and all other
similar platitudes. But when you
take into account our Cosmology
that expresses that we are here to
experience and to learn, the whole
idea of Divine Providence takes on
an entirely new meaning.

Since we do believe in
reincarnation, another statement in
this creed, we also believe that we
must experience all parts of
whatever existence in the material
plane that we have. Bad things
happen as a way to allow us to
experience EVERYTHING about
being human – yes, even the bad
things. It is part of the learning
process we will take to higher levels
of existence.

When we consider that we each
carry a spark of the Divine within us
– that we are each a microcosm of

should develop to reflect the individual's personal relationship with the Divine.

FOUR

We believe that all Pagan religions should acknowledge one another as kindred and stand together as equals. Our similarities as Pagans far outweigh our differences.

This creed is intended to serve as a basic statement Correllian belief. It is open enough to allow for individual expression as described in the Rede.

It should serve as a good starting place for what we DO believe. Let's examine each statement in a bit more detail and discuss how they apply in our lives and in our ministries.

Deity – we can see that we ARE following the will of the Divine in our very life. I believe that it IS ultimately for the good.

EIGHT

This statement of Divine Providence also points us to a discussion of "Harm None..." that will come later in these lessons.

We believe that as humans we have many levels to our being. These include the physical, emotional, and mental levels as well as the astral and soul levels.

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competition. Harm None calls us to have a conscious approach to our actions. It calls us consider the full ramifications of our actions beyond our personal goals.

THIRTEEN

We believe that ultimate truth is beyond the understanding of humans. Therefore, it is natural for a person's belief and Deity should develop to reflect the individual's personal relationship with the Divine.

This statement is about growth and change. It goes to the idea that what I thought as a person of 35 years old when I came into Wicca is very different than what I feel and how my relationship works with the Divine, now, 15 years later. So, as a person who has been through 15 more years of life experience, and all the initiations that go with this –

These two statements reflect our Correllian concepts of our place within the Universe. They are some pretty powerful statements right there. As discussed above, we do carry within us a piece of the Divine within us. Because of this Spark, we share that Divine nature. We say all the time that we are witches, we are empowered, we create our own reality. These statements go straight to that concept. We really do create our own reality.

As we talk about the powers of the soul and how we create our own reality; we must also realize that we are also the canvas on which we create. True magick is accomplished by living as if what we want to achieve and the energy that we are putting out is occurring right now and has already occurred.

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This is true, not just among fellow Wiccans or Pagans, but among ALL religions.

SIX

If we truly believe these first two statements, we cannot continue the Christian-bashing, or the Muslim-bashing, or any other kind of "bashing." If we truly accept that all forms of Deity are equally valid, then we MUST set aside our prejudices and face all religions with equal respect. Only then, can we expect the others to respect us. We should lead by example.

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This statement, I admit, sounds a lot like the presumably mindless response to bad things happening

because it shows that we are growing and learning and experiencing life

FIFTEEN

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The final two statements return us to the beginning. We again state concepts of peace tolerance, and unity. The final statement uses the words "We believe that all Pagan religions should acknowledge one another as kindred and stand together as equals. Our similarities as Pagans far outweigh our differences." We will take this a step further and suggest that ALL RELIGIONS should be seen as equal. And we should treat them

these components is equally living and spiritually sentient and as such all systems and creatures on Earth are components.

ELEVEN

We believe that everything is in a state of constant and ultimately beneficial growth and evolution. This growth and evolution occurs to all of existence, be it the soul, the planet, or the Universe, all being a mirror of Divinity, which evolves and grows as well.

These statements defines our basic cosmology that ALL things are sentient and worthy of respect. They also reinforce the concept that we are each a microcosm of Earth; which is a microcosm of the Milky Way; which is a microcosm of the Universe; which is ultimately a microcosm of Deity. In a