

Nature and Peace Natur und Friede

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(abstract)

In dieser Zeit haben die Führer der Nationen dieser Welt die Macht die Zerstörung unserer Umwelt, der Mutter Natur, Einhalt zu gebieten, und noch mehr Macht um als Friedensstifter weltweit zu intervenieren. In vielen Fällen jedoch werden wir Zeuge einer weltweiten Katastrophe nach der anderen, die Tod und Zerstörung, obdachlose Kinder und weinende Witwen zurücklassen.



Window Rock serves as a focal point for the Navajo people who are widely dispersed across their vast reservation. The old and new live side by side in Window Rock — Der Window-Rock ist ein zentraler Ort für die Navajo, die weit über die riesige Reservation verstreut sind. Altes und Neues lebt Seite an Seite am Window-Rock¹

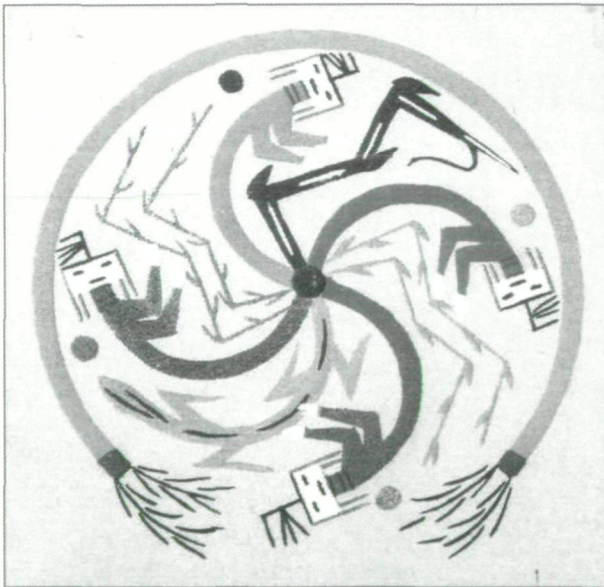
Menschen auf der ganzen Welt haben einen gemeinsamen Traum: das Bedürfnis nach Zuflucht in der Umwelt, die uns die kostbare Mutter Erde bietet. 90 % der Menschen auf diesem Planeten verbringen den Großteil ihres Lebens im urbanen Bereich, wo sie mitunter mit unbekanntem Krankheiten oder geistiger Desorientierung konfrontiert sind, die immer weniger Ärzte die einzelnen Symptome diagnostizieren können. Manche Ärzte greifen auf holistische Pflanzenmedizinen zurück, die heute noch von indianischen Medizinmännern benutzt werden. Oft genug sind in der heutigen Zeit viele Menschen in regelmäßiger Behandlung bei Psychoanalytikern und Psychiatern, die mitunter

¹ Photo: <<http://sidecanyon.com/images/winrock4.jpg>>

an den gleichen Symptomen leiden wie ihre Patienten: einem sehnsüchtigen Hunger nach den Schönheiten der Mutter Natur und nach einer positiven und friedensliebenden Welt.

Wie können wir die Situation von „Speed“ und „Stress“, die so gut wie Teil unseres täglichen Lebens geworden sind, in Griff bekommen? Es ist nicht leicht, aber nicht unmöglich. Wir können keine Frieden anbieten oder fördern, solange wir keinen Frieden in uns selbst haben. Nur wenn wir völlig bewusst die Machart von guter, ehrbarer und bewusster Weltführung verstehen, können wir hoffen die Zerstörung der Mutter Natur aufzuhalten. Unsere Kinder könnten eines Tages eine Führungsposition einnehmen. Die Zukunft hängt von ihnen ab. Es liegt an uns ihnen die Bereitschaft einzugeben, um Mutter Erde und ihre empfindliche Umwelt zu verstehen, sowie die Bedürfnisse der Mitmenschen, mit vollem Respekt für Menschen aller Hautfarben und Bekenntnisse.

At the present time, leaders of the nations of the world have the power to stop the destruction of our Mother Earth's environment, and an even greater power to intervene as peace-makers world-wide. In many cases, instead we are witnessing one world calamity after another, with one fire just starting as another one seems to go out, leaving in its wake death, destruction, and homeless children with agonized and crying widows.



A sand painting is begun on a bed of white sand on the dirt floor, Mother Earth. In the Navajo tradition the balance in the universe is restored by sand paintings and ritual performances. — Ein Sandbild beginnt mit einem weißen Sandbett auf nacktem Boden, der Mutter Erde. In der Tradition der Navajo wird das Gleichgewicht des Universums durch Sandbilder und Riten wieder hergestellt.²

² Photo: <http://www.shamanismtoday.com/objectspf.html>

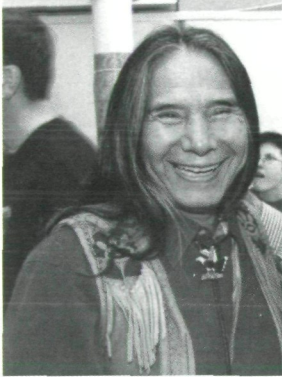
People from all over the world have one dream in common with one another: the need to seek refuge in the surroundings offered by our precious Mother Earth. Ninety percent of the humans on this planet, spend much of their time within city surroundings, that sometimes cause them to experience unknown illnesses or disorientation of the heart and mind. Many regular doctors are finding these symptoms harder and harder to diagnose. With many doctors reverting to some use of holistic herbal medicines still used today by the American Indian Medicine Man. Today, many among the world's population are becoming regular visitors to psycho-analysts and psychiatrists, who sometimes are also suffering from the same symptoms as their clients: a longing hunger for the beauty of Mother Nature and for a world of positive and loving Peace.

What chance do our children have if we do not start helping them and teaching them the values and the need for an undisturbed Mother Earth's Nature, and the importance of local, as well as world tranquility?

How do we try to manage and control the situation of 'speed' and 'stress' that is becoming so rampant that it almost seems like an ordinary part of life today? It is not easy, but not impossible. We cannot expect to offer, or promote peace for others if we do not have peace within ourselves. Only if they are truly aware of and understand the machination of good, honest, and conscientious world leadership can we ever hope to stop the destruction of our precious Mother Earth. Our children may some day grow up to be in a position of leadership. The future is up to them, and we must assure their readiness to truly understand our Mother Earth and her fragile environment, as well as to understand the needs of others and to truly have respect for peoples of all colors and creeds.

Another example is the fact that American Indians did not have books to learn from, so they had to learn to learn, with the word 'listening' being a major part of learning. Indian children learned about their culture and language by listening. They were taught the art of learning at a very young age. But despite the many differences, we all agree without question on the power and spiritual energy of Mother Earth: 'We love and have great respect for Mother Earth'. Our daily life revolves around Her, and not a day goes by that we do not give thanks to her for all she gives in order that we may survive. We have always believed that everything upon her lap is filled with life. Even the stones are alive. How long will she survive at the rate that the world is depleting her resources? One of my favorite sayings is very appropriate just about now: 'Mother Earth does not belong to us. We're but a small part of her soul'.

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He has been honoured by being chosen as one of the spiritual leaders to conduct a Blessing Ceremony at the NY United Nations and in Asia. His voice has been heard, on behalf of peace, in Washington, in front of the White House, before an audience of 1.5 million, and via Satellite television to viewers all over the world. He has lectured throughout the USA and Europe, including: Stanford University, California, the United Nations, (in NYC and Austria) and at the Labor Department in Washington, D. C.

As Ambassador for Peace, he has carried the words of the Native American Spirit to children of all ages: to young professionals, teachers, professors as well as people in the higher echelons of Government.

A plea which he makes in most of his seminars is: more communication, understanding, respect and love between fathers and mothers. For only when parents learn to plant the seed of a stronger, more positive energy, only then, will they harvest the fruits of loving, peaceful children and a spiritual family home.

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