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The Principles are ways to achieve goals when working with other cultures. Chief Tony Alexis is the founder of the 10 Principles. He developed them to help people achieve positive results and to create a stronger understanding and respect among cultures.

Every community has its own cultural protocols. When you become a visitor or host, there are best practices you should use.

Broken trust, failed business, misunderstanding and poor outcomes may occur if relationships and encounters are handled improperly.

The Alexis Principles create a common ground among different cultures.

“Sacred Place” is one of these principles. For example, the body, home, a table at a restaurant, a holy place, a forest, school, etc.

No matter where you are in the world, it is a place which is sacred to someone in some capacity. Daily we enter and leave sacred places. Sacred places matter because it is how we show we honour certain relationships.

• Pay attention to protocol in sacred places
• Provide visitors with clear guidelines on behaviour when in sacred places
• Build mutual understanding of protocols.