

СВИТОГЛЯД СУМ-у - Вартості СУМ-у GOD & UKRAINE - LIFE CREDO

The origins of CYM are based on two main credos — a belief in God and pride in our heritage and origins of our identity. For Ukrainians or people of Ukrainian origin this means an acknowledgement and acceptance of Christianity and our Ukrainian forefathers.

God created the earth and everything in it — the Universe. God of course also created Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. Ukraine is generally the place where our grandparents or great grand-parents were born. For some this is not the case as our grandparents were born elsewhere in the former Yugoslavia, or England or even Australia, but sometime back there were ancestors born in Ukraine.

Because we believe in God, we should abide by the Commandments. This basically means that we shouldn't just think about ourselves and what mum and dad might buy us next, we should think about our immediate and wider family, our friends and neighbours and generally about others.

KNOWLEDGE - SPIRITUAL STRENGTH & LIFE WEAPON

Knowledge gives us a weapon for solving all sorts of daily problems. Knowledge provides a good basis on which to build a view of the world and life philosophy. Knowledge about self is also important as it helps us to understand our behaviour and also our relationships with others. Knowledge assists us to understand the achievements of others, of other nations, including Ukraine and its people. The enemies of Ukraine over many years changed the truth about Ukraine and disseminated many lies about Ukraine and Ukrainians by revising and rewriting its history, presentation of our culture as heirs etc. We can fight this through knowledge - we need to learn about Ukraine, read about it and listen.

IDEALISTIC PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

CYM encourages spiritual values not materialistic. This means a belief in human spirit and soul and that each person also has his



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own free will to choose the course of action he will take. This type of world philosophy also says that humans are part of communities of which the most important unit is the family. In the idealistic sense nations are the highest forms of community, formed by mutual origins, culture and traditions.

LOVE OF YOUR FELLOW MAN

Loving your neighbour is one of the highest Christian values. Without this people would be like animals. Without this principle it would not be possible to have friendship, community life and nations, because there would neither be a foundation nor goodwill on which to build and develop. There would be constant fighting and fear and a primitive way of life.

We should care for our fellow man - through love, a desire to help, doing good deeds, even protecting and helping someone in need, especially our sisters and brothers, our friends in our SUM family and people beyond CYM, neighbours and school friends.

LOVE FOR UKRAINE

Ukraine is the birthplace of our ancestors - great grandparents, grandparents and maybe our fathers or mothers. Even though most of us were not born in Ukraine we can get to know about Ukraine and even feel close to it through visiting, hearing about it and learning about it. We just need to want to. No-one can force Ukraine into your heart or make it part of your identity. It's up to you!

There is no reason why we shouldn't be proud of our heritage. Yes by all means eat Ukrainian food and sing Ukrainian songs but also support Ukraine How? One of the main ways is not to just think about yourself but also about the bigger picture - about the we, that is the Ukrainian community - participate in Ukrainian mass, go to Ukrainian school, participate in choirs, folk dancing, concerts, visit old Ukrainian people. Why? To better understand ourselves.

FAITH, HAPPINESS AND OPTIMISM

The principle of faith is very important in the Christian context because in our belief in God we show that we believe that not



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everything can be merely explained by science and logic. Some things require a leap of faith. This is a great gift to have.

Your spirituality should include happiness and optimism because along with faith they provide great strength to tackle and overcome not only individual but also wider community problems.

AN UNDERSTANDING OF OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY.

Most people need other people. This is a human characteristic. This is why SUMivczi should understand why the carrying out of obligations and responsibilities in relation to God, family, other people such as our friends and even the Ukrainian community is important. We shouldn't try to pass off our obligations and responsibilities onto others through laziness or an uncaring attitude. As adults or nearly adults we shouldn't carry out our obligations because someone tells us to, but we should do it because we understand we are important in the scheme of things and someone needs to take responsibility and follow through our obligations to show our caring for our fellow man.



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