

The Power of Myth
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Chief Seattle of the Suquamish Nation stated, “Man belongs to the earth.”
“The earth does not belong to man.”

The Native American’s were fully aware of the need for safe ecological practices and treated the earth as their “Mother.”

The Hopi Nation believed man came from the center of the earth, thus strengthening the belief of “Mother earth” within the many cultures of the southwest nations. This concept was shared by many indigenous Native American nations. These nations respected the gifts from “Mother earth” who provided the very essence of life. They took only the bare necessities from the land while never being wasteful or abusive to their environment.

Today’s society continues to abuse and destroy the very essence of life. Not only do we pollute the environment, we continue to destroy and degrade those who would be different from the majority.

Ethnic cleansing, homelessness, unemployment, discrimination, global warming, ozone layer depletion and the green house effect are a few of today’s never ending problems. Ask yourself, “Have we really progressed the past two hundred years and what do the coming two hundred years have to offer”?

Life is but a short time, eternity is forever. If we are to explore the possibilities of life we must allow a quality life to exist on planet earth.

Every organism within the ecological system must be preserved if we are to know the value and beauty of our existence.

We must realize that the path to success lies not in individualistic pursuits and pleasures but in the realization of the importance of all organisms and creatures within the universe. As individuals we are a very small part of the universe and like the hole in a record will remain surrounded for eternity.