

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Santos & The Crystal Visions

Healing • Education • Transformation • Spirituality • Community

**“The heavens are our passion. Helping people is our promise.
Healing is our offering.”**

Founded by Danny Santos

Adopted by the Board of Directors

This Statement complements the Church Handbook, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws of Santos & The Crystal Visions. Where a conflict exists, the governing documents and applicable law control.

Preamble

Santos & The Crystal Visions is a spiritual community devoted to healing, education, self-discovery, and transformation. This Statement of Faith sets forth the core spiritual beliefs that animate our ministry. It is offered not as a fixed doctrine to be imposed, but as an honest account of the convictions that ground our teaching, our ceremony, and our life together as a community.

We hold these beliefs with humility. We do not believe that any single spiritual path holds a monopoly on truth, and we hold our own convictions the same way we ask others to hold theirs: with openness, self-examination, and a willingness to keep learning.

I. The Divine Nature of Every Person

1. We believe every human being carries within them a unique expression of the Divine, and that each person's path toward healing is sacred. No one's worthiness is contingent on their past, their diagnosis, their faith background, or their identity.

2. We believe you are divine, and therefore you must always be yourself. This is one of the central principles of our ministry. Authenticity does not mean acting without regard for others; it requires courage, accountability, compassion, and responsibility.

3. We believe healing begins when a person no longer has to hide who they are in order to belong. Freedom, in our understanding, begins the moment we stop abandoning ourselves.

II. The Medicine of the Cosmos

4. We believe the cosmos can teach us. The Medicine of the Cosmos — the spiritual framework at the heart of Danny Santos' teaching — unites plant-medicine shamanism and astrology into a single approach to transformation, recognizing the relationship between the human experience and the greater cosmic patterns in which we live.

5. We believe astrology is a language for self-reflection, not a tool of prediction or entertainment. The birth chart is a symbolic map through which a person may explore identity, purpose, patterns, and possibility. Astrology invites greater consciousness of how we participate in our own lives; it

does not remove personal agency.

6. We believe in Divine Timing. Life moves in seasons — for beginning, building, resting, releasing, grieving, growing, creating, and transforming. Not every season is a season of action. Sometimes the most spiritual act is to wait.

III. Sacred Plant Medicine & Indigenous Wisdom

7. We believe Ayahuasca is a sacred plant medicine, not a recreational substance. Our relationship with it is rooted in reverence, humility, respect, and responsibility, and ceremony is approached as sacred spiritual practice. Participation in Ayahuasca ceremony is never required for belonging to our community.

8. We believe Indigenous spiritual traditions deserve honor, not appropriation. Noya Rao, described within our teachings as the Shipibo Tribe's Tree of Enlightenment, holds an important place in the development of our ministry's spiritual philosophy. We approach the Shipibo tradition, and all Indigenous traditions from which we draw, with gratitude and humility, claiming no ownership over cultures, teachings, or knowledge that are not our own.

IV. Recovery, Healing & The 12 Steps, 12 Signs

9. We believe healing and recovery are possible — always, and for everyone. Our wounds do not have to define our destiny. We recognize that recovery takes many forms, including recovery from addiction, trauma, codependency, shame, religious trauma, grief, and generational wounds.

10. We believe there is no single path to healing. Some find transformation through sacred ceremony; others through astrology, recovery work, therapy, creative expression, community, or simply learning to love themselves more deeply. Our 12 Steps, 12 Signs framework — which unites the traditional Twelve Steps with the archetypes of the zodiac — offers one such path. It is complementary, not a replacement for traditional Twelve Step fellowships or licensed care.

11. We believe our wounds can become sources of wisdom, and that the goal of spiritual life is not perfection, but greater awareness.

V. Radical Inclusion & LGBTQ+ Affirmation

12. We believe LGBTQ+ people are whole, worthy, sacred, and deserving of spiritual belonging. We affirm gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, nonbinary, queer, intersex, and questioning people fully and without qualification. We do not tolerate conversion practices or any attempt to shame or spiritually invalidate a person's identity.

13. We believe there is nothing about being LGBTQ+ that requires healing or fixing. The work of healing is never about changing who someone is — it is about helping each person become more fully who they already are.

14. We believe spiritual community should be a place of belonging, not exclusion. We welcome people regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship structure, spiritual or religious background, recovery history, economic background, or ability. No one should have to hide who they are in order to participate.

VI. Personal Responsibility & Free Will

15. We believe spiritual growth requires both self-awareness and personal responsibility. Each person has the capacity — and the responsibility — to participate consciously in their own transformation. No facilitator can do another person's healing for them, and no ceremony can replace personal responsibility.

16. We believe in discernment over dogma. We do not believe any one spiritual practice is inherently superior to all others. Each person is invited to build a spiritual toolkit — which may include astrology, meditation, breathwork, prayer, tarot, journaling, Reiki, sound healing, recovery work, therapy, community, nature, and sacred ceremony — appropriate to their own journey.

VII. Consent, Safety & Sacred Community

17. We believe consent is foundational and must be freely given, informed, specific, and ongoing. This applies to physical touch, energy work, spiritual practice, photography, and every form of interaction within our community. Spiritual authority never overrides personal boundaries.

18. We believe safety is not merely the absence of danger, but the presence of trust. Every person who enters our community may reasonably expect respect, dignity, privacy, freedom from harassment and discrimination, clear boundaries, and the ability to say no, ask questions, or leave at any time.

19. We believe spiritual authority must never become spiritual domination. No leader is above accountability, and no facilitator should encourage dependency or suggest that a participant cannot heal without them.

VIII. Love as the Highest Spiritual Practice

20. We believe the greatest spiritual practice is learning how to love ourselves, love one another, and live in harmony with the sacred rhythms of life. Not perfection. Not performance. Not approval. Love.

21. We believe spiritual maturity means learning to hold both our light and our darkness with compassion, and that transformation begins the moment we become willing to see ourselves honestly.

22. We believe that everyone has the capacity to heal from their mistakes, shortcomings, defects of character, or personal challenges. With proper discernment, compassionate, and access to the right spiritual tools, everyone can improve their lives and make progress toward becoming a better person.

We believe every person deserves a safe place to heal. We believe every person deserves to be seen. We believe every person deserves to belong.

This is Santos & The Crystal Visions.

This is our medicine.

This is our community.

This is our vision.

IX. Our Sacred Text — The Ayahuasca Manifesto

Alongside our own teachings, Santos & The Crystal Visions holds the Ayahuasca Manifesto — an anonymous work first published on May 1, 2012, written in the voice of the spirit of the medicine itself — as a sacred text. We receive it as inspired guidance, not as a replacement for this Statement of Faith or as the position of any single tradition or church. We hold it in the same spirit of humility and discernment we ask of everyone who works with our teachings. The excerpts below reflect themes we recognize and honor in our own ministry.

On Sacredness Through Respect

“When spirituality is respected, it becomes sacred. Sacredness exists only in the inner space of the ones that beholds it. If neither spirituality nor respect is present, then nothing is sacred.”

— Ayahuasca Manifesto, Section 4: About Respect and My Sacred Nature

On Religiousness, Not Religion

“Religiousness, not religion, is the feeling of separation from its spiritual nature mixed with the solemn desire of blending back into it... Let me remind you that you do not need to adopt a religion to practice your core religiousness.”

— Ayahuasca Manifesto, Sections 4-5: About Respect and My Sacred Nature; About the Ayahuasca Churches

On Universal Love

“I am alive, to give with crude realism, universal love to all the Human Beings who request it from the depth of their souls.”

— Ayahuasca Manifesto, Section 1: Presentation

On Meeting Every Person Where They Are

“I can manifest within you in accordance with your limited Human concepts about divinity. I can be Buddha to the Buddhist, Allah to the Muslim, and Jesus to the Christian... I can also manifest with neutral divine properties free of any earthly image, concept or precept.”

— Ayahuasca Manifesto, Section 6: The Benefits of My Use — Experiencing the Divine Presence

On Spiritual Healing

“I clear spaces of unconscious darkness. I untangle knots in your most basic neuro-programming, even that one that impacts your entire existence and you are not even aware of... I lead you to discover your inner truth.”

— Ayahuasca Manifesto, Section 6: The Benefits of My Use — Spiritual Catalyzer

The Closing Blessing

"I have expressed the moral standard and spiritual guidance for my use. Every Human Being that receives me in harmony with these guidelines, shall be receiving my blessings, as they shall be in communion with my Spirit, with the Creator, the Tao, and the Universal Love. Amen. Ahó. Namasté."

— Ayahuasca Manifesto, Section 17: Blessings

This Statement of Faith is a living expression of our ministry's spiritual philosophy as reflected in the Santos & The Crystal Visions Church Handbook and, in the section above, in the Ayahuasca Manifesto (Anonymous, May 1, 2012), which we hold alongside our own teachings as sacred text. It is offered as a framework for reflection and community practice, and it does not replace medical, psychiatric, psychological, or legal advice. In the event of any conflict between this Statement and the organization's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or applicable law, the governing documents and law control.