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Mr. Click Relander:

Your most interesting "Drummers And Dreamers" confronts us with the question, are the deep values and significance of the American Indian culture still alive? John Collier in his "Indians of The Americas" says yes. The Indians had what the white man has lost and still has it. Collier further states that if the Whites do not retrieve IT they will either be destroyed by a nuclear holocaust or in desperation turn inward upon themselves. I'm inclined to agree with those old Smouhala Indian chiefs, that 'the white man's wisdom is poor and weak'. Something is missing. We seem to be stumbling in dark ignorance.

This IT as I understand was, (still living within many of their societies,) an intimate reciprocal relation and control of physical and biological nature, - intensity within tranquility.

What think you ? I've been wondering if this 'ancient fire' still burns in any of the NW tribes? Perhaps within the Indian American churches?

Any information within this realm will of course be deeply appreciated.

Cordially,

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