

jonathan partridge — *pathways to bliss*



Pathways to Bliss

My understanding of the experience expressed by the word bliss, is the transcendent wonderment of the body and mind. A transcendence of the mundane pre-occupations of life. A dissolving of boundaries between self and other. An embodiment of wholeness and affirmation of the beauty of life.

The *pathways to bliss* is for me a life journey of searching and exploring those experiences which bring a sense of wholeness and reverence to my life. The pathways are numerous and varied, the experiences also. One pathway for me is being immersed in the natural world, exploring its richness and beauty. Another is expressing the reverence to these wonders through making art.

My endeavour of image making here, is to use the language of the image to tell a story, create a mythology, so that connections are made between the observer and the image. The attempt is for the image to point past itself to the deeper life experiences we share. I would like to unite the viewer with the majesty of the natural world and through their experience unite them with themselves and a reverence for their own bliss.

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