



*The climate for the 244,000 acre park in southwestern South Dakota known as Badlands National Park is described by the U.S. Park Service as:*

*“... variable and unpredictable with temperatures ranging from -40 F to 116 F.  
The summers are hot and dry with occasional violent thunderstorms....  
Extremely high winds are common year-round.  
Sudden and dramatic weather changes are common.”*



# Badlands Storm

supports truth in negotiations & the honoring of our commitments

This essence was made during an exuberant thunderstorm  
in the middle of an area in South Dakota called the Badlands.  
The amazing colors and forms of the Earth here  
were intensified  
by electric energy  
and the effervescent effect of wind, rain, lightening, landform and human prayer.



We had come across the fertile and lush landscapes  
of Wisconsin and Minnesota  
into the flat and expansive prairie.  
And now irrigated cornfields end,  
and the earth is visible in shades of tan, ochre, and amber  
as if a Midwestern autumn had painted the soil with its fallen leaves.  
The land here is carved into canyons  
and rises into deeply etched towers  
that emanate the presence of Spirit Gardens,  
that hold truth as a bare and clear foundation for all life.



Our travels so far had been blessed with clear and sunny skies,  
and this day had turned hot as we came into the deserts of South Dakota.  
As we got out of our van at the first canyons of the Badlands,  
and the children raced to climbs,  
our prayers with the land began.  
The first words of the prayer were met  
by the greeting of a fresh and surprisingly cool breeze.  
Then as the prayer continued and we ventured further into the park,  
large billowing clouds could be seen across the western horizon.  
Cool air provided a cleansing to the aura of the bare land,  
the thunder an intonation,  
the purple lightening electrification with then-heavy rainfall ionization.  
How powerful to speak with these lands in this storm.  
What an exuberant welcome to human prayer.  
All the “Bad” has been washed away.  
There is only Truth and Love and amazing Beauty  
in form that is the Earth.



This essence is a truth serum,  
as it supports the emergence of the truth in all situations.  
Made during a thunderstorm in the Badlands,



it releases the years of tension that have built up  
around unhonored confidences and broken treaties.  
Thunderstorms are symbolic of cleansing and renewal.  
The land here has many crevices and hiding places.  
In order for us to live in the Light  
we must cleanse our deepest crags  
and allow truth to penetrate into our wastelands.



This essence supports us  
in honoring the truth of our form  
and the truth we create in our words and our contracts.  
It is an excellent essence to support truth in negotiation  
with our families, our businesses, or the corporate world.  
I would encourage peacemakers  
to take this essence out and gift it to your planetary mission work.  
How beautiful that this land of broken treaties,  
this mislabeled garden,  
offers us this essence to purify our words and commitments  
and redirect us to a path of honor and truth.

