

A Burning Crisis

Mathew Wanbon

Animals and plants are dying
because we are denying our responsibility to
care for the land. We are failing to take a stand.

Death is the cost of inaction, spent on capitalist satisfaction.
Extinction is occurring and the crisis is stirring
faster than I can
grasp.

Humans need to step up and
initiate action, the green movement needs traction, we need to
jettison our ways of the past and learn to practice reciprocity fast.
Knowing is only the start,
learning is smart but integration is art.

Massive action is needed, this warning must be heeded. Protecting
natural ecosystems, trees, bees, and the seas, should be an
obligation for every nation, the governments are failing their
populations with empty narration leading to damnation.

Queue up the new environmental leaders, the Sioux, the Métis, the Syilx, the Cree.
Reconciliation, Indigenous liberation, traditional governance for every nation.
Say thanks for all of creation, say prayers for all my relations.

To hell with the economy if it means the loss of Indigenous Peoples' autonomy. It is time to undo the dichotomy between Western and Indigenous philosophy.

View the world with two eyes, there is room both for astronomy and mythology in the skies. We must acknowledge traditional ecological knowledge. The future is X, a variable unknown. Science and Indigenous wisdom will protect our home.

Yes, embracing two-eyed seeing is the path to environmental well-being, and there is zero time to waste while we are being faced with the threat of having our future erased.