

Indians Appreciated Earth

I have so much appreciation for the American Indian; I had to include a chapter in this book, to let everyone know of these amazing people of a time when man and earth were as one in harmony. The American Indians respected earth like it was a family member, and never abused her.

No other in all of history, loved the land more than the American Indians, which had nothing but love, and appreciation for the land they believed to be loaned to them to use, not to sell, or even that they had the right to sell. They wasted none of all they had, and never had more than they needed. I believe when the American Indian talked, it was poetry, cause it's believed that their speaking was always in a heavenly understanding of the skies which they look to when talking of earth, to a much higher one, than them. They were earth people of the nature around them, loving all that was created for them, not knowing that one day, their way of life would change forever, with no means to escape the intrusion of the white man that would later steal their way of life away forever, to put an end to the American Indians that shaped and made this land in America some of the best farm lands, that Americans farm today. American Indians still roam America today, in places where the government sent them, to keep them out of the way, so the white man could destroy the lands that the American Indians created with care not to hurt any land, for to hand it down to their children, and so on. It's sad to think about the American Indians that loved and cared for the land for they knew it was a gift to them from a higher one, and they appreciate it.

Life is a bridge. Cross over it, but build no house on it

Indian Proverb

Listen to the voice of nature, for it holds treasures for you

Native American Proverb Huron

The earth does not belong to man. Man belongs to earth

Native American Saying

America, and the world, let's take notes, from the American Indians, to understand that our way of life on earth has been wrong, and if we don't change our greedy ways, of destroying earth, draining her of her oil, and minerals that she needs, stealing her land, building roads and monstrous projects on her, stripping her from grass, trees, and taking her life support from her. Generations to come may suffer for all our destruction of earth.

In order to change, we would have to change our way of living, which would be very hard for a spoiled bunch of Americans to do, that has lived like there's no tomorrow, and or could we?, end living like we know it today, to quit taking for granted all that we have as owed to us humans, instead of a privilege to have.

Living like the American Indians lived, would be a great start, feasible but not doable because no one would step down from a house to a tepee, We would not have to go that far, only respect the land as the American Indians did, to care for it, and to show respect for nature as the American Indians did. This may tell mother earth that we're trying to give back some of what we've robbed from her. To make any change would be a start. Find ways to not depend on her oil, to stop cutting her trees down, that gives us air to breathe, stop strip mining and destroying her beauty, stop developing her farm lands, to give back lands heavily concreted that's not in use any more, to plant trees all over everywhere and anywhere. Our down town cities need less concrete with plenty of grass islands with trees. The more we give back, the better our chances of surviving a heated up planet.

We don't have to live exactly like the Indians did, in tepees or hunt Buffalo to eat, and cook on an open fire, but only to respect and care for mother earth like the Indians did, to feel more in your heart like the Indians felt in their hearts towards mother earth, not to take her for granted, that this earth we live on is ours to do as we please, but to give her back as much as we've taken from her, only to show our appreciation of our use of her, for the small time we're on it. To hand it down to our children in the same condition as we left it, with the same feelings in our hearts towards her, and to teach our children to teach their children and so on, to respect mother earth, and never take her for granted.

*We are made from Mother Earth
And we go back to Mother Earth*

*Native American Proverb, Shenandoah
To touch the earth is to have harmony with nature
Native American Proverb, Oglala Sioux
Take only what you need and leave the land as you found it
Native American Proverb, Arapaho*

The American Indians were a special people of knowledge and wisdom, with many different tribes all over America that we all today, could use some training from, in their process of how they viewed earth and nature, how they loved and respected it, always talking about earth and nature in a way that no other has, being so in tune with earth and nature, that they lived their lives with more appreciation for the land that they were on, thinking it was loaned to them, and they did not have the right to sell any land.

I know that God loved the American Indians, but why they were removed from their land by whites, is very disturbing to me, and cruel, Why would God let this happen to them, especially them, with so much respect for earth, and never took her for granted, never treated earth in the way we whites have. I thought on this awhile and I came up

with this. God knew that the American Indians could not survive the so many whites that kept coming, and times were changing, and there wasn't as many Indians as there were whites that wanted the land that the Indians had lived on for so many years, so God let this happen for the sake of the Indians being killed off, so they would survive and live.

This is what I believe.

The American Indian ways are lost now to history, there are many memories from the Indians that are still with us, America Indians are living in different parts of America, only not living as Indians in tepees, with pride, with hearts like their ancestor braves that fought with courage to protect what was theirs against the white man and eventually lost.

*What is life? It is the little shadow which runs across
The grass and loses itself in the sunset?
Native American Proverb, Blackfoot
All plants are our brothers and sisters.
They talk to us & if we listen, we can hear them
Native American Proverb, Arapaho
We will be known forever by the tracks we leave
Native American Proverb, Dakota*

The American Indians have many stories that should be told to all people, for all to hear, and to appreciate their journey through their hardships of being forced from their homes off their land that was loaned to them by God they thought, only to have it stolen out from under them, to be degraded to a low beaten down shameless soul that was earth's friend, nature's brother, and guardians of the land they watched over.

If we could live now like the American Indians did then, after just a couple of years, earth would look great, smell better, better water, the air quality would be much better. Mother earth would show her appreciation in ways we've never seen in our lifetime.

*Not every sweet root gives birth to sweet grass
Native American Proverb, Tribe Unknown
Every animal knows more than you do
Native American Proverb, Nez Perce
Listen to the voice of nature, for it holds treasures for you
Native American Proverb, Huron
When a man moves away from nature
His heart becomes hard
Native American Proverb, Lakota Sioux
We will be known forever by the tracks we leave*

Native American Proverb, Dakota

There is a special place in my heart, reserved for the American Indians that lost so much, and will always be remembered as the most appreciative people of all times for their love and kindness towards our mother earth that had nothing but respect for nature, that was never a greedy destroyer of land, and only took what they needed, and gave back the rest. The trail of tears was very sad for the American Indians and me.

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