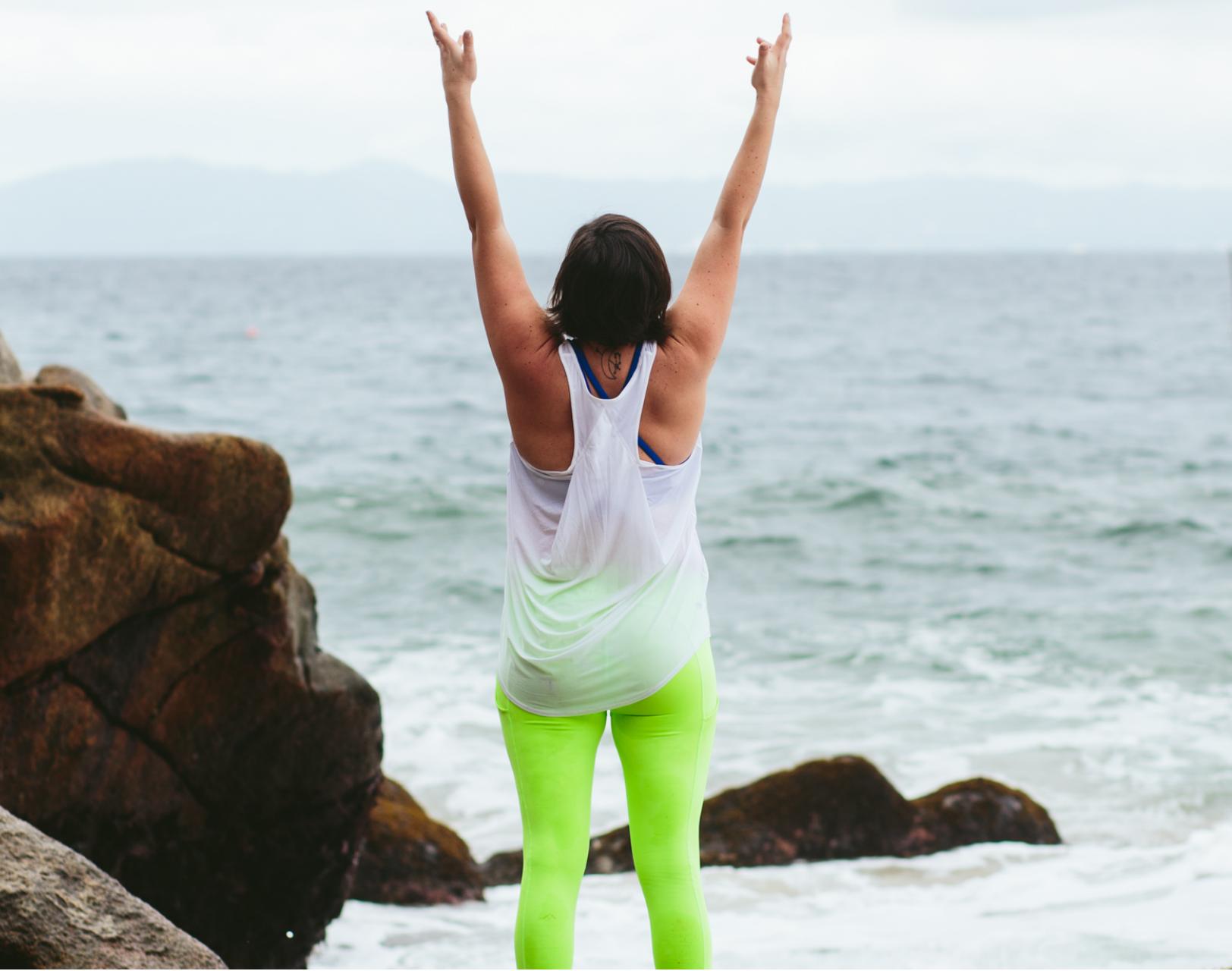


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Welcome to the pages of this document.

It's a pleasure, as always, to be able to find you in these pages and to be able to offer an external reflection of the inner knowing of Soul that's bubbling up within so many in this collective time.

Before laying any surrounding context, as we typically do, we want to start this document with a very simple teaching:

**Peace is the greatest gift you have to offer the world.**

More often than not, we share a slightly different message: your purest and truest soul essence is the greatest gift you have to offer.

You may have explored some of this context before, with us or within your own internal landscape.

It's a message that speaks to the power of Soul and reprioritizes the personal expression of your essence over many of the other external metrics of success or impact.

If you want to truly make a difference, become yourself.

But here, for the sake of highlighting an even clearer path forward, we want to begin this teaching elsewhere—*Peace* is the greatest gift you have to offer the world.

The advice to be yourself in the world is already echoed so frequently in every major space of personal and spiritual development that without further discussion, what starts as a pure and clear idea can actually become something else entirely.

In its least helpful form, "be yourself" can become an excuse for belligerence, arrogance, bursts of anger, unhealthy forms of judgment, or other unideal aspects of self that exist within you.

What we've always spoken to, is not an unbridled expression of all aspects of the inner conflict within every individual on your planet today, but rather, a clear invitation to call forward the purest essence within you into your outward identity and expression.

The world is craving your soul to be expressed in physical form.

This not only moves forward the world and brings your gifts into the light of day, but it also offers permission for everyone who witnesses you in that expression to express their own unique soul's essence more freely.

But this form of pure soul expression is far easier said than done.

To do this, you must not only be willing to express your often-controversial essence in a world that regularly sidesteps Soul, but far more importantly, you must also be able to recognize the difference within your being, between what is of your essence and what's no more than an extension of your body's limited experience, trauma, or even ancestral remnants.

To express yourself, you must first find yourself.

That is the heart of this simple teaching we start with today:

Peace is the greatest gift you have to offer the world.

When you are in Peace, your core biological mechanisms are set aside.

The three base human motivations that at one time ran the show (and that you've since grown to see beyond), are taken out of the equation. Your master plan to ensure your survival, and the core desires to create a personal utopia either physically or emotionally, all suddenly find resolution:

"I'm okay, right here, right now."

And in that Self Acceptance, the later stages of soul embodiment and truth have space to be acknowledged and to ignite soul inspired actions and decisions.

So this teaching can also be said to be this:

Creating the internal space for your soul essence to run the show of your expression, through the vehicle of Peace, is the greatest gift you have to offer the world.

Why?

Because in that expression, you bring the very thing you came here to deliver to this planet in the first place—that unique essence that is you, that previous generations have quite literally prayed to someday exist on Earth.

We start here, with this core teaching, before discussing any collective pushback or any of the challenges of being yourself in the world, for a very specific reason.

When you know that the expression of your soul is the core mission for your existence here on this planet and Peace is the vehicle to that expression, there's nothing in the world that can offer any real objection to that way of being.

There is no one, no event, no crisis, no philosophy, that can offer a compelling reason to waver from your Peace and your deep commitment to embodying the next expression of your essence.

From this core foundation, we can play in all of the many cognitively compelling reasons for being and entertaining some other embodiment, and every one of those reasons will fall short.

*"Peace is the greatest gift you have to offer the world." Period.*

In this simple sentence, you not only have the trajectory and purpose of your very existence, but also the vehicle best suited to take you on that journey.

Now, from this foundation, we'll explore the rest of this teaching.

## Collective Roles

For this all to make sense in context, we have to revisit our previous teaching on Tradition, Culture, and The Cutting Edge:

Tradition is exactly what it sounds like. It's major role is to preserve the current infrastructure, governance, and any other system or way of being that's already widely adopted. The (unofficial) motto is, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" and that comes with a strong challenge to the more progressive pockets of the collective.

Still, despite the underlying mechanisms of Tradition, what this pocket of the collective stands for and "preserves," changes over time.

That's largely due to Culture. The major role of Culture is to change Tradition through a constant renegotiation of right and wrong, working and non-working.

And where does Culture get the inspiration for that change? The Cutting Edge.

From a Soul perspective, this is the "Light Delivery Mechanism" of your collective.

Soul Truth is the source of all major inspiration and progress. Without Soul, there'd be little to no change to biology or the development of your species outside of playing out and optimizing for basic survival mechanisms.

Many of the major philosophies that define your civilization are a result of what you could call "outside inspiration."

But this isn't just a process of "ghosts and angels" whispering trademark ideas to the brightest minds of an era. The implementation of Soul into a physical evolution happens more slowly, through time.

For the large majority of your history, The Cutting Edge has been the major source of Light on your planet.

New ideas, new inspiration, come through this larger network of divinity that we are all a piece of, and the most intuitively liberated pocket of your collective allow that inspiration to fundamentally change who they are and what they believe.

That inspiration slowly works its way into the larger Culture, where that truth is adapted to the systems that already exist and slowly worked into Tradition—often through grueling debates, protest, and persistent fights for revolution.

When we zoom out and see the full picture, these dynamics are clear. But on the ground floor, in the midst of that slow implementation of Light through a largely unconscious process, it's far less obvious what's truly happening.

To make matters far more complex, throughout your history, The Cutting Edge has been persecuted for the very truths that eventually move the needle forward.

The Cutting Edge was persecuted, Culture was tolerated, and Tradition was largely overlooked and ignored.

These dynamics of persecution, toleration, and disregard have shaped your world as you see it today.

For someone on The Cutting Edge, it can be easy to want to push back on persecution, or to forcefully “wake up” Culture and be acknowledged for the Light that they’ve worked so diligently to embody before any sort of societal buy-in or acknowledgement.

After all, if the world could only recognize their Light, the process of cultural adoption and the reshaping of Tradition that follows could be so much faster, couldn’t it?

Then, The Cutting Edge would finally be able to receive the admiration and praise that seems to be centuries overdue, and the world would *finally* shift.

We deeply understand that urge.

Because, yes, if the entirety of the world could suddenly acknowledge the existence of Soul and the larger network of interconnected divinity, progress would be swift.

And yes, those of you, here on The Cutting Edge, not only deserve recognition, but already have the full support and praise of countless beings of Light throughout the largest scales of reality. A desire to exist inside of a physical representation of the dynamics taking place more broadly throughout this divine landscape isn’t unjustified. Earth, for quite some time, has been a profoundly odd and uncomfortable place to exist as a soul-prioritizing being.

But for the sake of your continuing to become yourself within The Cutting Edge and continuing to play your role as such, we want to offer a clear explanation for why the world hasn’t fully accepted your expression for what it is yet, and what you can truly do about it.

To do that, we have to break some ideas that may be a bit uncomfortable to explore.

One: the persecution phase is done.

Two: the urge within you to fight the consciousness around you, is your urge to slip into Culture and no longer play a role on The Cutting Edge.

As we unpack this further, continue to breathe and remember the simple truth we’re working toward in the process:

*“Peace is the greatest gift you have to offer the world.”*

# Changing Tides

For a large bulk of your history, The Cutting Edge was persecuted, Culture was merely tolerated, and Tradition worked almost entirely under the radar.

Throughout this time, the world came together almost entirely on those base worldviews run by survival mechanisms and growing material and emotional desires. The nagging nudges of Culture were tolerated, and served as loose guardrails for intolerable injustice. But The Cutting Edge, on the other hand, largely sat dormant, rejected, and persecuted, informing Culture's guiding hand in incredibly indirect ways.

Think of the role of the stereotypical 1950's housewife, nudging her husband's decisions toward Light, using her unacknowledged and under-appreciated intuitive knowing.

Going back even further, you can see these same dynamics taking place in some of your oldest stories. Jesus, persecuted and ignored, shifted the ideologies of a growing sub-culture of spiritual seekers that shifted the trajectory of Tradition's fundamental worldview—from complete dominance and power, toward a moral ideology rooted in hopes of a better afterlife.

From The Cutting Edge, truth was watered down and modified by Culture to fit the Tradition of the era, but ultimately, progress was still made.

The dynamics at play were this:

The Cutting Edge was persecuted, finding clever ways to mask their truth and silently influence Culture.

Culture was tolerated, finding clever ways to change the trajectory of Tradition, despite the pushback and hesitance they received in return.

Tradition was largely ignored, and quietly but openly shaped the world according to those base survival and desire mechanisms, creating a system that worked incredibly well for individuals to ensure their safety, play out power dynamics, and acquire more for themselves through a gamified economy.

These dynamics, though, have largely gone out the window.

Knowing this, means being able to adapt to a new global system, now closer in physical expression to the soul's reality of this larger "Light Delivery Mechanism."

The major change in recent years?

The persecution phase is done.

This, for many, is a really hard pill to swallow. Everything in the biological experience points elsewhere.

It seems as though sharing Truth on a large scale would simply mean being subjected to ridicule or being ostracized as a pseudoscientific, ignorant, and ungrounded spiritual person.

To help reconcile this, let's explore the new dynamics at play:

Tradition is no longer operating under the radar. They're being consistently and aggressively called out by Culture.

Culture has moved into a phase of anger. No longer willing to simply be "tolerated," the push for change has amplified in both volume and frequency.

That push from Culture has brought an incredible amount of awareness to the entirety of the collective. Everything that's even slightly off in Tradition is being called out in a very public way.

Backroom negotiations making little progress have since evolved into the public shaming of anything that can be seen as remotely "wrong."

This can be seen as an attempt to motivate Tradition to move faster by using the basic biological mechanisms of shame, guilt, and the evolutionary avoidance of tribal rejection.

Culture's message is along the lines of, "Change, or else."

Still, there are relatively few paths to genuine change from within all of this new awareness. Culture, for the most part, knows what's wrong, without a clear solution for Tradition to implement.

Tradition, despite their strong desire to "preserve" what already exists, has moved into a state of rapid response to the cultural outrage.

In order to preserve any of the structures that exist today, and to avoid a complete collapse of societal structure through a massive revolution and restructuring of civilization as a whole, Tradition is now "open for suggestions."

Here's the thing.

The world is now primed for this Light Delivery Mechanism to deliver Truth.

But The Cutting Edge, having become so accustomed to working in the background, has largely continued being silent.

Internally, many Light-inspired solutions to the conflict between Culture and Tradition are bubbling up as intensely potent downloads for The Cutting Edge.

But Culture's aggression has brought up what you could see as a "biological trauma response" from the previous phase of rejection and persecution.

In other words, The Cutting Edge is scared to speak.

Why? Because without context, it seems as though the old dynamics of persecution are amplifying even further, when in actuality, the world is craving sage wisdom that it can't seem to find.

So now, we come back to the very place we started:

*"Peace is the greatest gift you have to offer the world."*

What do these changing tides mean for you, on The Cutting Edge, planted at the front end of this collective conveyer belt of Light?

It may seem as though old dynamics are still at play:

"If you're going to 'dabble in the Light,' you must protect yourself, fly under the radar, influence from a distance, polish every statement, and avoid persecution."

Now, more than ever, one might think, "Culture is going to come after me!"

But the persecution phase of your collective history is done.

What's happening is not some non-discriminatory attack against anyone with an opinion or a platform (and any bit of this needlessly destructive dynamic that does play out during the beginning of this anger phase will fall off and refine).

What's truly playing out is Culture's attempt to shake Tradition into submission—and for the most part, it's working.

Culture now has Tradition's attention, and all negotiations are back on the table. Tradition is "open for suggestions."

But Culture isn't after you.

Culture isn't after The Cutting Edge at all. They're simply fed up and demanding change from Tradition at a far faster rate than before.

In doing this, Culture is actually creating space for you to speak your truth even more boldly and openly than what's ever been historically possible.

Now, more than ever, it's time to radiate your soul essence to the fullest possible degree.

In doing so, you further inform Culture, who uses this newfound power in their relationship with Tradition to create wide-scale change.

The persecution is done, and eager receptivity is opening up worldwide.

## Rediscovering Your Role

Earlier, we mentioned there were two ideas that would be uncomfortable to explore, but would lead to your deeper ability to use the vehicle of Peace to embody and radiate your soul's truth and essence into the world.

Here's the second one:

The urge within you to fight the consciousness around you, is your urge to slip into Culture and no longer play a role on The Cutting Edge.

This is, by far, the more challenging of the two awarenesses.

Everything in your body tells you to stay quiet, refine your truth internally first, and then quietly and indirectly inform Culture.

Essentially, "Find the path through persecution and do your work in the shadows. It's just not safe to speak up."

That biological response fires strongly, especially with all the newfound anger of Culture setting off alarms in every direction.

Still, despite all of this, your deep internal guidance says to speak up, be heard, and do your work in the world.

*"It's time. It's time. It's time."*

But how can you possibly reconcile that?

Stay quiet, and be heard. Refine your truth internally, speak up. Quietly inform culture, do your work boldly out in the open.

With these biological forces left unconsciously running in the background, this internal conflict can start to lead some down a bit of an odd path.

Here's what happens:

Cognitively, it seems as if it may simply be time to "join the fight" of Culture.

So some spiritual practitioners on The Cutting Edge of this Light Delivery Mechanism are doing just that: leaping into the thick of the discussion, and simply playing into it.

Especially in the modern world where outrage and conflict create discussion and can be a quick path to an established platform, it may seem as though the best path forward looks something like this:

Play into the outrage, build an audience, and use that audience for good later.

"If I could only get the world's attention, perhaps I could finally make a difference."

But joining the fight isn't the job of The Cutting Edge.

The main role of The Cutting Edge is to discover, refine, and embody spiritual truths that then inform Culture. It's *Culture* that changes Tradition, over time.

Now more than ever, within these new and ever-changing dynamics, the path of those on The Cutting Edge is one of genuine soul expression.

The urge to "join the fight" is to slip into Culture and no longer play a role on The Cutting Edge.

Now, let's be super clear. There's nothing wrong with Culture or Tradition.

All 3 of these roles are important for the evolution of your civilization in a grounded, practical, and non-destructive way.

The issue isn't any of the roles themselves, but that the specific role your soul is most suited for (and that most closely resembles your genuine essence) gets lost.

Done consciously, this can be an incredibly valid response to the challenges that come with pressing even further into Light and truth as The Cutting Edge: "It's been a little crazy over here, so I'm going to pause for a moment and hang with Culture for a bit."

But far more often than not, this slow slip from The Cutting Edge into Culture takes place unconsciously, where it can feel like the *only* option.

Very rapidly, one can lose sight of who they truly are and not entirely know how or why it happened.

Fortunately, there's another way forward for those on The Cutting Edge of this awakening process. Moving into the fight of Culture isn't the only way.

In its simplest form, this other path is the same simple sentence we started with:

*"Peace is the greatest gift you have to offer the world."*

But there's nuance here.

Because for someone whose soul is here as The Cutting Edge, that response to fight alongside Culture is actually a pretty sneaky biological response that encourages you to "blend in, and help in indirect ways."

Sound familiar?

There's a reason why this particular piece of this teaching is so confronting.

It hits to the core of a potent biological response to *persecution*: fear, caution, protection, playing the game, hiding intentions, blending in.

Underneath this desire to “help Culture” is a core wound of The Cutting Edge:

“If I share what I really think, really feel, really know, I won’t be heard, won’t be accepted, and may even be outright persecuted. Would that really be of any good at all? Isn’t it better to just get in there and do *something*?”

No matter how debilitating this may feel, if liberated through understanding and a conscious choice of the soul-alternative, this biological response doesn’t have to run the show.

As The Cutting Edge, it’s one of your main priorities and roles to overcome outdated bodily responses and, instead, align with genuine truth.

That truth ripples.

So here, as always, you have a choice.

Keep going? Or pause in Culture for a bit, and ride the next wave of awareness when it comes?

As odd as it may be to bring presence to these internal and collective dynamics, the truth remains:

*“Peace is the greatest gift you have to offer the world.”*

This isn’t only true in times of crisis—being a grounding rod and a beacon of hope or practical solutions.

This is true, always.

In Peace, these outdated biological mechanisms fall away.

There’s space for Soul to engage with your body, your mind, and even these old wounds—and through that interaction, you come into new awareness and embodiments.

As this awareness grows for The Cutting Edge, many will find themselves taking a step back from the fight, and into a brand new role within humanity’s story.

# A New Role for The Cutting Edge

As time progresses, The Cutting Edge find itself a new role to play in humanity's collective evolution.

In order for that awareness to land, however, there's a realization that must first arrive and land into embodiment:

*"It's not my role to respond to Culture."*

This awareness is actually highly practical in nature.

Culture's outrage isn't a request for specific actionable change from Tradition.

Culture's outrage is simply that: outrage.

Resolving the tension between Culture and Tradition requires The Cutting Edge to speak truth, plainly and simply, without getting overly involved in the debate itself.

In this calibration comes a deeper recognition and acceptance of this new role:

We, The Cutting Edge, are here to embody the truth of what's possible by connecting to the divinity that we all innately are and have access to.

By prioritizing this so highly, I recognize that I'm not here to also physically create the change itself or to preserve the reality once it's in place.

I trust that these roles that were never mine to begin with will be taken care of as we collectively awaken to our true nature—as Culture continues to awaken and Tradition follows suit, the new roles they themselves step into begin to work harmoniously with mine.

I see the possibility for Culture to curate truth and initiate the creation of highly-sustainable systems for our collective growth and sustenance.

And I see the possibility for Tradition to preserve these highly-aligned systems in the same way they preserve the systems of today.

So despite the pushback I may feel from my internal fears and the external pressures to be and do something else, I acknowledge my role and what my role isn't, and I become everything I'm here to be.

This is a call to a new way of being.

Despite the chaos, Culture and Tradition are exactly where they're meant to be, playing the exact roles they're here to play.

What's missing isn't a "collective wake up call," but a need for this new role in collective leadership that's yet to be filled.

So, yes, we understand the desire to help.

And we understand the desire for the world to simply acknowledge you for all the work you've done, silently and in the background, to help shape the course of humanity.

We understand the immense challenge that comes with the highly convincing narrative that even as persecution subsides, it still isn't fully safe for you to embody your Light and essence in this world.

And yet, despite all of this, we ask you to reconsider.

What if the greatest gift you could possibly share with the world were also the most natural extension of your being?

# Settle into Peace

As we circle back to the core of this message, we want to help clarify what we mean by this:

*“Peace is the greatest gift you have to offer the world.”*

This message is not one of pacifism or of disengagement.

Being engaged with the world is a vital piece of playing any role, let alone this one. It requires a level of outward expression and connectedness.

While it’s easy to find peace in isolation, unplugged from the frenzy of the daily news cycle or social media, separating yourself from the rest of the world can only really create Peace for yourself.

Because Peace is a vehicle for the larger mission of embodying and expressing your soul’s essence into your physical reality and circumstances, the isolated spiritual seeker can only stay alone for so long, before the very call that led them inward also leads them back outward.

No, when we say Peace is the greatest gift you have to offer the world, we mean finding that space of Peace within your circumstances, *while* engaged with the world around you.

To play this new role of The Cutting Edge in the modern world requires finding a substantial amount of inner clarity, even in the midst of the Culture and Tradition of today.

Can you find your peace, regardless of what’s happening in the world around you?

This isn’t an escape, but a foundation laid for clarity, in any circumstance.

Of course, this is far easier said than done.

So rather than leave you with a vague understanding of Peace as the vehicle to personal soul embodiment, we want to help make this path very clear.

First, and foremost, allow yourself to be incredibly honest with the role you’re here to play.

For some, being in Culture and bringing as much awareness and truth to the discussion as possible is the clearest path forward right now. It’s okay to own that and play full out in that expression.

For others, this specific role we’ve been speaking to has been calling you toward it far before you started reading this document.

If that’s the case, let’s explore what it looks like to settle into Peace.

## One: Disconnect from the Collective

Using the understanding and tools from *A Guide for Empaths*, call in your Oversoul, unplug from the collective energetic and settle into your own essence.

When you unplug from the larger collective energetic, your intuitive access is hundreds of times more dialed and true to your genuine expression.

Where the collective thoughts and emotions were clouding your ability to sort between your own fears and truth, you're now left with space to do just that.

## Two: Let Your Own Truth Sort

This is where Peace really starts coming into play.

Scan your internal world for the calm, steady feeling of "I'm okay exactly where I am right now," find and breathe into that internal pocket of Peace, and just sit in it.

As you let your awareness settle into Peace, all of the cognitive plans for how to remedy your internal fears start to take a back seat.

No matter how spiritually evolved you may be, your body is always going to be uncomfortable beyond a certain level of uncertainty. To the body, it feels like certain doom that needs to be prepared for:

"I don't have enough money, so I have to do A, B, and C in the next \_\_\_\_ (amount of time), or things are going to go really, really badly."

When the body sees even a chance that things will go badly, it tries to do its best to make a plan and prepare for the worst.

This "preparation" is where the body so often hijacks soul truth.

When this happens, there's a loss of trust in an uncertain future that leads to actions taken outside of what's genuinely here for you as the soul.

Your body grabs hold of the steering wheel of your life, and you move away from what you're here to create as a soul, into a chain of decisions built around bodily misconceptions.

But in Peace, this entire process gets sidestepped.

When you take a moment, breathe, disconnect from the collective, and find that internal space of Peace, you know that the truths you're being with internally aren't directly stemming from that bodily fear. It tends to sound something like this:

"Okay, phew. Ultimately, I know I'm going to be just fine. What's actually here is \_\_\_\_."

### **Three: When You Find Clarity in Peace, Do That Thing.**

This is almost laughably simple, but in practice, it's not always obvious or easy.

You're quite literally facing "certain doom" and trusting your soul's truth anyway. That takes, not only a great amount of trust, but also a great amount of courage.

Fortunately, when you do find Peace, and navigate your circumstances from that deeper knowing within you, you gain something invaluable: experience.

Your body learns through experience—and, really, only through experience.

So when you're able to experience internal certain doom, followed by actions taken from a space of Peace and soul truth, and you *don't* die...

Your body learns that it can trust your soul that much more deeply.

And in that deeper layer of trust, your soul is able to run the show that much more fully.

That means more of you is getting expressed in the world.

And that also means, become a walking, breathing example of the legitimacy of Soul.

People around you who hear your story and watch you walk your talk, find it that much easier to trust their own inner guidance too.

Your embodiment ripples.

# Wrapping Up

Here's the point.

No matter what your body may tell you needs to happen to ensure your safety or success, and no matter what the collective may be stirred up about at any given point, there's always Truth to be found in Peace.

That knowing is right at the edge of the collective awareness, but, for most, it's not quite in reach.

As you find it within yourself to settle into that Peace and learn to live from your deepest and truest knowing, you gain access to a whole new world of divine possibility.

The novel ideas and inspiration show up for you.

Your circumstances continue to become more and more of a reflection of what you're really here to do and be in the world, your life grows far smoother, and a long-term soul perspective begins to settle into your awareness.

There, Peace is no longer a retreat from a baseline of bodily panic.

Panic becomes a momentary wave in your consistent baseline of Peace.

This embodiment of Peace as a baseline of your being is that "New Role for The Cutting Edge." It's leadership, and it's a soul mission being rapidly fulfilled.

But even just on a personal level, it's a far more comfortable space to live than perhaps any other collective role available right now.

Peace is the greatest gift you can give to the world.

It's also the greatest gift you can give to yourself.

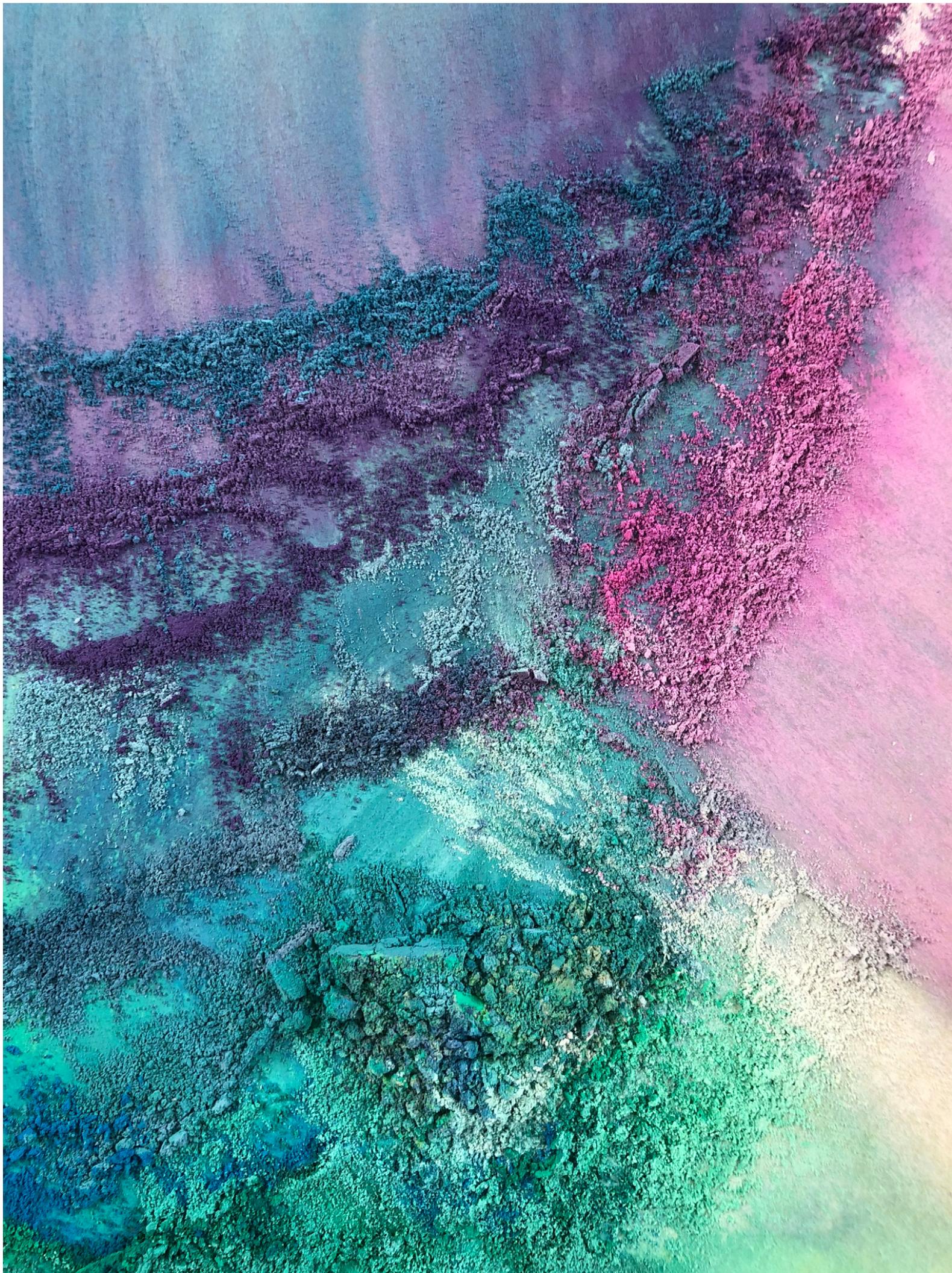
You know something is Light, pure, and potent when it shows up in such an obvious win-win.

So if you've found yourself recoiling at the deep internal call to share your truth and turn up the volume on your soul's expression, let this message in its entirety be a reminder of just how positive and relieving this new role actually gets to be.

Remember, the phase of persecution is over.

The endless cultural frenzy is not yours to respond to—only to inform through the liberation of your essence into expression.

And all that's truly here to do is to settle into Peace, follow your deep inner wisdom, and keep going.



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