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Pilgrim’s Journey
Rites of Passage: from the finite, individual, particular, idiosyncratic to the infinite, universal and ubiquitous, and then transformed, reborn back into the finite

Pilgrimage: from the finite, differentiated hinterland to the center and *axis mundi*, and then transformed and renewed back into the finite