

Wabanaki perspective: Reaping that which you sow

An Indian perspective on the events of September 11

by Dan Ennis

A nation state that is built on the remains of another's homeland, whose foundation is comprised of terrorism, violence, hatred and genocide, and which continues to live in a state of denial of these facts and reality cannot claim to be outraged and confused as to why someone would hate it so much as to commit such a horrific act against its people on Sept 11th, 2001.

A nation state, any nation state, cannot sow as much violence and hatred without one knowing deep in one's heart of hearts that a time will come for an accounting. To put it in more succinct terms, the chickens will come home to roost.

For those who feel this Wabanaki Perspective is possibly too heartless and harsh I will share

something I came across in my research regarding Indian and WASP relations since contact. Remember that it was Jeffery Amherst, along with others, who was the first in North America to use bio-terrorism. Jeffery Amherst, who is considered by most Canadians to be a Canadian hero, is the same person who gave small pox infected blankets to Indian people in a perverse effort to annihilate as many of our people as possible.

Back in the early 1600s, one of the pious Puritans who observed all of the WASP-initiated killing of Indian people begged the settlers and pioneers to, and I quote, "stop and reflect upon what you are doing in killing Indians for their land in the name of god for some day there will be a terrible atonement for such actions."

Another thing these offended people may wish to do is to speak with a Beothuk Indian, or an Arwak Indian, or a Tobacco Indian, or any of the many other tribes of Indian people annihilated by WASPs. Better yet, speak with a member of the Wappinger Indian tribe who once called all of Manhattan Island their

homeland. Speak with the survivors of what your history books refer to as the New Amsterdam Massacre, when those same Wappinger were completely annihilated.

This list of Indian people who were exterminated by the transplanted Europeans as their way of stealing Indian land is but a small fraction of the number of American Indian peoples that stretches from coast to coast who met the same fate as the peaceful Wappinger Indians of what has come to be known as Manhattan Island.

Back in its beginning days, the governments of America and Canada formulated and adopted a doctrine still practiced today. This is a doctrine that had its origins in Europe and is referred to as Manifest Destiny. In simple terms, Manifest Destiny means a necessary policy of imperialistic expansion; a necessary policy at least in the minds of greedy transplanted Europeans who were hell-bent on stealing Indian land and resources. This doctrine has no basis in law and is basically legal fiction; just a way of legitimizing the wholesale killing and extermination of whole tribes of Indian

peoples to steal land. Our people refer to it as the 'white is right and might is right doctrine.'

Today the WASP's compound their original sins of genocide and theft of land simply by denying the great holocaust was perpetrated upon the original and true owners

of this land.

With America's and Canada's 500 year history of violence and terrorism and its foundation of hatred and genocide, to me means that no one in America should be surprised when their very violent and

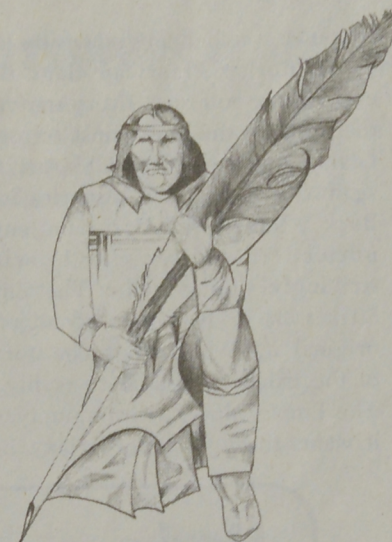
path, not just those "others." For in this super-heated ferment we are all "others." Eventually there has to be an explosion of all of this fermented and pent-up hatred and violence. Witness the explosion at Columbine; Waco; Ruby Ridge; Oklahoma City; Oka; and Ipperwash. The list goes on and on.

The list of countries in which the American government has illegally interfered, assassinated people and fermented unrest and dissent is very, very long, perhaps necessitating retaliation.

At this time I would like to clarify one point. I want to make it clear I don't think America deserved what happened on September 11th. No one deserves to have their life snuffed out for some fanatic's perverted version of justice. The 6,000,000 Jews of Nazi Germany did not deserve to be annihilated. The Beothuk did not deserve to be annihilated. And the 30 to 50,000,000 Indians of North America did not deserve to be annihilated. America sowed violence and has been sowing violence and terrorism for 500 years in North America, not to mention all the other countries where it sows its violence. Your bible says one reaps what one sows.

How does America stop its violent and terrorist ways? First by recognizing, acknowledging, accepting, and reconciling its violent and terrorist beginnings and its traditional teaching which says violence and terrorism are the only response to any and all situations.

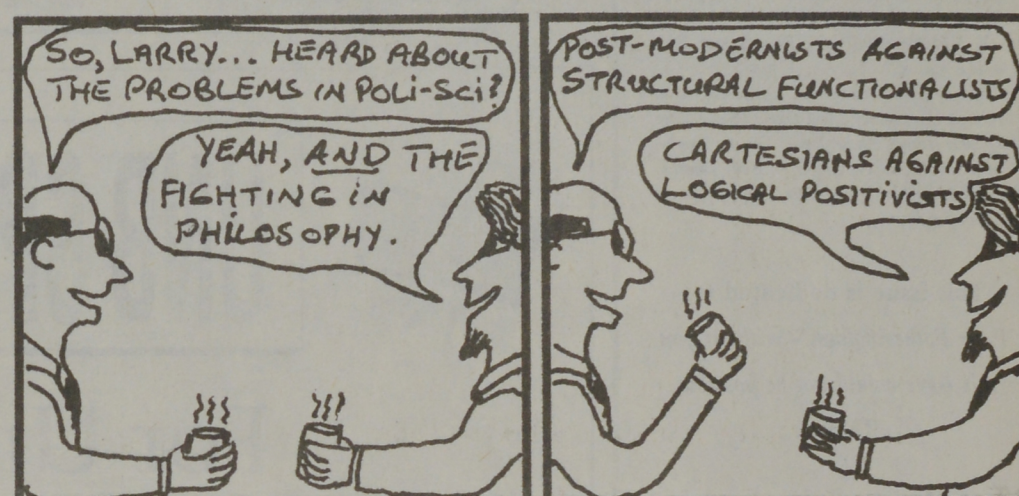
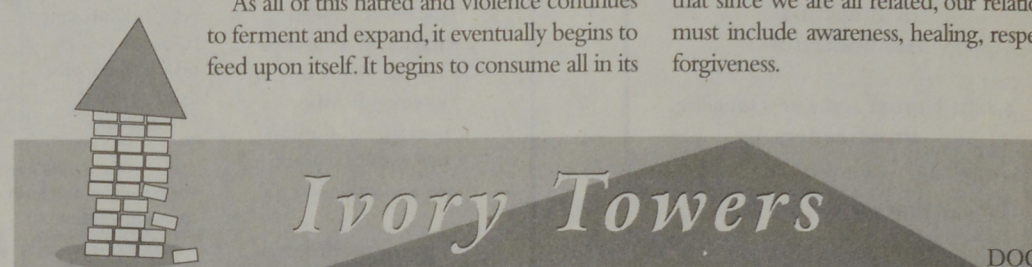
I leave you with the following traditional teachings of our people. Our Medicine Elders teach us we are all related. We are also taught all of life is a relationship. We are also taught that since we are all related, our relationships must include awareness, healing, respect and forgiveness.



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destructive chickens eventually *do* come home to roost. As the pious Puritan observed some 300 years ago, the day of terrible atonement must one day arrive. Maybe that day has arrived.

As all of this hatred and violence continues to ferment and expand, it eventually begins to feed upon itself. It begins to consume all in its



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Specialized ringtones are the latest craze for mobile phone users. People of all ages are enjoying this fun, new feature, which allows users to download their favorite songs and hear the tune when their mobile phone rings. People are downloading ringtones for themselves and are purchasing them as gifts for friend's cell phones as well. Some trend setting Scandinavian Bands have been releasing new songs in the form of ringtones before marketing them through music stores !

Now, these services are being introduced in North America through companies like Mobip Canada. Mobip.ca has introduced a comprehensive ringtone service which features over 300 top hits, movie themes, special event songs and seasonal favorites. Mobip.ca also offers over 1000 logos which can be downloaded directly to your mobile.

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