

MidSummer Notes from the Eagle Watch

Some Non Linear Reflections

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You may have noticed it's been awhile since we posted anything to the Eagle Watch list. Like many people, we've been experiencing some weird, annoying and disruptive technical difficulties. It seems as if someone wants to prevent us from getting and sharing the FACTS.

The internet is but one source of information. It's easy to get caught up in the vastness of cyberspace. The radiation from computers is BAD for our health.

How can you solve a problem if you don't have the facts and the connections between key elements/pieces of the picture? It's basic military strategy to do your research. You take the necessary risks.

It's also strategic to be cautious what info you let out about yourself.

At the same time, if you want to build alliances and dwell in peace and security, you must develop TRUST. This requires letting yourself be known. In today's world of spectacle and sleight of hand illusion, this can be a dangerous thing to do.

News and politics tend to be the same ole, same ole, more of the same outrage, injustice and misdirected energy and confusing activity. It's a gloomy and discouraging picture.

But, hey, it's summertime and there are so many other things to learn and ways of knowing. We need to get out in the sunshine, in the moonshine, in the rain and the wind.

We sometimes have to search for the good, for the positive, the creative and uplifting. We need it. It's got a lot to do with attitude and where we focus our attention.

Family is important. We live in a time when families are torn to pieces. People forget the message of LOVE. Maybe they never experienced it in the first place. There are many social tendencies that work to divide and conquer us, to keep us isolated, angry and suspicious.

The inability to support ourselves and our families, to choose our way of Life, being besieged, being assaulted - all these work against UNITY of family, community, clan and nation.

A 37-year-old Anishnaabe woman lives in a southern Ontario city. She is homeless and a heavy drug user. Her 3 beautiful children were taken from her by the CAS. A doctor recently told her she will not live another 3 months if she doesn't stop using drugs. She collapsed in the street the other day and was taken to hospital where she got to sleep in a bed for a few days. She hangs onto life yet she doesn't

seem to care about herself at all. She has despaired of living.

Yet she will be quick to tell you to respect the Elders. She was taught not to question the Elders so she doesn't.

In another city, three brothers are dying. They are fathers, grandfathers, uncles and cousins to many people. They have wives who are now taking care of them. The eldest brother is 88. His heart is weak. He clings to his wife and cannot bear to be without her.

The two other brothers, much younger, both have cancer. The one has cancer in the esophagus, one of the most horrible types of cancer. He cannot eat lest he choke. He's hooked up to intravenous feeding. He grows thinner and weaker every day. His wife, very ill herself, is barely able to take care of him. He doesn't want to go into a nursing home. Maybe his step-daughter will take them in for the duration.

The other brother was treated for lung cancer. Now he has a tumour on the brain. He looks fine but he may not recognize people he knows. He too is rather weak. His wife is doing everything for him. She is too proud to ask for help.

We tell you of these things, not because they are news but because we know these things are happening to a lot of people. Beneath all the outrage and anger, there is a lot of pain and suffering. Courage is scarce like rain.

This year's hot and dry season brings hungry animals to our door. They are also our relatives. Skunks with pretty toes and squabbling raccoons raid our compost bin while coyotes yip in the distance. The feral apple trees have absolutely no fruit on them. We wonder how the bears are managing. The berry crop was abundant to start out but many berries just dried up. There was a piece on CBC about hungry bears in Whitehorse. Fifteen bears have been shot in that far North city.

If you aren't watering your garden, everything wilts. Swamps are drying up, river and lake water levels are low. Some rural wells have no water.

Your Roots are what give you strength in times of scarcity. HISTORY is what puts Family into perspective of TIME. Falsified histories glorify wrongdoing and vilify victims. It's a lot of work to sort it all out. A person in IDENTITY CRISIS needs to know the history of her/his family, in the context of the BIGGER PICTURE.

It's like trying to get into a canoe that is going through some rapids. The modern times are so turbulent that people are constantly anxious and feeling overwhelmed. 2012 has brought a lot of anticipation, expectation, has heightened people's sense of DESTINY. A lot of predictions have been made. There is a great need for change, for cleansing and healing everywhere. Being Grateful is an essential frame of mind.

Mother Earth will do her thing in her own time.

