

**Jediism** is a religious school of thought based on the observance of the **Force**, an ubiquitous and divine energy that a **Jedi** (a follower of Jediism) believes to be the fundamental nature of the universe. A Jedi further believes that the Force is manifested through all life, and thusly seeks to grow a harmonious life within the Force through the Jedi Path- which finds it's roots in philosophies similar to those present in the epic space opera called "Star Wars".

## Jedi Believe

- In the Force, and in the inherent worth of all life within it.
- In the sanctity of the human person. We oppose the use of torture and cruel or unusual punishment, including the death penalty.
- In a society governed by laws grounded in reason and compassion, not in fear or prejudice.
- In a society that does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or circumstances of birth such as gender, ethnicity and national origin.
- In the ethic of reciprocity, and how moral concepts are not absolute but vary by culture, religion and over time.
- In the positive influence of spiritual growth and awareness on society.
- In the importance of freedom of conscience and self-determination within religious, political and other structures.
- In the separation of religion and government and the freedoms of speech, association and expression.

## The Three Tenets

When used correctly, the Jedi Tenets allow us to better ourselves and overcome any obstacle. They help us improve the world around us and fulfil our purpose in life as a Jedi.

Focus	<b>Focus</b> is the art of pruning the irrelevant and pouring the best of your mind into what you are doing.
Knowledge	<b>Knowledge</b> can be acquired by focusing on the task at hand.
Wisdom	<b>Wisdom</b> is the sound application of accrued knowledge and experience through patient, good judgment.

## The Code

The Jedi Code comes in two versions which are different ways of understanding the same teaching.

Emotion, yet Peace,	There is no Emotion, there is Peace.
Ignorance, yet Knowledge,	There is no Ignorance, there is Knowledge.
Passion, yet Serenity,	There is no Passion, there is Serenity.
Chaos, yet Harmony,	There is no Chaos, there is Harmony.
Death, yet the Force.	There is no Death, there is the Force.
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## The Creed

I am a Jedi, an instrument of peace;  
Where there is hatred I shall bring love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
I am a Jedi.  
I shall never seek so much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
The Force is with me always, for I am a Jedi.

*Creed adopted from the **Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**, author unknown, 1915.*

# The Principles of Jediism

- 1) A Jedi seeks to better understand the ways of the Force in order to gain balance and to know their place within it.
- 2) A Jedi senses an intimate connection with the world, and seek to honor and protect life. As such a Jedi may serve in many ways-facing dualistic adversity for the protection of peace, love and unity without fear and prejudice- believing micro actions may have macro effects.
- 3) A Jedi understands the difference between courage and recklessness and doesn't engage in battles that cannot be won.
- 4) A Jedi does not let personal interest or bias determine justice. They know that Justice is a double-edged sword, one which protects a party, yet passes judgment upon another according to a set of values. They tolerate what is not Jedi, and only pass judgment against that which inflicts harm upon another being.
- 5) A Jedi trains with the commitment to act with a conscientious state of calmness. They recognize the influence of the Past, the possibilities of the Future, but live in the Now.
- 6) A Jedi seeks self-honesty, seeking the inner workings of their motives. They are mindful of their thoughts, limitations, and ego.
- 7) A Jedi takes responsibility for their failures, working to overcome them as each one is discovered.
- 8) A Jedi values the critical observations of others which reveal weaknesses they have hidden from their own view.
- 9) A Jedi approaches all situations with objectivity, recognizing that the truth can only be revealed when they have all the information available.
- 10) A Jedi seeks mental clarity, focus, and concentration unencumbered by emotions and physical states choosing to avoid mean, petty, or pointless disputes.
- 11) A Jedi bears the responsibility of integrity to the Jedi Path at all times, knowing that hypocrisy is their worst enemy.
- 12) A Jedi understands the difference between assertive and aggressive behavior and uses each only as necessary.
- 13) A Jedi recognizes the value of inaction is equal to that of action, knowing that some of the greatest lessons are self-taught. They must weigh the consequences of their intervention and recognize when it is and isn't required, never walking blindly into a conflict. \*\*\*
- 14) A Jedi is wary of attachments, both material and personal, recognizing that such lead to emotional entrapment.

15) A Jedi's primary strength and weapon is the balance between their physical, mental, and spiritual aspects which are interconnected and individually perfected.

16) A Jedi seeks to acquire and use skills and expertise to be used for the greater good.

17) A Jedi Meditates regularly, to improve mental focus, clarity, and calm passions, allowing one to see the beauty in one's surroundings and circumstances.

18) A Jedi increases their capacity for positive actions with love and compassion by cultivating empathy.

19) A Jedi seeks to improve through education and training. They know that by pursuing the betterment of their skills they increase their power to act, and thus their influence, reach and impact on the world. They are committed to using this power in a responsible manner, ensuring they do not trample upon the rights of others.