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Wsyio (formal greetings) in the wonderful name of Yeshua (Jesus) our Lord! White Eagle News is dedicated to

2008 A Year of New Beginnings
Receive the fullness of the Blessing

spreading the *too good to be true* Good News across Turtle Island. By the time this newsletter is mailed, there will be less than 36 days before our Presidential elections here in the States. That means the campaigning blitz will be over – now that should be good news all by itself! 😊

Seriously, this campaign season has been much too long, however, please let us encourage you to get out and vote on or before November 4th. Above all, we encourage you to pray for all of the candidates running for High Chief of the land. We cannot tell anyone who to vote for, but we can share information about the candidates. An educated voter is a smart voter and it is not just our right to vote, it is a privilege granted by Great Father Himself. Selah!

Rob Capriccioso from *Indian Country Today*, believes that Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska adds a new *Indian dimension to presidential race* as he reported in an article dated September 15th of this year. (see IndianCountryToday.com)



Photo courtesy of the Alaska Governor's Office
The Tanana Traditional Dancers performing at the Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center in Fairbanks

An interesting note here is that Alaska contains more than 225 of the 562 or so federally-recognized tribes in the U.S.

Palin, the first female Republican vice presidential candidate, is married to Todd Palin who is of Yup'ik Eskimo descent. This makes their five children of Alaskan Native heritage.

Gov. Palin has been quoted as saying "*I personally feel the language, stories, and traditions of Alaska Native cultures are a national treasure to be nourished and held close to our hearts.*" Palin added, "*It is our rural lifestyle and diverse cultural heritage that distinguishes Alaska from the rest of the world and makes it our wonderful home.*"

She claims that her family has been blessed by learning Yup'ik traditions and stories from Helena Andree, her

children's great-grandmother and a one-time Bristol Bay Native Corporation Elder of the Year. The Palins named their

oldest daughter "Bristol" in honor of this land and its people. Another point here is that Palin is also a born again believer in the Jesus Way and is not shy about her faith.

Will Palin be a supporter of tribal issues because she is married to a tribal man? She has an approval rating of over 80% as Governor. In terms of education policy, Palin said she supports teaching *traditional culture and languages in schools*. Also of note, the governor proclaimed June 10-13, 2007 as "**National Congress of American Indians Days**" in recognition of a conference held by NCAI in Anchorage. Let her record speak.

This sheds light once again on the 500+ year question of: *can one be Tribal and be a Christian?* Do you have to forget your heritage or language and throw away your drums to be a Christian? Do you have to burn your eagle feathers, cut your hair or stop dancing? God Forbid! Jesus came to earth as a tribal man and observed, taught, and fulfilled his Hebrew ways. Our Creator God is concerned about the inward or spiritual man, not his outward appearance or methods.

Jesus addressed an issue about this after His disciples reported that there were people calling Him lord and sharing the Gospel, but were not doing like the disciples thought they should. **Luke 9:38-40** in the NLT tells it this way, "*John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw a man using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he isn't one of our group.'* **'Don't stop him!'** Jesus said. **'No one who performs miracles in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'**"

All tribes were created by God. We were created different but equal! You can serve Jesus and follow His path just the way God created you – tribal or not. It is the inward heart of man that decides which path he will follow.

Gov. Palin is a follower of the Jesus way and supports traditional culture and languages of Native peoples. Do you believe this? Will she have a positive affect on John McCain, the maverick Senator from Arizona, home of many native reservations as well? Or will Senators Obama and Biden better serve the Native Jesus way? You get to decide.

This ministry encourages everyone to spend time in prayer and then get out and vote. That is the American way – Amen!

God Bless, Chari Bouse, Tsalagiya Nvdagi

RELATIONSHIP REVELATION

Seek to mature in the Spirit so that because of use, your senses have been trained to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:14

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Relationship Revelation is Strong Medicine Are You Ready?

Does knowing about Creator and knowing the Creator the same? I know *about* President George W. Bush. I know he has a ranch in Texas and I know he likes to play golf. However, do I know him well enough to ask him to play golf with me the next time he comes to Texas? No, we would have to have an established relationship.

Knowing God is important. **Romans 10:17** says faith only comes one way – from hearing and hearing from the Word of God. Notice it does not say “from having heard.” 😊

A relationship with God the Great Father will set you free. A relationship with Him will reveal His Will for your life. How? **Romans 12:2** says that if we change the way we think by allowing the Word to transform us, then we will know what the will of God is for our lives. **Eph. 1:9** says God has revealed the mystery of his will to those who believe.

Sounds easy? Then why are there so many different beliefs about knowing God's will? Let me share a story from my days as a volunteer chaplain at the Gainesville State School for boys. One day after chapel service, a troubled young man asked me to be his personal mentor. I asked him what he knew about **John 3:16**. He quoted the verse from memory and then went on to recite the rest of the chapter. When he started quoting chapter four, I stopped him. I told him that I had never met anyone with that kind of memory. He smiled and told me he had the whole book of John memorized. Then I asked him, “So what does all that mean to you?” He shrugged his shoulders and sadly said, “I don't know.”

This young man confessed Jesus as Savior and had a great knowledge *about* God but, as it turned out, did not *know* God. By memorizing the bible and confessing the Word only, he thought God would be pleased and then do good things for him. That is religion. Christianity is about a relationship, not religion.

Eph. 1:17-18 reveals that the *spirit of wisdom and revelation* will open the eyes of one's understanding to a relationship with Jesus. One definition of the word revelation is “*an enlightening or astonishing disclosure: a pleasant often enlightening surprise from a divine truth.*”

Are you struggling with receiving something from God? Do you know the scriptures *about* your situation but nothing seems to be happening?

A revelation that comes from a relationship will change your life! Christianity is not knowing that God can or will do something, it is in knowing that Jesus has already paid a dear price for all of our needs. All we have to do is receive what we need by faith. Spend time in prayer with the Lord. Seek to know Him in a personal way. Listen for a small still voice to speak to you as the Psalmist said in Psalms 46:10.

Sometimes when I'm asked to pray for someone's healing or financial need, I wonder if I am praying for the right thing. I know that God wants to heal them, but I am also being shown why they will not be healed. Another Native American minister, Ray Levesque recently talked about this same issue. He had a good revelation:

“Do you ever wonder if you might be praying for the right thing? Imagine, for example, that you are with someone with diabetes and they ask for prayer. Of course, you should pray for them but I have also heard excited Christians go on to curse the spirit of diabetes or other afflictions. If the root cause of diabetes is a change to the modern diet from the traditional diet, shouldn't they be cursing the spirit of McDonald's instead of the spirit of Jezebel? Maybe, instead of just praying generically for the “healing of the land,” they could be working for the restoration of water rights. Maybe the prayers need to be for justice! Prayer is just the first step of change. If you have the courage to pray for diabetes, do you have the courage to restore gardens and change the way you eat? Anyway, it's lunchtime and I have to go to McDonald's. Thanks for listening!”

Brother Ray's humor at the end was intended to soften the blow of strong medicine, but his statement is right on target about our own actions preventing healing.

A relationship with Great Father will reveal your road blocks. He wants to bless you. Don't let your actions or lifestyle rob Him from blessing you. Let the Lord reveal these truths to you; just you and Him - you will never be the same! Amen!



Great Father wants to bless you!

Buffalo Medicine

The buffalo is considered by many Native tribes to be a symbol of prosperity for the meat of the buffalo fed the people, the hides provided clothing and shelter, and the bones and sinew provided tools of survival. People with "Buffalo Medicine" bring special honor, reverence or appreciation for all things that have been provided to them by Great Father in sky. People who are said to have Buffalo Medicine often are very confident, have great patience and strength of will. In the Native American tribes, the word medicine is used much like others use the word anointing.

While ministering at an Inter-Tribal "Sacred Circle" a few years ago, a buffalo head was brought to the pipe ceremony by the elders. They prayed and offered thanks to Creator God for the blessings He has given them. The buffalo head is only brought out for special occasions. The presence of Christian elders (us) was their special occasion. They prayed and offered thanks to Creator God for the blessings He has given them and the head was then passed around the circle for all to be able to touch and give thanks to Creator. This is very similar to the Jewish practice of passing around the Torah (Holy book) in a synagogue for the people to touch and be blessed. This inter-tribal circle had representatives from the Choctaw, Cherokee, Apache, Sioux, Black Foot and others. They all gave thanks to Creator for "Buffalo Medicine," the anointing of abundance!

"Buffalo medicine" is a life of abundance that can start right now for anyone that chooses to believe! The Bible tells about Joseph being a most honored man. Joseph had "Buffalo medicine" and shared it with everyone. He was so respected for his wisdom that in *one* day he went from being in prison to becoming the second most powerful man in all of Egypt! (Genesis 40 & 41) All Joseph did was live by the words of relationship with God! He also had a he was assigned to do, especially while

This Thanksgiving season let all of us everything we do be for the glory of soon indeed. The nations of the world near. And to all that look for and are **Hebrews 9:28**. Until then, may you anointing of abundance!



Photo courtesy Harry Schaare, FirstNations.us

the Creator and honored his positive, thankful attitude in everything incarcerated.

be thankful for everything we have. Let God – for Yeshua is coming back very and the Jews agree that the time is expecting Him, He will come again - all receive Buffalo medicine, the

Happy Thanksgiving!



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A Ministry of Faith

Over 500 years ago when the first Europeans came here to "evangelize" the Natives, they came with Biblical ignorance (lacking knowledge). Their message was that there must be a cultural or outward change before a person could come to the Father in Heaven. The results continue to be devastating as very few First Nations people have come to Christ.

This ministry and others have a simple message: You can serve Jesus just the way God created you! He loves you the way you are and does not require that you change your culture before you can receive the free gift of His salvation through Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Jesus does not demand a change of culture, but a change of heart and by faith, the receiving of Christ's forgiveness and the work of the Holy Spirit. We focus on keeping the main thing - the main thing!

MERRY HEART MEDICINE

Did you know that the word "vegetarian" is an ancient Cherokee word? It means one who is bad hunter. 😊

To enter the Blood Covenant

If you would like to make the wonderful decision to follow the Jesus Way, simply pray this prayer: "Lord Jesus, hear I am; forgive me for not following you earlier. Thank you for delivering me from my haunting past. Take me, I am yours, fill me now with the power of your Holy Spirit as your word says in Acts 1:8, and I will never be the same! AMEN!"



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