

THE QUEST OF THE RAINBOW DRAGONS: A UU Hero's Story

Epilogue: The Rainbow Principles

RED: "The color red reminds us to respect everyone" ("Each person is important")

"We affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of all people"

ORANGE: "The color orange reminds us to offer fair and kind treatment to all people" (Be kind in all you do)

"We affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations"

YELLOW: "The color yellow reminds us to yearn to learn about ourselves, others and the big questions about life & death"

"We affirm and promote acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations."

GREEN: "The color green reminds us to grow by exploring what is right and true in life"

"We affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning"

BLUE: "The color blue reminds us to believe in our ideas and act on them"

"We affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process in our congregations and in society at large."

INDIGO: "The color indigo reminds us to insist on freedom, justice and peace for all people"

"We affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all."

VIOLET: "The color violet reminds us to value the relationship we have with the earth and all living things "

"We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

Our story...

Jared and Delia successfully completed their year long quest. They befriended seven dragons: Krasnova, the Red Dragon of love and compassion, Yantarov, the Amber Dragon of justice, Zheltizna, the Yellow Dragon of learning, Zelyonov, the Green Dragon of growth, Golubnaya, the Blue Dragon of conscience, Lazyurov, the Indigo Dragon of

peace, and Bagranka, the Violet Dragon who embodied the wild and precious earth. Finally, Jared called their mother, the Rainbow Dragon to lead them as they flew over the land, raining their rainbow values on all of the people they could find, awakening in people's hearts the longing for peace and prosperity. Compassion, justice, learning, growth, conscience, peace, and a love for the whole amazing world took root and began to blossom.

Finally, their task complete, the dragons said "My friends, we Rainbow Dragons have done as much as we can, and the time has come for us to leave this world and head away together for our next journey. But know this: every one of you who has these values in your heart also has the ability to pass them on, to your children and to everyone you meet. It is your job, now, to keep our rainbow principles alive and thriving and spreading in this world."

~~~Epilogue~~~

Jared grew up to be a teacher, and he traveled from town to town sharing all he learned on his Dragon Quest, and all he had learned in his life after he returned. He never married or had children of his own.

Delia became a famous artist. She fell in love with a musician named Laura, and they each had several children and lived together in a happy and noisy household that Jared loved to visit.

After the flight of the Rainbow Dragons, Lord Sigismund was able to make peace with all of his neighbors, and the land did, in fact, prosper. The countries were cooperating now, instead of fighting all the time, and so people and money and seeds and things never went to waste, but went for helping more people have the food and shelter they needed.

Lady Marita, the beautiful sorceress, married Lord Sigismund, and helped remind him to be wise and patient. But with the departure of the dragons, the magic had gone out of the sorcerers and sorceresses. They lived out their lives as regular people. Lady Marita, at least, was very happy with hers.

The rainbow values that were in the hearts of the people of that time have been passed down from generation to generation. They live, now, in our hearts. We are the ones who have the Rainbow Dragons' magic.

So guess whose job it is to share that magic with the people in the world who are still to scared to come out from under their beds? *Ours*. It's important work, sharing our values of compassion, justice, learning, growth, conscience, peace, and love for the earth. But it's fun work as well, and we'll keep doing it, all together, now and always.

So may it be.

The End