

Afterword

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A pilgrimage starts out as a walk and ends up as a journey deep into the soul—of oneself, of other peoples, of countries walked through. To hold in your heart that you are walking the long, arduous miles as a pilgrim is to surround yourself from the beginning with the possibility of profound transformation. This is a spiritual experience. We of the *Interfaith Pilgrimage for Peace and Life, 1995* also discovered another aspect of Pilgrimage: It stays with you. It doesn't end with the last mile walked. You say goodbye to the people who have become close through the miles covered, but you don't say goodbye to the pilgrimage experience. It whispers a profound, new insight: you are a spiritual being on a human journey. This is what all the great faiths have always taught.

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Cambodians
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All Beings Are Related

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