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A MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

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EVERY PART OF THIS EARTH IS SACRED
EVERY SHINING PINE NEEDLE, EVERY SANDY SHORE
EVERY MIST IN THE DARK WOODS
EVERY CLEARING AND HUMMING INSECT IS HOLY
THE ROCKY CREST, THE JUICES OF THE MEADOW, THE BEASTS AND ALL THE PEOPLE
ALL BELONG TO THE SAME FAMILY.
TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THAT THE EARTH IS OUR MOTHER
WHATEVER BEFALLS THE EARTH BEFALLS THE CHILDREN OF THE EARTH.
THE WATER'S MURMUR IS THE VOICE OF OUR FATHER'S FATHER
WE ARE PART OF THE EARTH, AND THE EARTH IS PART OF US
THE RIVERS ARE OUR BROTHERS, THEY QUENCH OUR THIRST
THE PERFUMED FLOWERS ARE OUR SISTERS.
THE WIND THAT GAVE OUR GRANDPARENTS BREATH ALSO RECEIVES THEIR LAST SIGH.
THE WIND GAVE OUR CHILDREN THE SPIRIT OF LIFE.
THIS WE KNOW, THE EARTH DOES NOT BELONG TO US,
WE BELONG TO THE EARTH.
THIS WE KNOW, ALL THINGS ARE CONNECTED
LIKE THE BLOOD WHICH UNITES ONE FAMILY
ALL THINGS ARE CONNECTED.
OUR GOD IS THE SAME GOD, WHOSE COMPASSION IS EQUAL FOR ALL.
FOR WE DID NOT WEAVE THE WEB OF LIFE
WE ARE MERELY A STRAND IN IT.
WHATEVER WE DO TO THE WEB
WE DO TO OURSELVES.

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Chief Seattle 1854

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