

## All I Need to Know

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Many years ago a great wave rose up from the Eternal Sea of Life and Wisdom, and then came crashing back down again, leaving bits of foam and water droplets suspended in the air. Each little droplet carried within it all of the elements of the Sea, and one of those little droplets broke free and decided to become ... me.

I was brought forth into this world knowing everything and nothing. But I did know how to scream! And so I screamed and raged at having been taken from my home. And I already knew how to suckle. So the first thing I learned in this new place was that there was love and warmth, and that made me feel safe, so I decided to stay awhile.

Over time I learned and grew, and by the time I was thirteen I thought I knew all there was to know, so I graciously imparted my wisdom to anyone who would listen. But then I was told to keep my peace, because I still had much to learn and a long, long way to go.

As I continued to grow and to learn, I found that I was ready to make choices, and to marry, and to bring forth a child of my own. And to him I imparted all the wisdom and knowledge that I had accumulated on my journey up to the day that he was born.

Now, as I begin to age, much of what I have learned has already been forgotten. So, once again, I know everything and nothing: I know that I don't know. But as I prepare for my journey home, back to the Eternal Sea, I know that it's still there waiting for me. And, as it was in the beginning, in the end, that's all I *need* to know.