

## Sharing At the 2023 Gathering of Indigenous Elders Nauvoo, IL



Wisdom Circle Sharing

What magnificent opportunities we have had. And I want to speak to our peace-walker, James.\*

James, I am a mother. I am a grandmother from the Mormon tradition. There was a prophecy that spoke that, you know, not of someone walking from the west to the east gathering individuals as they walked independent of religion to take back the government that was not the leadership of the church within people of the church.

So there is so many stories that have been shared today that as a white woman from a Catholic, German, French Scandinavian background without trying, that I could expand on because of connections into the divine that I was led to. So when I saw that Susan gathering these Indigenous elders, I knew I had to be here. And I said yes, and you understand many times you said yes. And then you go like, what in the heck am I doing? Why? I am not of a tribal Indigenous background, but I knew this was the place to be.

I was given the information to share, like, read it I may need because I want to make sure I gift to you what I, as a white woman, was told to bring to the white sisters so the white sisters could share it with our sisters.

When I listened to the MAMOs yesterday, and they knew that they had a message for their white brothers, did you notice their white brothers, the Condor, heart light, and what have so many of our men been cut off from? Their heart.

And I knew why I was here. So I'm going to share. I very rarely present with papers, but I wanted to make sure I cover what I was told to bring.

When I was 17, I thought I had life handled. I knew how to keep the house clean, keep house plants watered, leaves cleared. I had taken care of my home while my mother, a single mother raised the children and worked. I had aced high school, and now I was ready for what God had told me. The man in my world had told me with my job, I was going to find a man from a mission and I was going to get married and have children, and I was going to keep the home. I knew how to do that.

And all I needed to do was to be able to listen to the men in my world and obey. Good, good. I had it handled.

About 15 years later had a few disruptions in life. I loved my children. My husband was killed, and I became a widow. Fortunately by then, I had divine my first step in was Christ. And I attribute my life to that connection.

And my life was doing pretty darn well, still within the context of my patriarchal religion, you see. Until one day in my community, there was an announcement of an Indigenous filmmaker that was going to be at a church, not mine, talking about his adventures, traveling the world. to all the indigenous tribes he could connect with to capture their offices and their stories, to be able to see how they were similar. Man is that interesting. I wasn't in pain. I wasn't searching for answers. I was really quite confident. I was confident enough to be curious. And so I went.

I walked in the door. I sat in the pews. People came in and filled the pews, and I didn't know any of them, really. And then he got up and spoke. Tall man, beautiful man, indigenous filmmaker. And he told the stories. He told of the condor, of the eagle.

He told of the landing on the moon, the old landing, right? He told of the four tribes, their colors, and how they're responsible for the elements connected to the directions. All of this was new to me, and I loved it.

And then he shifted. He was down in South America speaking to tribes, and people knew he was looking for stories. And they came up to him and said, "You need to go into the jungles of Borneo." He said why? They said, in the jungles, it has and you know, these stories families fight against each other. Tribes fight against each other.

And one day, many years ago, maybe 20 of the villages in Borneo, one of the tribes attacked another village they felt had wrong with them. And they were so, so enraged that they destroyed first all of their structures, kidnapped a few of the children, killed the rest of the people in the village and tossed their bodies in the caves nearby.

Eventually, and they put these children in various tribes so they'd be kind of assimilated. They wouldn't have their normal traditions.

So he said, "What happened?"

The storyteller said, "Well, it seems that four young men ended up going to college, and in their conversation out and about, discovered they were all from that same village, been raised separately, had different backgrounds, but they knew they were from that village. And they did what our young people do. They came up with an idea, a radical idea. They didn't sit stewing in the pain. They didn't sit blaming everybody else. They didn't sit in anger. They said, "What can we do?"

And they made a decision.

They made a decision, these four young men, that they would pack whatever they needed, and they would go into the jungle to the area where their village once was. And they would live in the caves with the bones of their ancestors to dream awake the bones of their ancestors. And they said, you must go meet these four young men.

And he did. And they were bringing back the ability. They were just, like, showing him some of the things that they had been restored from the bones from their ancestors, not traditionally handed down. These ancestors were dead.

I was touched. I was touched, and I did something I don't normally do. Usually after a lecture I'm very appreciative, we might do a clapping, whatever we do and then I just quietly go out the door. This time I did not. So I'm sitting in the pews and I see others getting in line and I find myself rising from my pews sitting place and I get in line to go speak to the presenter. Comes up my turn and I tell him how much I appreciated it because I did.

I had told him how touched I was by the story. And I was.

And this tall and I do not remember his name, I wish I did, but I don't. This tall, indigenous, handsome, young, not young, he was probably in his fifty s I was

like 30, you know, he was older. He looked me in the eye and he looked in my eye and he said, "When are you going to dream awake the bones of your ancestors?"

And I was puzzled. I do genealogy. That's our ancestors. And he said the women, the women ancestry. Now they tell me I have five minutes but I'm going to tell you very quickly, it has been 30 years. I went about doing my work, raising my family, stretching myself greatly and then I realized, because I had forgotten it wasn't the driving factor, this was the driving factor, the master plan.

But I ran into that same pain you have seen in your world and your family in your life. You're going right and then hit a wall, you've got a dream and you get squashed. Cycles of pain I called it and so I went to that spiritual teacher and I said how do we stop the cycles of pain? We are being crushed by mountains of domination.

And they said I said I want you to go to learn how do I find cause and remove the cause. And they said, "It isn't being done that way on the planet. If that's what you want, we will have to teach you.

So I call myself a mystic because I was taught totally by star beings from the galactic worlds way before we ever and they told me this about we had become so entrapped in those galactic worlds as souls in Star Group families. We were already trapped by those whose agendas are to dominate. They existed.

So as we made this plan for Earth, way back before, women's bodysuit itself was made to be the leader, to be sensitive at the solar plexus, to sense any danger, domination, evil coming toward our family village with the authority voice, I call Sophia wisdom, to soar into the heavens staff into the ground and say not in my world and those energies be removed men's bodysuits were given that heart center, the love flowing it through heart center into the world so we could weave with it.

Us women weave, we create, we root and we have a new mycelium, by the way called Wisdom, Wise Women Mycelium, totally new in the earth.

As soon as those dominators understood our plan, they rewired the bodysuit. Crippled the men's heart. Took away the woman's solar plexus of authority. We could still feel, too emotional now, they say, because nobody listens to the canaries in the mines. We should be heard because we have the voice that says something's "wrong here. Heaven bring it and remove. It's not about the person. What is the energy that is impacting a person?"

An organization that is contained, that has been polluted, been tainted because of domination, energy.

So I'm here for the women. Because it's through the women that we have been able to wake up the authority to bring in that power of Sophia that says - staff in the ground- "This is my space, my country, my world, my family. Sword into the heaven, "Clear it out and get the shackles off of our men.!"

The men's bodysuits have been used and we call them invaders, we call them dominators, we call them patriarchal, controllers. It is simply outsider dominators using men bodysuits and it's the women's voices that could make a difference.

Probably fifteen minutes are up and I want to honor that.

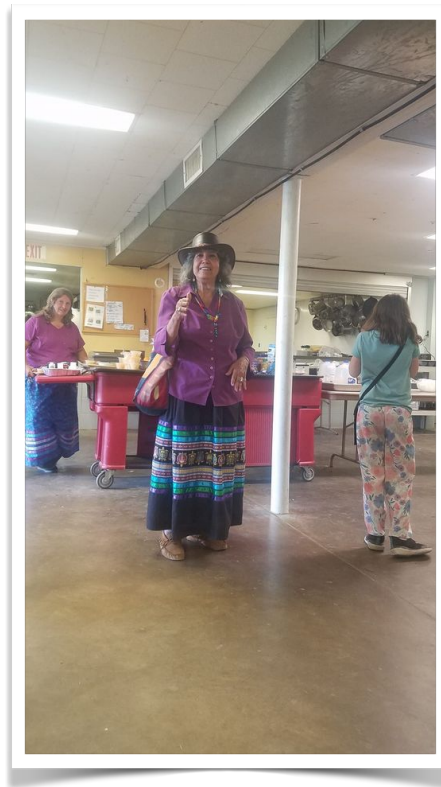
Thank you so much.

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