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Subject: Tribal Treaties - Then and Now!

Dear Marlene Dawson,

I have been reading your emails about the local tribal treaties for past couple of years. Your passion comes through, however, I reflect on your work from a different perspective.

These are ‘your’ treaties (the word ‘your’ is used metaphorically for white, english speaking immigrants and so on..... Nothing personal!), ‘your’ laws, ‘your’ constitution, ‘your’ language, ‘your’ aggression, ‘your’ military, ‘your’ killing machine, ‘your’ appointed Indian agents, ‘your’ creation of BIA, ‘your’ heads of BIA, ‘your’ interpretations in ‘your’ own words, ‘your’ record keeping, ‘your’ congress, ‘your’ presidents, ‘your’ cabinets, ‘your’ circuit courts, ‘your’ supreme court, ‘your’ appointed judges, ‘your’ implementation of decisions, ‘your’ own decision to compensate or not to compensate, ‘your’ decisions to provide or not to provide education, housing, clean water, ‘your’ decision to take their kids away from their parents, and I can count many more “‘yours”.

And now after 150 years, the search is on to find some fault in ‘your’ own written words and promises, trying and twisting ‘your’ own interpretations to mean what you like it to mean, finding a tiny excuse from ‘your’ own laws and actions, using ‘your’ own governments and ‘your’ courts to screw them over once again! To what end, I ask?

Finally, the new tribal generations are awake, they got the light, they got the knowledge, they got the education, they can read 'your' language, they can see and understand the wisdom of their ancestors, who believed in every promise made to them, even they could not read the papers given to them. They are practicing their own ways to govern themselves, they are asserting the same "God Given Rights" like 'your' own, using the privileges afforded to them in 'your' own barter and they are earning an honest living like any other American. They are more honest than any large American corporation has ever been since the railroads.

It is a time for all immigrant Americans to enjoy and encourage natives for their self-reliance, self-confidence and self-governance. They are people just like you and have the same ambitions for their kids and grandkids, just like you have.

May I make a humble suggestion!

Pick any one of the legacy American corporation like Goldman Sachs, Exxon Mobil or BNSF railroad (just representative names, nothing specific!). If you can spend very little time with the same diligence and discipline, very quickly you will have legal evidence (just in last couple of decades) to indict and certainly win the judgement from 'your' own courts for the billions and billions of dollars swindled from the American people and American government with clear acquiescence from all 'your' people.

All similar entities owe back illegally collected benefits from public property and resources by calling them "profits" in the name of American Enterprise, much more than the entire money spent by US Government on all native tribes in past 250 years. There are over a hundred such faceless monarchs (corporations), to whom we all have become subservient. You can free 'your' own

people from the chains of virtual financial slavery and bondage by these faceless monarchs.

Marlene, I have met you couple of times, I know you have served on the Whatcom County Council and I am sure you believe in what you do. I do not know you as a person, so please forgive me if I say something, which may be out of line.

May I pray for you to fill your life with love, spread the love all around you. Native Tribes have not taken away anything from anybody. They were invisible for past 150 years and every one was clamoring for them to become self-reliant and self-sufficient. And now, it must be a celebration that they are becoming so.

Just watch what is coming in the near future, millions of acres of land, water and other natural resources will be given away for a pittance in the name of few "jobs". How you feel about those "give-aways"?

Best wishes and respectfully

Thanks,

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