

Instructions for Virtual Queer Ancestry Ritual

Queer Element of the Earth:

Your group represents the basic queer energy that bubbles up in so many species on earth, and in every human culture throughout time. Even if all life on earth were wiped out, it is likely that any new life that forms would continue to manifest queerness.

An element is defined as “a basic substance which cannot be broken down into simpler parts”. Another way to think of the elements is “the essential ingredients that make up our world.” The four elements in the Greek understanding include earth, water, air, and fire. Chinese philosophers also included wood and metal.

Take 1 or 2 minutes, in silence (perhaps lying down, or with eyes closed), to contemplate the following questions:

- What would it mean to include queerness as an element?
- Is queerness destructible?
- In what ways, in the natural world, does the queer element arise?

Then, spend 1 or 2 minutes for each person to share their thoughts/feelings. It can turn into a free-form discussion, or if you wish you can go back to silence and contemplation.

During the ritual, you will embody the queer element of the earth, and to give it a voice. What wisdom do you hold that you would want to share with all of humanity?