

Thoughts and questions about Eldership



What is the initiation into eldership?

Is it out of ... or into?

Speaking out. Holding the ground. A sense of perspective and over-view.

Goes right to the source - depth of wisdom.

Ability to share experiences of deep masculinity.

Represents himself in the community.

Has been through the fires of life and is tempered with experience.

Still has passion and fierceness when roused. Can summon wildness when moved.

Receiving the honours of age becomes part of the duty.

Holds the energy and sources the story.

The polished stone

The look in the eye.

Holds the traditions, the law of the culture.

Wears the mantle of age with ease and humility.

Designs the questions that open the way.

Questions the answers.

Sees eldership as part of life's eternal quest.

Mentors with compassion and humility and respect.

Honours, validates and recognises.

Maintains compassion and respect in relationship.

Sees the paradox and dances with the shadow.

Is timeless in archetype and paradigm.

Is at peace with the turbulence of self and soul.

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The search.

The fragility of the journey

An ongoing conversation

The ordeal of the Father Atonement - letting it in.

Daring to ask for what you want.

Daring to ask for acknowledgment for the little things.

Asking permission for a relationship

“We have not even to
risk the adventure alone,
for the heroes of all times have
gone before us; the labyrinth is
thoroughly known; we have only
to follow the thread of the hero path.
And where we have thought to find
an abomination, we shall find a
god; where we have thought to
slay another, we shall slay our-
selves; where we have thought to
be alone, we shall be with all
the world”.

Joseph Campbell
(1904 - 1987)

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