

Reciprocity with the Land - Gladys Hawk - OSEU 7

As a people, everywhere, maybe we should kind of step back and see where we can make it better. Every day, there's a train track along where I live. Almost every other day, I see hundreds and hundreds of carloads of coal going east. And I always think, I wonder what they put back in place of that coal. Because that's reciprocity. We have to give back what we take from the earth. We're not doing that. And so we're experiencing all of this change, atmospheric changes that's coming. And we believe in a creator who made those for us.

And so when we take that belief and we're trying to live that way, and then we see all these new things happening around us, technology, we have to stop and to say, let's slow down here, what's going on? We have to make some kind of a, maybe we have to call on elders to say, what do you think we should do about this? Well, we don't have that kind of technology in our culture to do those kinds of changes. That's all coming. It's already coming. And the scientists are the ones that we should ask them to bring it out in the open.

Okay, we're going to cut you off right here. You want oil from the land. Okay, you can do this much. Take so many barrels today and wait another year. But that seems impossible because we need that oil, we need that gas to move, to go to work and do all of the things that we need to do, even to warm this building. Even our trees are gone. We can't even burn wood anymore. It's against the law. We can't have fires. So what do we do? And so that's the question I will leave because I don't know the answer.