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One must uncover the bedrock of being
before one can begin to build rightly.

PREAMBLE

Every civilization rests upon assumptions about the nature of reality, the purpose of life, and the meaning of humanity.

From these assumptions arise every religion, every economy, every political system, every educational institution, every technology, every work of art, and every culture.

If our first assumptions are false, the structures erected upon them will eventually fracture, no matter how magnificent they appear.

This work begins where every lasting civilization must begin:

Not with government. Not with economics.

Not with education or morality.

But with Reality Itself.

For the greatest structures must be built upon permanent foundations.

The purpose of these principles is not to prescribe dogma, but to articulate the first principles from which a civilization devoted to the flourishing of life may continually grow, adapt, and renew itself.

It is not a finished system.

It is a living foundation.

ARTICLE I

Reality

Reality is one.

Every distinction is real in relation, but not in absolute separation.

The universe is not composed of fundamentally separate things, but of endlessly differentiating expressions of one continuous Reality.

Every apparent division exists within an indivisible whole.

ARTICLE II

The Nature of God

God is the Eternal Conscious Source from which Nature continually gives birth to new forms of life.

Nature is the living womb through which the Infinite forever becomes the finite.

Life is the continual flowering of this eternal relationship.

Therefore every living being is a unique expression of the same underlying Reality.

To nurture the flourishing of life is therefore to participate in the continual expression of God.

ARTICLE III

The Human Being

Human beings are neither isolated egos nor independent souls.

They are unique perspectives through which Reality explores Itself.

Every person is simultaneously individual and inseparable.

Uniqueness and unity are complementary truths.

ARTICLE IV

The Purpose of Philosophy

Philosophy is the continual refinement of perception.

Its purpose is not merely to accumulate knowledge, but to cleanse the lens through which reality is seen.

Definitions are indispensable servants, but disastrous masters.

Every philosophy must remain subordinate to Reality itself.

ARTICLE V

The Purpose of Education

Education exists to cultivate whole human beings.

Its aim is not conformity.

Its aim is not productivity.

Its aim is not credentialing.

Its aim is not specialization.

Its highest purpose is to cultivate the capacity to perceive reality more clearly, participate in life more fully, and contribute more wisely to the flourishing of the whole.

But before we can become who we most essentially are, we must stop becoming what we are not. And so it is that education is less the accumulation of truth than the removal of obstruction.

ARTICLE VI

Morality

The measure of every belief, institution, technology, economy, and action is its contribution to the flourishing of life as a whole.

Morality is neither arbitrary nor tribal. It is rooted in God, and serves to guide our relationship with the divine by serving life as a whole, the totality of being born from Being. To serve total life is to serve God.

ARTICLE VII

Civilization

Every civilization should be judged according to one critical question:

Does it create and protect the conditions under which life, in all its forms, may most deeply flourish?

Civilizations exist for life. Life does not exist for civilizations.

ARTICLE VIII

Stewardship

Humanity is neither owner nor conqueror of existence.

We are participants within an unfolding whole.

The greatest expression of wisdom is stewardship.

The greatest expression of stewardship is reciprocity.

ARTICLE IX

Becoming

No constitution is complete.

No philosophy is final.

Reality forever exceeds its descriptions.

Therefore every generation bears the responsibility to return continually to first principles, refining its understanding without abandoning the pursuit of truth.

Growth is spiral, not circular.

Wisdom deepens through continual return.

CLOSING AFFIRMATION

We are not separate beings struggling to coexist.

We are one Reality learning to live consciously through innumerable forms.

May every institution we build,

every child we educate,

every economy we create,

every technology we invent,

every community we nurture,

and every life we live

deepen the flourishing of Life as a Whole.