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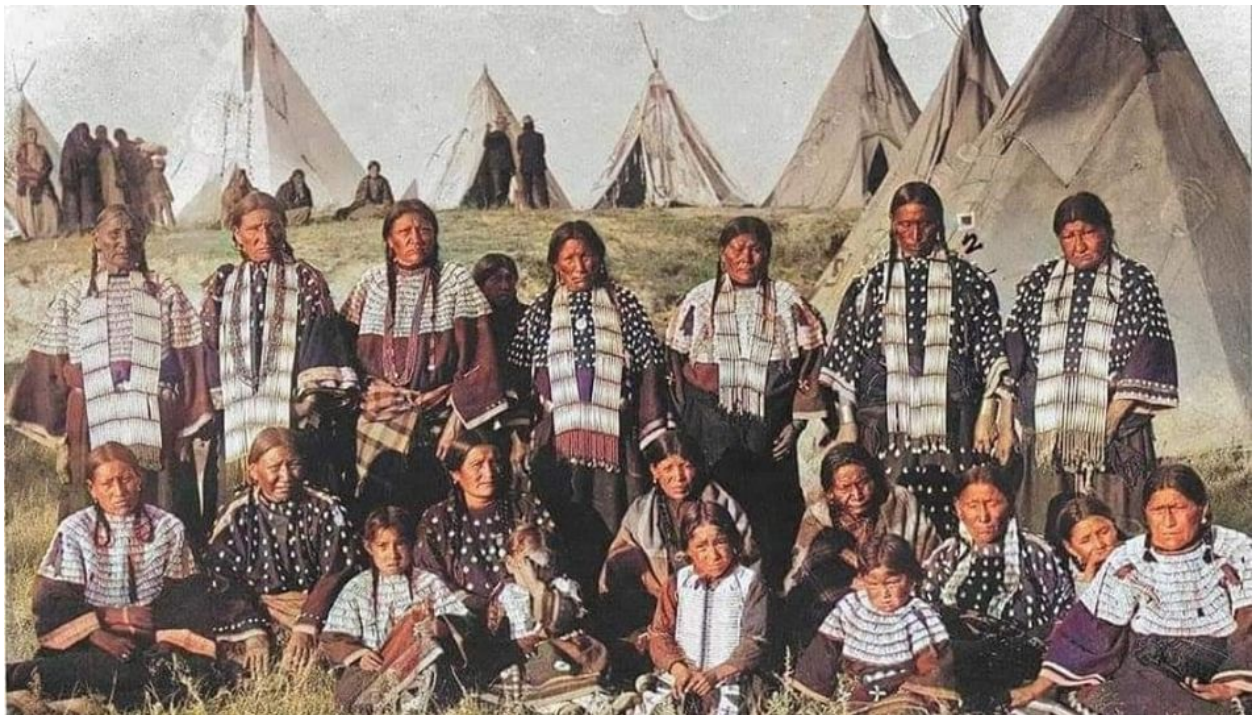
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***"It is the Mothers, not the warriors, who create a people and guide their destiny."***

Oglala Lakota, 1900



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at

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As the 49th anniversary of the occupation just passed, I have so much gratitude and appreciation to the warriors that paved the way for myself and so many of us to do the work we do today. For all they had to endure at that time and continue to. Our aunties and grandmas that raised us with such strength and love for our people. [#honorthematriarchs](#) [#honorthematriarchy](#) [#alcatrazoccupation](#)

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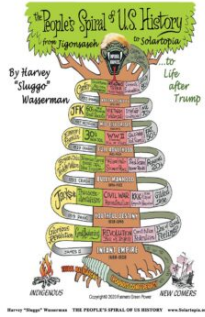
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## *The People's Spiral of US History From Jigonsasem to Solartopia...to Life after Trump*

*By Harvey "Sluggo" Wasserman*

### Chapter 1 Excerpt - Our Indigenous DNA

#### *Mother Earth's Matriarchs Nurture Our Nation*

Our Mother is an Indigenous matriarch

In her womb our nation was conceived.

Her beloved daughter Jigonsaseh was the true mother of American democracy...and of our federal union.

Everything American is rooted amongst the countless diverse societies that were here so long before Columbus.

Now a revived matriarchy is poised for rebirth. And not a moment too soon!

Women ran much of native North America. They raised the kids, chose the chiefs, shaped our Indigenous DNA. Said the Hopi...

...the family, the dwelling house and the field are inseparable, because the woman is the heart of these, and they rest with her. Among us the family traces its kin from the mother, hence all its possessions are hers.

The man builds the house but the woman is the owner, because she repairs and preserves it; the man cultivates the field, but he renders its harvest into the woman's keeping, because upon her it rests to prepare the food and the surplus of stores for barter depends upon her thrift.

Formed as early as 1140AD, the matriarchal "Iroquois Confederacy" was the cradle of our civilization. Its laws comprise our Indigenous Originalism.

Its spiritual founder was Deganawidah, the Haudenosaunee Peacemaker. Amidst a terrible war, he found the great orator Ayawentha mourning in the woods. Legend says this exalted Onondaga chief was grieving his wife and three daughters.

Their death in war was rare. Much Indigenous warfare was mere ritual that stopped with first

blood. Victorious tribes often adopted captured women and children. Reports of indigenous rape are virtually nonexistent. White prisoners often chose to “go native.”

But for eons, across what’s now upstate New York, the Mohawk, Oneida, Onandaga, Cayuga, and Seneca were constantly at war. These early Haudenosaunee (People of the Long House) often tortured their male captives, then ate the hearts of the bravest.

Their guerrilla tactics changed the world. They shot from behind trees, struck as the spirit moved them, then slipped away to regroup and return.

They improvised in tune with Mother Nature. Had the Indigenous been immune to the European diseases that reduced their numbers by more than 90%, the whites could NEVER have marched across the continent as they did.

Had the Europeans opened their minds to the wisdom of the Indigenous cultures, this would be a far healthier planet. Had they cooperated instead of conquered (learned instead of slaughtered) we would be an infinitely greater nation. Our species would have a far better chance to survive on this planet.

While Europe emerged from the Dark Ages amidst constant warfare, the Five Nations found harmony.

The Peacemaker was a stutterer. Ayawentha spoke his heart. But as they united the tribes, it took the powerful, beloved matriarch Jigonsaseh to at last comb the snakes from the head of Tadodaho, the fearsome, ferocious Onandaga war chief who’d made peace seem impossible.

With epic patience and diplomacy, the three Peacemakers made Tadodaho the new leader of a sophisticated alliance joining Five Nations who’d been forever at war. They convened America’s first Congress, then laid the foundation of a stable, advanced democracy that would keep the peace for centuries.

The newcomer French called the Haudenosaunee “Iroquois”...a serpentine slur. Their governmental genius is still studiously ignored by our mainstream historians.

But the Haudenosaunee formed humankind’s purest democracy. While the emerging states of Europe suffered through warring tyrannies of absolute, inbred, often idiotic monarchs, the Iroquois Union was based on consensual harmony.

The Five Nations sent fifty chiefs to a central council. Representation was based on local head counts. The many tribes kept their traditional structures, but collaborated under the Great Law of Peace. Individual liberties were sacred, carefully spelled out in the 117 codicils that preceded our own first Ten Amendments.

While the men hunted, fished and pontificated, the tribal matriarchs prepared the food, kept the fires, raised the kids. Did they run the show? Charles C. Mann seems to think not....

It is the general consensus of anthropologists and archaeologists that there are no known examples of societies where women had more political and social power than men.

There were certainly North American tribes run by men. But among (at least) the Iroquois, Cherokee and Hopi, such doubters might get a memorable feminist earful. In the tradition of Jigonsaseh, the women chose the chiefs...and could remove them. Letting the men blab away “makes them feel important,” smiled Audrey Shenandoah, a modern Haudenosaunee matriarch. “It gives them something to do.”

The whole thing, said Ben Franklin, “runs better than the British Parliament.”

Maybe 15 million Indigenous inhabited North America before Columbus. Maybe 100 million peopled the western hemisphere, maybe more.

In what’s now the US, a thousand bands, tribes, clans, nations, confederacies spoke more than 500 languages. Sophisticated in their diversity, each had its own culture, traditions, belief systems, worldview.

...please continue reading the rest at [THE PEOPLE SPIRAL OF US HISTORY...](#)

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### **The Amazon Delivers An Ancient Art Exhibit**

One of the world’s largest collections of [prehistoric rock art, being hailed as “the Sistine Chapel of the ancients,”](#) has been discovered in the Amazonian rainforest. Archaeologists found tens of thousands of paintings of animals and humans created up to 12,500 years ago on cliff faces that stretch across nearly eight miles in Colombia.

The discovery was made last year by a British-Columbian team, led by José Iriarte, a professor of archaeology at Exeutor University and leading expert on pre-Columbian history. The discovery was kept secret while being filmed for a major UK TV series starting December 5: [Jungle Mystery: Lost Kingdoms of the Amazon.](#)

The images include fish, turtles, lizards, and birds, as well as people dancing and holding hands.

“We started seeing animals that are now extinct. The pictures are so natural and so well made that we have few doubts that you’re looking at a horse, for example. The ice-age horse had a wild, heavy face. It’s so detailed, we can even see the horse hair. It’s fascinating,” Iriarte said. Some of the paintings are so high up they can only be viewed with drones, so how could the artists have reached those elevations? Iriarte believes the answer lies in depictions of wooden towers among the paintings, including figures appearing to bungee jump from them. As the documentary notes, Colombia is a land torn apart after 50 years of civil war that raged between FARC guerrillas and the Colombian government, now with an uneasy truce in place. The territory where the paintings were discovered was completely off-limits until recently and still involves careful negotiation to enter safely.

The site is so remote that to reach it, the team of archaeologists and film-makers had a two-hour drive from San José del Guaviare, followed by a four-hour trek on foot through some of the region’s most dangerous inhabitants, including Caimans, and the bushmaster, the deadliest snake in the Americas with an 80 percent mortality rate. (Guardian)



## 10 SIGNS YOU'RE DOING WELL IN LIFE

- 1) You have a roof over your head.
- 2) You ate today.
- 3) You have a good heart.
- 4) You wish good for others.
- 5) You have clean water.
- 6) Someone cares for you.
- 7) You strive to be better.
- 8) You have clean clothes.
- 9) You have a dream.
- 10) You're breathing.

**BE THANKFUL FOR THE LITTLE THINGS,  
FOR THEY ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT.**

### **Dolly Parton Knows What's Right**

In 1990, the high school dropout rate for Dolly Parton's hometown of Sevierville Tennessee was at 34% (Research shows that most kids make up their minds in fifth/sixth grade not to graduate).

That year, all fifth and sixth graders from Sevierville were invited by Parton to attend an assembly at Dollywood. They were asked to pick a buddy, and if both students completed high school, Dolly Parton would personally hand them each a \$500 check on their graduation day. As a result, the dropout rate for those classes fell to 6%, and has generally retained that average to this day.

Shortly after the success of The Buddy Program, Parton learned in dealing with teachers from the school district that problems in education often begin during first grade when kids are at different developmental levels. That year The Dollywood Foundation paid the salaries for additional teachers assistants in every first grade class for the next 2 years, under the agreement that if the program worked, the school system would effectively adopt and fund the program after the trial period.

During the same period, Parton founded the Imagination Library in 1995: The idea being that children from her rural hometown and low-income families often start school at a disadvantage and as a result, will be unfairly compared to their peers for the rest of their lives, effectively encouraging them not to pursue higher education. The objective of the Imagination library was that every child in Sevier County would receive one book, every month, mailed and addressed to the child, from the day they were born until the day they started kindergarten, 100% free of charge. What began as a hometown initiative now serves children in all 50 states, Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom, mailing thousands of free books to children around the world monthly.

On March 1, 2018 Parton donated her 100 millionth book at the Library of Congress: a copy of "Coat of Many Colors" dedicated to her father, who never learned to read or write.



## Twelve Ancient and Enduring Places Around the World

Can solar power lead the Red Lake Nation toward energy independence?

<https://www.minnpost.com/environment/2020/11/can-solar-power-lead-the-red-lake-nation-toward-energy-independence/>

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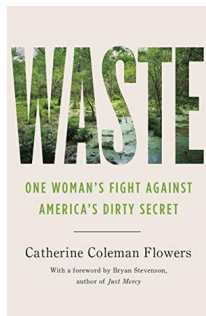
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## The Ten Best Science Books of 2020

New titles explore the mysterious lives of eels, the science of fear and our connections to the stars

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/ten-best-science-books-2020-180976414/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20201127-daily-responsive&spMailingID=43994771&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=1882361244&spReportId=MTg4MjM2MTI0NAS2](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/ten-best-science-books-2020-180976414/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20201127-daily-responsive&spMailingID=43994771&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=1882361244&spReportId=MTg4MjM2MTI0NAS2)

*All topics are fascinating; here's an example:*



### [Waste: One Woman's Fight Against America's Dirty Secret](#)

Hookworm, an intestinal parasite linked to badly managed sewage, is typically associated with developing countries. But in MacArthur grant-winning Catherine Coleman Flowers' birthplace of Lowndes County, Alabama, one in three residents tested positive for a hookworm infection. Flowers has been investigating sanitation issues in her community for two decades, and it was because of her work that scientists tested for hookworm in the first place. In her book *Waste*, she pens a gripping, eye-opening story about the lack of access to basic sanitation in parts of the United States. Flowers, who has been called the "Erin Brockovich of Sewage," puts a spotlight on long-standing issues in Appalachia, Central California, coastal Florida, Alaska, the urban Midwest and on Native American reservations in the West. She thoughtfully weaves systemic issues of class, race and geographic prejudice into a compelling, and at times arresting, narrative. Like the issues *Waste* puts in focus, this book can't be overlooked.

*And another great read, especially if you are interested in "vanished" communities:*

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/ten-best-science-books-2020-180976414/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20201127-daily-responsive&spMailingID=43994771&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=1882361244&spReportId=MTg4MjM2MTI0NAS2](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/ten-best-science-books-2020-180976414/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20201127-daily-responsive&spMailingID=43994771&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=1882361244&spReportId=MTg4MjM2MTI0NAS2)

*A third take on the Apache situation:*

### **Trump Is About to Hand Over Sacred Apache Land to a Mining Company**

Ian Kumamoto, VICE

Kumamoto writes: "President Donald Trump's administration has sped up a process that will hand over the rights to a sacred Apache Indigenous area outside of Phoenix, Arizona, to a mining company by next month - a full year ahead of schedule.



### Shane Ridley-Stevens

*To all my relations, back in my young College of Southern Idaho days, I was always packing my non-Indian friends to the pow wows. When we would go to the Duck Valley Rez we would stay at my grandma's home. She was always open and extremely kind to my friends, because it was her nature. She loved visiting with everyone of them, especially my friends from foreign countries.*

*One time she and I were talking about the young friends she had made through me, and I asked her why she was so kind to them. Her response is one I will never forget. "We are all Indians until we prove otherwise."*

*She then explained that all of us are affiliated with a tribe no matter where we come from, whether through our ancestors or present. She said that this is what links us together.*

*I am blessed to have had such a wise and humble grandmother, she was one of the most Christ like people I've ever known. I love and miss you Grandma Lillian Shaw.*



### Travis Blue

*I'm rich! There's no better way to say it.*

*I have a rich and royal heritage full of those who worked hard in hard times, those who withstood and conquered oppression and discrimination, those who taught and inspired without the ability to read or write, those who were prepared to receive truth in its fullness, those who prepared and allowed future generations to receive that same truth.*

*The crowns they wore included the most humble of coverings to shade the hot sun of the fields and the feathers of noble and revered birds, each representing the background from which they came.*

*Their footsteps are big and deep enough to withstand winds of change while allowing those of us following now to leave our marks as well.*

*I know the generations to a point and try to learn more of the others. Their images speak as "a voice from the dust" telling us to learn from their experience. Not all must be repeated.*

*It's up to us to listen, to learn, then teach.*

*I'm rich and I [#givethanks!](#)*

If you read just **one** book a day to  
your child, they will have been read  
**1825** books by their 5th birthday.

Every Day Counts.  
Every Book Counts.

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<https://www.americanindianreporter.com/downloads/2020/AIR-Dec1-2020.pdf>

*Please read my article on page 7....sdc*

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Taking a side on ecocide: [International lawyers draft plan to criminalise ecosystem destruction](#) (Guardian)

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*“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.” — Will Rogers*

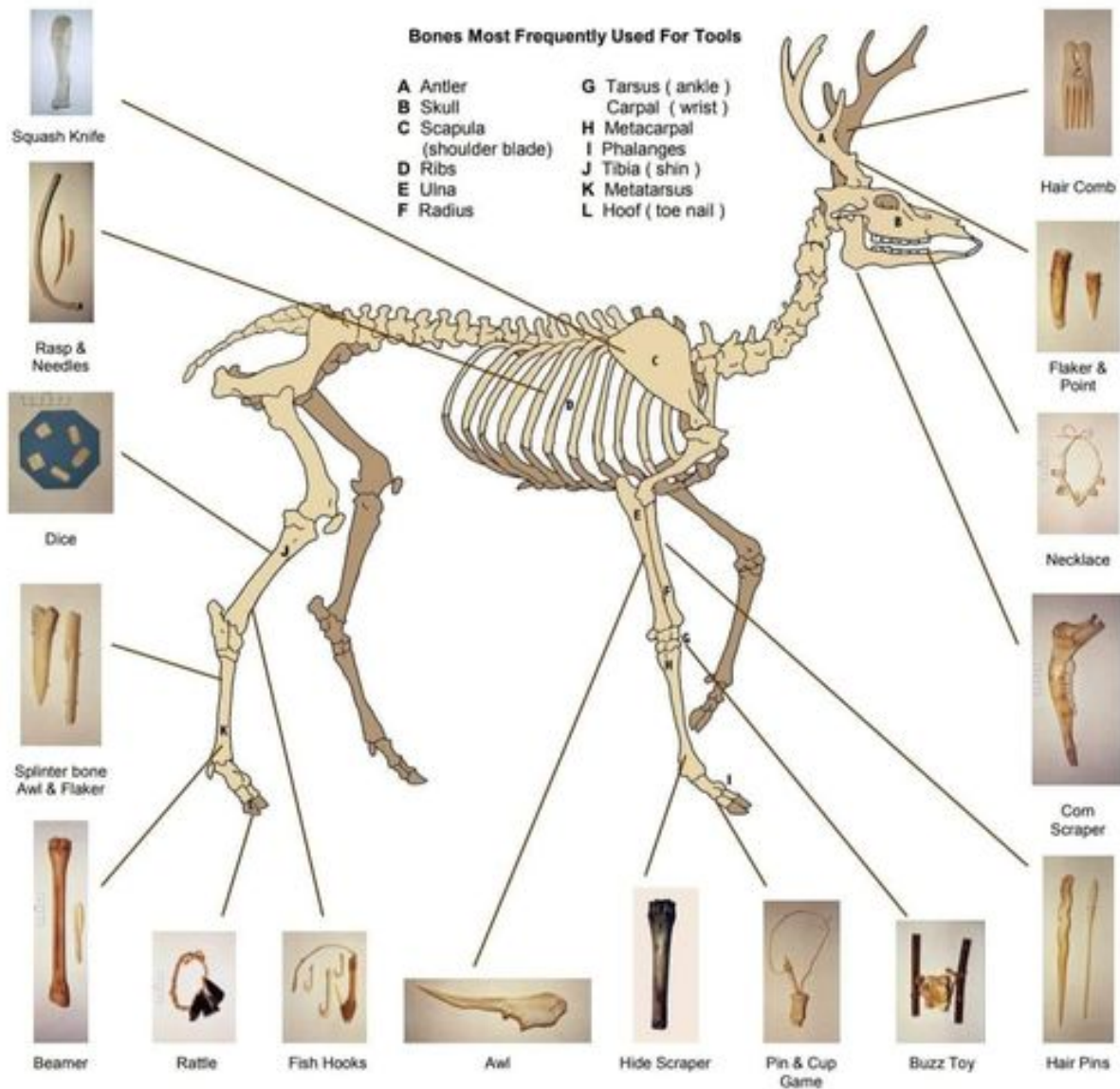
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# Deer Bone Tools



For centuries, Native Peoples of the Americas made a host of articles of bone. In the Eastern United States deer supplied pre-Colombian civilizations with most of what they needed. None of the animal was wasted. The hide was used for clothing, as well as anything they might need from leather. Untanned hide (rawhide) was used for articles that needed to be hard or stiff. Tanned hide was made into clothing, and any articles of soft leather. The meat (muscle) was eaten or dried. The tendons (sinew) was used for sewing thread, bow string and bindings to attach arrow points.

The bone was fashioned into tools such as spoons, knives, awls, pins, fish hooks, needles, flakers, hide scrapers and beamers. They made musical rasps, flutes and whistles as well as toys of

bone. Decoratively carved articles were also made of bone such as hair combs, hair pins and pendants.

Antler is much harder than bone and was used for flakers, points, knives and hair combs. Even the teeth and hooves did not go to waste. The teeth were drilled and used for decoration on clothing and necklaces. The hooves were also drilled and used for decoration on clothing as well as strung for rattles and bells.

We can learn a lot about conservation from the creative technologies of earlier civilizations



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### Nadine Agui

Today in the Native community we lost a True Warrior  
My brother ....Elliott Aguilar  
Elliott has passed today

Now he's on his journey to Paradise.. this is so unreal to be writing this 😞 ughhh  
Elliott traveled to Sundance in S Dakota every year he made sacrifices and prayers for all the relatives and Those that need that wanted prayers. He had such a caring heart. One of the most humble person to know ..

Every time before he left to sun dance I would always message him and tell him make sure "you pray for me "he said I will sis... I always do.. pray for the whole family and he put ties up each one that needed a prayer .

Anyone that knew my brother or has meant him you are truly blessed . He prayed for so many people.. now we say prayers to my brother Elliott  
Sending my condolences to Ej Rachel Josh . And my sisters Elayne Nelletta ,Vilene in Nevada.  
And brother Richard.

My brother was about caring for all his Family and his Children and loved all his Grand babies he always talked about them

The family asking for privacy right now thank you 🙏

