Looking Beyond Oneself: A Tribal Perspective on Climate Change

Teach-In + 50
End the War Against the Planet

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It is An Honor to be Sharing this Space and Time
with All of You this Day
&
An Honor to be Walking on the Ancestral Lands of
the
Ojibwe (Chippewa) ~ Odawa (Ottawa) ~ Bodewadimi (Potawatomi)
“The Council of Three Fires”
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Native People Represent:

• Less than 1% of the Nation’s Population
• Own or Entrusted 10% of the Land
• On Our Lands are 20 % of all North America’s Remaining Natural Resources
• 27% of the U.S. Fresh and Clean Water
2014 Climate Change and Fish Camp at Ah Pau Search for Solutions at a Local and State Level
Tribal People have a shared belief...... of

Mitakuye’ Oyasin

“Everything is Related or We Are All Related”
Tribal People of the America’s have “evolved” in parallel to the Land and Climate…. A 26,000 Year Journey Together…. Our Languages are Descriptive of the Changes that have been Witnessed…. Our Ceremonies are Connected to the Land… and Serve as a Means of Communication and Most Critical Revitalization of Our Planet…
Tribal People Know the Health of the Land is the Health of the People ~
What You Do to Mother Earth ~ You Do To Yourself
We Are Being Challenged…. To Believe in Our Planet…. Our Home…
Tribal People were the First to Notice Changes…. 

You Must Be A Warrior and Fight for Our Home…. We Must Change!
We Must All TEACH-IN and OUT….. Give All of Our Knowledge to Ensure the Continuance of the Next and Emerging Generations…..
Sharing Traditional and Contemporary Knowledge and Understandings of Climate Change to Ensure Ways of Knowing…..
We Must Partner with Our Youth ..... To Understand Their Visions of the Future ..... To “Blow on Their Coals” and Build the Fire Within Them to Learn ..... To Teach ..... To Change the Ways We Live on Our Planet ..... Our Home .....
We Need to Nurture and Eat the Traditional Foods of the Lands in Which We Live… To Strive Again for Balance….
We Must Do All We Can to PROTECT OUR WATER ~ The Element that Connects Every Living Thing..... Nothing is More Critical or Important... WATER IS LIFE!
We Need to All Partner Together..... Accepting We are All Facing ..... Experiencing Serious Consequences.... of Poor Decisions and Actions Against Our Environments....

What is Important to Us?

What are We Willing to Do ..... to Give Up?
An Elder was Once Asked..... Will the World End?......
The Elder Replied.... The World Will Continue.....
It is Yet to be Determined if the Two-Legged will Continue to Have the Honor and Privilege of Walking on Her .....
"Looking Beyond One's Self"
“Looking Beyond Oneself”
was the first Native Image in Space and Flew on the Endeavour….
from March 2nd to March 17th, 1995….

Montileaux's Warriors move right to left. This movement is the same direction that the early warriors used to gather other warriors to defend their homeland against their enemies. Four times around the camp and then to victory. This movement resembles the strength and power of the whirlwind on the plains; gathering strength and power and removing all in its way.

Astronaut science operations and observations aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour were an integral part of two 1994 Space Radar Laboratory (SRL) missions. The crews performed three major functions in support of the radar and atmospheric pollution experiments: (a) maneuvering and pointing Endeavour to cover the hundreds of planned science targets; (b) managing the flood of science data produced by the radars, generated too rapidly for immediate downlink to Earth; and (c) documenting through visible and infrared photography the environmental state of each science site, capturing "ground truth" for comparison with the other mission data sets. Earth photography was planned specifically to enhance science return from SRL's instruments: an advanced imaging radar (SIR-C/X-SAR) and a tropospheric carbon monoxide sensor (MAPS).

The crew captured over 20,000 images of Earth, complementing the unprecedented perspectives on geology, hydrology, oceanography, ecology, and the global carbon cycle gained from SRL radar imagery and pollution measurements. This imagery constitutes a unique data set on the global environmental state during two seasonal extremes, April and October 1994, validating the title of Don's artwork "Looking Beyond One's Self".
We are in a Fight for Our Planet... for US.....I Beg You to .......
Look Beyond Yourself.... To Reach Beyond Yourself.... Toward the Stars...
To Envision a Better Way for All Our Children.... and Their Children....
and Their Children.....

"Looking Beyond One’s Self"