

WE ARE AT A POINT WHERE WE MUST ACT TO SAVE THE EARTH FOR ALL CULTURES

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SURVIVAL IS NOW THE ISSUE

WORDS FROM COMMUNIQUE #12 FROM THE TRADITIONAL ELDER AND YOUTH CIRCLE

Traditional Instructions from the Elders:

SHARING NATIVE PHILOSOPHY

Some important aspects of our ways can be shared

All peoples are part of the Creation, and have common rights and responsibilities toward Mother Earth.

There are some important aspects of our ways which can be shared with those interested in understanding traditional knowledge and philosophy.

Respect the fact that some ceremonial knowledge is sacred and private

It is important to respect the fact that some ceremonial knowledge is sacred and private, meant only for the medicine societies that are responsible for those particular functions.

All people are beneficiaries of these ceremonies.

It is a great offense to exploit sacred knowledge.

Proper performance and participation is the duty of designated traditional religious leaders.

Many of these ceremonies are site-specific in their respective indigenous nations.

Sharing principles of life and relationships to the natural world

Aspects of Native philosophy that can be shared include principles of life and relationships to the natural world.

We are one with the continual process of Creation.

People are equal partners with the plants and animals, not their masters who exploit them.

The 4 colors of people need to better understand our relationship to Mother Earth to assure our survival

Today the four colors of the family of people – red, white, black and yellow – need to better understand our relationship to Mother Earth in order to assure the survival of people, plants and animals.

There are many commonalities inherent to our survival.

By sharing our philosophy we can promote harmony and balance - to ensure a future for our children and our children's children.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL ETHIC, BASED ON TRADITION

The Earth is our Spiritual Mother

Today we are faced with a serious challenge to restore world environmental harmony.

We realize that the Earth is our Spiritual Mother, a living entity that maintains life, and that any threat to the environment endangers us all.

We face a crisis of life for this living planet we call Mother Earth.

Choking in our own waste

In our traditional ways we treat the Earth with the respect due the source of our spiritual and cultural well-being.

We were warned of a time when people would ignore the fundamental Natural Law, and that they would “choke in their own waste”.

Lands as living entities to be honored with ceremonies of Thanksgiving

In our traditional ways we do not view the lands as a collection of resources that require development.

Instead we view these resources as living entities to be honored with ceremonies of thanksgiving.

We are now faced with a common issue of survival

We are at a point where we must act to save the Earth for all cultures.
Our prophecies have come true.
The time of warning is past.
We are now faced with a common issue of survival.

The consequences will be borne by those who rely most upon these good laws

The consequences of defying the Natural Law will be borne by those who rely most upon these good laws.
We have a responsibility to help the world understand how their political, economic and recreational decisions impact the health and welfare of the environments in which indigenous nations live.

Change greed into sharing; material wealth into spiritual well-being and individual enterprise into collective will

The Natural Law is absolute. It can be swift and cruel if not respected. People can make a difference,
We must ensure that all cultures, all nations, and all peoples begin immediately to protect the vanishing bounty of Mother Earth.
We have to change greed into sharing; material wealth into spiritual well-being, and individual enterprise into collective will to assure that there will be a clean and safe home for future generations.

We need "Peace between humans and the environment"

We need a coalition of indigenous nations and environmental groups to work more cooperatively to save our Mother Earth.
Conciliation is the key to survival.
Peace is the goal.
Peace between humans and the environment.
This peace will allow us to respect our different cultures as well as respect the spiritual powers of the Earth and all living things.

We must ALL become caretakers of the Earth

We cannot separate ourselves from the Earth.
We cannot continue to abuse our Mother.
The future welfare of Mother Earth rests squarely in our hands.
We must ALL become caretakers of the Earth.

We need to save those Elders who cannot speak for themselves – the trees

To begin with, we need to save those Elders who cannot speak for themselves - the trees.
The redwoods are under attack.
The rainforests are being destroyed at an unbelievable rate.
The maple dies from the top down from the killing effects of acid rain.

The oxygen we need is the breath of life from our Mother Earth

The very air we breathe can now hurt us.
The oxygen we need is the breath of life from our Mother Earth.
She produces this air from the trees and the rainforests throughout the world.
“Progress” now threatens those trees that help us live.
A better understanding of our philosophy can create appreciation and a commitment for our responsibility to the life forces of Creation.

Water - The essential blood of Mother Earth must be protected

Our health is at risk.
A safe supply of water – the essential blood of Mother Earth – must be protected.
Good foods like the Three Sisters of Corn, Beans and Squash must be grown free of toxic chemicals.
Otherwise we are committing a form of suicide.
By eating food with the life taken out of it (commercially processed) we contaminate ourselves.

The survival of all children of Mother Earth depends upon our united actions

The Earth is alive and must be protected from further abuse by both individuals and multi-national corporations.

They violate the Natural Law.

It is a sacred trust that must be restored for the sake of future generations of all people.

Selfishness and greed must be halted to end the plunder of the gifts of Creation.

A unity of the principles of sharing and caring must exist in all people.

The survival of all children of Mother Earth depends upon our united actions.

Indigenous people need help from ALL cultures, religions and nations

Together we can end the Holocaust against the environment.

Mother Earth needs all of us to pay attention to the Natural Law.

Indigenous people need help from ALL cultures, religions and nations to restore the harmony of our home planet.

FOOD

Families need to raise more of their own food

One important aspect that our families need to address urgently is a change to a more healthy diet.

Diabetes and cancer are epidemic among our people.

Poisons in many modern foods, from preservatives to pesticides, can cause great harm to the body, mind and soul.

We need to return to more wholesome traditional foods that are nutritious and economical.

Families need to raise more of their own food, which if properly grown according to time tested cultural methods, will help to restore the health, strength and happiness of our families.

SACRED WORDS FROM THOMAS BANYACYA
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HOPI PROPHECIES

Whenever we have a meeting now, we must start with a prayer and end with a prayer because we are looking to other forces for help,

The Old People say:

When we are into many problems and it looks like there's no way out, there will be some good peoples, of various nations, races, religions and languages that will come together and start working together.

We are going to start recognizing each other as human beings, not recognize colors anymore.

We are all living on this Mother Earth and we are supposed to take care of her, where ever we go, no matter what language we have or what religion we are.

We are to use our abilities, to use our developments to take care of this Mother Earth.

The Old People say:

There will be trouble if we turn away from these instructions and how we will create many problems for ourselves.

In 1948, the Hopi Spiritual Leaders met to share spiritual knowledge because at that time after the “gourd full of ashes” (Atomic Bomb) was thrown on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the Hopi Spiritual Leaders knew we had entered the most difficult and serious period of our lives.

The Old People shared:

The White Brother would be taking mineral resources and would make a ‘gourd full of ashes’ and destroy many things.

If we don't stop this kind of thing (dropping bombs on other countries), we're going to end up with a 'gourd full of ashes' being thrown at us here on this land.

It's people in this time of the 4th World, if they don't correct things, then we are going to suffer terrible things.

Thomas shared that it's up to the people NOW! If leaders don't do what they're supposed to do, the people have to correct them. The people who supported them.

If the leaders neglect the people or do wrong things, become corrupt or won't admit they're wrong, then we're all going to be in a very bad situation.

If we are fighting, quarreling, disputing and neglecting the Spiritual things, pretty soon our fate will be pretty terrible.

If we don't continue our ceremonies, other forces are going to come, so we need to hold on to our culture, religion, ceremonies and our languages especially.

The Old People say:

Don't worry, eventually when people realize the wrongness of it, they're going to start looking for one another; trying to help protect this land and life; trying to find a way to survive!!!

Thomas shared that for the Hopi people, if leaders want to decide important issues, make decisions, they must meet in the Kivas. The Kivas are like a capitol in every Pueblo.

In Kivas, the high Spiritual leaders go in and pray, meditate, fast and go through special ceremonies. Sometimes they go on for an 8 or 16 day period so this land and life, everything will continue on in a natural way; so that animal, birds will multiply; so that food will be here for the people to eat; so that grass and flowers will be here and a 'good gentle rain' will come and not be destructive.

That's the life the Hopi are holding on to. That's the Law of the Great Spirit, the Law of Nature. The Great Spirit laid this path for us to follow, we must never let go of it.

Mother Earth is a very powerful Being, taking care of us so we must take care of Her in every way. This is what we were told by the Great Spirit.

In order to survive in later time, in order that this world will not be totally destroyed, Sacred Shrines were placed in the 4 directions, in the Sacred Mountains, a long time ago.

Within that area, it's not a land boundary, it's a Spiritual Area that the Hopi know about and that they must take care of in a natural way, as much as possible.

No one is to rip up the Mother Earth to take mineral resources. They are to leave the area in a natural state. You can use some, but not in a destructive way.

These Pueblos are still holding on through prayer, meditation and ceremony.

Other foreign people are going to come and we must not allow them to come to rip up Mother Earth.

WE MUST LEAVE IT IN A NATURAL STATE BECAUSE THAT MAY BE THE ONLY WAY FOR SURVIVAL OF HUMAN BEINGS, PLANTS, ANIMALS AND BIRDS. We must leave it for the Great Spirit. THIS IS THE CENTER THAT MUST BE PROTECTED.

The Old People say:

If someone comes in to try to tear up this sacred area – stress to the world and other people that this **MUST** not be permitted.

There may be many Nations that come to realize this and will form a 'human chain' around this 4 corners area so no one comes in to disturb this area or to will 'put out' those that endanger this sacred area.

Thomas shared that the Hopi are still here, holding on to their traditional form of government, self-government that existed long before any nations came here.

The Spiritual Leaders are continuing to hold on to their spiritual ways of life by which we hold on to this land and life for the Great Spirit.

Now there are interferences with our way of life like stripmining coal, right in the center of Mother Earth; ripping up our petroglyphs, shrines, Kivas and ancient areas that are here.

Then they found uranium, the most destructive thing that was ever invented by the White Brother, and thrown on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

A Hopi Elder in 1948 shared:

If you develop some powerful thing like the 'gourd full of ashes', don't throw it around other places or don't go to other countries and disturb their land and life over there.

Your mission is to take care of this land and life with a prayer, ceremony and spirituality so that this world will not be destroyed.

That's the mission of the Native people.

Sooner or later, world problems are going to be so great that the White people are going to start looking for survival.

THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE GOING TO SURVIVE IS THROUGH THE SPIRITUALITY THAT IS PROTECTING THIS LAND AND LIFE.

WHOEVER DOES THAT – MAINTAINS THE SPIRITUALITY, WILL BE THE ONES TO HELP THE HUMAN BEINGS TO SURVIVE THIS 4TH WORLD.

Thomas shared that it is time for the Native people to start coming together. Even a handful of people can start something and that out of it, world-wide things will start taking place.

It's up to the people now, to move to get their leaders to see that they correct or change things now, through writings, speaking out or through TV, to get to the people who will start doing something about these problems.

The Old People say:

We don't know what's going to happen tomorrow or the next day; it may take some kind of 'Hard Knock' to hit the Native people as well as the rest of the American people in this country to wake up to start to do something that will turn things around so we can survive.