

# The Temple of Inanna's Principles Of The Ishtarite

## All Life Is Sacred.

Taking a life must always be the last resort, and defending life must always be the highest priority. In all cases where there is another course of action besides taking life, waging war, or using violence, it is unjust to take life, wage war, or use violence. Life and Bodily Autonomy of the newly born infant begins when it draws its first breath after the umbilical cord is severed. Inanna decrees that all life is worthy of protection. And so, **Inanna decrees that we must live life to the fullest and defend life fervently.**

## All Love Is Love, And All Love Is Sacred.

Love is defined as "appreciation and good will felt and acted out towards someone in a manner which honors and respects that person as they are, for whom that person truly is, as defined by that person themselves". All humans are worthy of love, and love is the highest expression of Ishtaric piety and reverence. **Inanna decrees that love takes many forms and that all are valid and sacred.**

## Bodily Autonomy Is Inviolable And Deserved By All.

Without Bodily Autonomy there can be no Freedom, no Respect, and no Dignity. The individual must have inviolable and final say over their own body in all matters. To this end, pregnancy must be consensual, and abortion is an inalienable right for all who have a uterus. In order for our lives to be our own, our bodies must be our own from the beginning of life. Secular elective surgery must never be performed without consent, and must never be denied to those who have given consent.

**Inanna decrees that all individuals are to be free of external control over their bodies.**

## Gender Must Be Free, And All Genders Are Sacred.

Gender is an innate expression of selfhood, and is thus wholly a matter of Bodily Autonomy. Freedom of Gender Identity is an inalienable right, inclusive of chosen Gender Expression and performed Gender Roles. In accordance with this, Gender Transition and Sex Change are inviolable Human Rights. In ca. 2250BC Enheduanna wrote: "To turn a man into a woman and a woman into a man are yours, Inanna", making Inanna's will known forevermore. She went on to tell of Pilipili, a transgender man who Inanna transformed into a man and then enforced societal acceptance of his gender identity, revealing how Inanna decrees that we all must live authentically as who we truly are. Thus, Gender Transition and Sex Change are acts of Religious Expression. To violate, obstruct, or deny Gender Transition or Sex Change is to not only violate one's Freedom of Religion, but also to violate their Human Rights. **Inanna decrees that Gender Identity is to be freely explored, and Gender Transition and Sex Change are to be celebrated and respected. These Goddess-given rights must not be repressed, restricted, or denied.**

## **Sexuality Is Sacred, And Consent Is Mandatory.**

Expressions of Sexuality and Sexual Interactions between consenting adults are sacred expressions of Love and celebrations of each participating person's Gender Identity. Consent must always be freely given and continuous, as it may be revoked at any time, and sexual interaction must never take place without consent, or else Bodily Autonomy is violated. All variations of Sexuality are sacred, including the absence of sexual attraction or desire, or the absence of romantic attraction or desire. Embracing your Sexuality honors yourself and Inanna. Every consensual sexual act is an offering given to Inanna through her first Temples; the bodies of her worshipers. To violate consent is to desecrate Inanna's Temples. **Inanna decrees that Sex and Sexuality are to be celebrated, not admonished or restricted.**

Sexwork is honorable work, and the unnecessary criminalization of this noble ancient profession puts sexworkers in physical, mental, and emotional danger. Inanna has always been associated with sex, including sexwork, so to criminalize sexworkers impedes upon her will.

## **Justice Must Be Restorative, Not Punitive.**

The essence of Justice is to free the oppressed, protect the vulnerable, disarm the malicious, and make right what has gone wrong. There can be no Justice if wrongs are not righted. Justice requires reparations, not punishments. We seek a world that is Just, where wrongdoing is met with accountability, but never with cruelty. Justice must be pursued with compassion, not vengeance; with truth, not assumption; with wisdom, not blind doctrine; with fairness, not disparity. Justice must inspire confidence, not fear. Injustice thrives with both unchecked harms and unchecked accusations — we reject both. True Justice transforms, restores, and upholds the dignity of all. The victim does not owe forgiveness, but the culprit owes them restorative reparations. Once the wrong has been righted, society must forgive the culprit. Punishment should only be doled out when reparations are utterly impossible. Laws are not automatically Just. We are obligated to speak out against Injustice that is codified into law, and to work to change those laws to the best of our ability. A society is only as Just as its laws, so our quest for Justice inherently requires perpetual reform of the legal system.

**Inanna decrees that all victims deserve Justice and all wrongs demand righting.**

## **Humility And Pride Are Both Vitally Necessary.**

Humility and Pride are not mutually exclusive opposites. Pride is necessary for individuality to flourish and be celebrated, and vital for the well being of the individual. When tempered with Humility, Pride is kept pure and the mind is kept free from delusion, toxicity, and corruption of ideology. The world benefits from Pride and Humility in equal measure. Humility is vitally necessary and universally beneficial for everyone in every situation. Ishtaric Humility allows one to see the intrinsic value, true potential of, and unique qualities of others as readily and equally as they see their own intrinsic value, their own true potential, and their own unique qualities. Ishtaric Humility gives true sight where the unbalanced ego blinds. Ishtaric Pride calls one to devote themselves to discovering their true worth through passionate self exploration and conquest of all their desires by pursuing their interests unashamedly and celebrating all that they have become as a result of their efforts. Pride in one's self expression brings unending joy, to be joyful in life one must celebrate their authentic self with Pride! Authenticity, one of Inanna's Universal Edicts, is manifested through the fully-embraced application of Ishtaric Pride and Ishtaric Humility. **Inanna decrees that Humility and Pride are to be the tools, and Authenticity is to be the goal of all peoples.**