

# **THE EIGHT CORE PRINCIPLES**

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- 1. The teaching of Jesus is our central reference point.**
- 2. We need a contemplative mind in order to do compassionate action.**
- 3. The best criticism of the bad is the practice of the better. Oppositional energy only creates more of the same.**
- 4. Practical truth is more likely found at the bottom and the edges than at the top or the center of most groups, institutions, and cultures.**
- 5. We will support true authority, the ability to “author” life in others, regardless of the group.**
- 6. Life is about discovering the right questions more than having the right answers.**
- 7. True religion leads us to an experience of our True Self and undermines my false self.**
- 8. We do not think ourselves into a new way of living, but we live ourselves into a new way of thinking.**

By sipping these principles slowly, each morning, you may awaken to the knowledge that the Divine seed is waiting deep within your cells, and within the cells of all that lives. You might set an intention to climb the mountain before you with a guide who will not tell you what you want to hear, but what you need to know in order to bring your experience in life closer to the fullness that is meant to be yours.

- Paul D’Arcy, author and speaker