

# Discovery

Chalice Reflection

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Discovery lies at the core of our life and is present on all levels and scales of our existence. Discovery is a doorway leading to new worlds, new ways of thinking, deeper understanding and expanded consciousness.

Discovery is a full time job for small children. Literally everything is new and needs to be explored. An essential ingredient for discovery comes naturally for them: presence. It's something adults often need to re-discover. At some point in our lives, growing up, we become self-conscious and a process of discovery starts to find out who we are.

Look around you and you'll see discovery happening pretty much every single day. It can be discovery of a new life by starting all over, like Maria told us in her Chalice reflection two weeks ago. Six years ago I started my new life as an immigrant, discovering and building a new existence. It can be discovery of new perspectives by looking outside the established framework. It can also be the discovery or re-discovery of our humanity. We need to have the desire and courage to discover each other's point of view when confronted by dividing, controversial issues and when we're facing challenges. Here we discover who we are, what we believe in and discover that maybe, just maybe, it's time to open some windows and let some fresh air in.

Obviously, we currently live in challenging times. Right now, we need to have the courage to discover new ways to listen and sometimes to start listening and find ways to gain new perspectives. Discovery is an opportunity for growth. We need to have the presence and courage to enter journeys for which we do not know the outcome. We have shown time and time again that we are capable of finding creative solutions. Let our uncommon sense guide to the discovery of a brave new world, where we see each other as human beings, without labels. No discoveries have ever been made by pessimistic or angry people. Opportunity is born out of optimism, courage and trust.

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