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The Jedi Circle

The Jedi Circle was created in late 2004 by Opie Macleod. It was not until August 25th 2005 that the Jedi Circle was published online at several sources. The original Jedi Circle was shared with the entire Jedi Community to discuss its validity and uses. While the majority of the Jedi Community enjoyed and agreed with the Jedi Circle, there were some concerns. These were issues of certain words, some felt that a couple of the words gave the wrong impression (such as Strength), while others felt that some words had too similar of meanings (such as awareness and observation).

The Jedi Circle was created by myself(Opie Macleod in 2004). It is based off my studying, training, and living as a Jedi since 1997 (officially, 1990 unofficially). Based upon years of trial and error, it is not made from fiction, but taken from actual life experience. When one wants to know what a Jedi does, or what a Jedi is. The Jedi Circle covers everything. Outside individual cultures and studies of course. =) It is the Foundation, the Core of the Jedi Path. Things all Jedi should live.

Also when originally released the Jedi Circle was labeled Circle of the Jedi. After the initial introduction of the Circle of the Jedi Opie Macleod performed the first revision. And at the same time renamed the text to Jedi Circle. Listed below are links to the Original and Revisions of the Jedi Circle. After that is detailed the Jedi Circle as it is accepted today. Original Circle of the Jedi. 2004-2005Revision Circle of the Jedi. 2005-2006Revision Jedi Circle. 2006-2008

The Jedi walks the circle; S/he lives the Five Practices which enforce the Five Tenets, which nurture the Five Traits, which bring the Five Truths, which counteract the Five Misconceptions.

The Five Practices; Meditation, Martial Application, Mediation, Awareness, and Self-Discipline.

The Five Tenets; Peace, Knowledge, Serenity, Harmony, the Force.

The Five Traits; Reliability, Objectivity, Humility, Patience, Wisdom.

The Five Truths; Commitment, Self-Honesty, Learning, Sacrifice, and Guidance.

The Five Misconceptions; Segregation, Religion, Complexity, Star Wars, Infallible.

Practices

Meditation: Through meditation one learns to quiet and calm the mind, to connect and feel the Force.

Martial Application: Defense, one trains their body to be as sharp as their mind. To protect oneself and others.

Mediation: Diplomacy is the first venue of the Jedi. Using the mind and tongue to handle any situation.

Awareness: Observation and being aware of any situation plays an important part in a Jedi's life.

Self-Discipline: One of the cornerstones of Jedi behavior is self-discipline. As a student progresses so do the complexity of the lessons. The Jedi student learns that self-discipline is by far one of the most important lessons of all.

Tenets

Peace: Act not from emotion, but from Peace. Jedi strive for peace within ourselves and outwardly. Acting from a clear and calm mind, from the vast peace found within the Force.

Knowledge: For a Jedi knowledge begins with the self, and works outward. We seek knowledge that we may better serve others. Though it may not relate to our Path, all Knowledge is worth having.

Serenity: More than just remaining levelheaded even in a crisis. While a Jedi acts for and from peace, serenity is a state of being. A serene mind is an objective mind.

Harmony: Moderation in all things. Excessive emotions, whether positive or negative, create an imbalance within the self. We as Jedi seek Harmony in all things. Balance is key to a Jedi's life, balance between mind, body, and spirit. Balance between technology and nature. Harmony between ourselves, the Force, and the World we live in.

The Force: A Jedi's ally and main study. The Jedi dedicate themselves to the Force, seeking to explore, experience and understand. The Force, with training, is a big part of makes a Jedi a Jedi. Through the Force we connect to the rest of the world and act accordingly.

Traits

Reliability: A Jedi is one others may turn to in a time of need. They are there for others, whether emotionally, physically, or spiritually. They offer their guidance as best they can.

Objectiveness: A Jedi is neutral, looking at a situation from all sides. Regardless of one's position, a Jedi is unbiased.

Patience: A Jedi must have patience. Not only in their training, but also in the world around them. With a little patience, many solutions will present themselves.

Wisdom: While Jedi take care of knowledge, they understand that it takes wisdom to use knowledge properly.

Humility: A Jedi is not above anyone else. A Jedi must remember that he is no better than the people she serves. Which is why you'll find Jedi helping in lowly places as well.

Truths

Commitment: A Jedi dedicates herself to the Force and the Jedi path. A Jedi knows that she is dependable through her commitment.

Self-Honesty: Jedi know that control begins with the self. Through self-honesty they gain self-knowledge, which helps in self-discipline. One cannot progress if they are not fully honest with themselves first.

Learning: Always the student. A Jedi understands that he will never be done learning.

Sacrifice: As Jedi we often have to sacrifice many things. We must give of ourselves to better help those around us and not neglect our studies.

Guidance: A Jedi is a guide, for all of humanity. A Jedi lives as an example. And offer his insights freely. And eventually returns what he has learned back to the Jedi.

Misconceptions

Segregation: Jedi have long been divided into Light, Grey, Shadow, Dark, Blue, etc. yet this is unnecessary. As a Jedi is that, a Jedi. And though our individuality may distinguish us, it does not change what we are. And if one does not follow the Jedi Way, than they are simply not a Jedi.

Religion: The Jedi, though having a faith-base, is not a religion. There is no form of worship, no doctrine for Jediism. The Jedi is a Way of Life, a Philosophy. Whether Christian, Buddhist, or whatever your religion may be you can still be a Jedi.

Complexity: The Jedi Way is really not that Complex, though it may seem it. Simply living the Circle and following the training is enough. There is already useful books out there that can easily guide one along the Jedi Path.

Star Wars: Though the Jedi are steep in the Star Wars mythos, it is not all they know. And one does not have to be a Star Wars geek or a (fictional) Jedi fanatic to become a Jedi. While Star Wars is our basis, it is not our reality.

Infallible: Jedi no matter how powerful or clever, or how many years they have been training, they are NOT infallible. There is nothing righteous or special about a Jedi, merely a person following and living their beliefs. And Jedi will fall and fail at times, but it is in picking themselves up and continuing again that matters the most. Jedi understand Failure is not the end.

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