
Indigenous People And Civilization

Indigenous people see no separation between humans and the natural world. For them, culture and nature are the same. What?rn civilization, in the natural world, is deeply rooted in the natural world that humans entered the world and that wild, untamed areas need to be conquered? r?rv?d, in?rd?n? with the view?nd b?li?f? of modern society?nd with little regard for? wh? h?v? liv?d?n th? land?nd?rv?d it for?nturi?.

Indigenous people are not wild, untamed beings. They have their cultural traditions, religious?nd practices. They are the?x?rt?, with?xt?n?iv? kn?wl?dg? about their environment,?nd h?v? d?v?l?d?d?m?l?x?r?ti? for m?n?ging and cultivating natural resources. They maintain?tr?ng,?n?i?nt ties with their land -always working with the land, not?g?in?t it. But their rights?r? m?tl? ignored,?nd their culture? misunderstood.

Our world has now come to a critical turning point. It is time to begin negotiating with indigenous people throughout the world. We need to let them into our inner?ir?l?nd to?n our hearts and our minds to their?i?l? kn?wl?dg? and wisdom. For that?r? the?n? th?t will h?l? turn our broken world?und. Though they are largely? invisible, they share the?rth with us, and are th?r?f?r?ff?t?d by our actions. Let their voices? b? h?rd. Let us sit?ui?tl? and?rt?k? of their knowing? th?t w? may?n? ?g?in liv? whole, with respect?nd care of our?rth?nd of all life forms th?t abide within it.

We are all connected in many ways. Through our relationships to the earth, to nature, our histories, memories, our culture and our personal stories. Connection of People?k? to?x?l?r? th? b?nd in all these ways. We will die?u? t?i? like organic foods?nd?nvir?nm?nt?l issues, t? deeper, metaphysical?ubj?t?. Connection of People will?ntinu?ll? add t? th??n-g?ing d?b?t? about how we?n?m?k? the?n?ti?n m?r?r?nt?nd stronger than?v?r b?f?r?.