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Language of Spirit: A Huge Success



Glenn Aparicio Parry:
Founder of SEED

Source for Educational Empowerment and Community Development's flagship conference : The Language of Spirit Conference, has been growing since it's inception in 1999, and continues to keep getting better and better, especially with this year's theme: TIME TRAVEL. The emotion and excitement that was in the air was tremendous and with many that attended the conference, the majority liked what they saw. "I WILL attend next year's conference!" said an overjoyed Stephan Martin, one of the new additions to the Language of Spirit Inner Circle. His

book entitled "Cosmic Connections" sold very well at this year's event as well. Cynthia Sue Larson, another Inner Circle Member, had double duties this year with a workshop and sitting in on the Inner Circle. 'Listening to Future Selves, Reviewing Our Pasts' Workshop was great. You can find her Powerpoint session on our website: seedgraduateinstitute.org. A huge hit during our Pre-Conference was Mona Polacca, a member of the International Council of Thirteen Grandmothers, who presented their film, "For the Next 7 Generations". A very inspiring film to say the least, (the room was packed to capacity) Shawn Secatero, President of SEED, said of the conference: "I am overcome with happiness and delight that the Conference came together like it did, I appreciate everyone for attending and for sitting with the

Inner Circle, thank you." With the rundown of the conference, a total of 109 attended, with volunteers added to the mix, along with 27 Inner Circle members giving it a grand total of 136, which is great, but work is being done for next year's Language of Spirit Conference to be the Biggest yet, and your input greatly helps us, and by sending your thoughts on the conference to darrell @seedgraduateinstitute.org, it is very much appreciated.

Hope to see you soon at next year's event and remember that SEED Graduate Institute is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization that bridges Indigenous Thought and Western Ways of Knowing for the purpose of fostering original thinking, which is increasingly inclusive, interconnected, and whole

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The Next 500 Years by Robert Koehler



The participants in this unique dialogue may have been doing no less than opening the window on the next 500 years.

As scary and stupefying as our world sometimes seems, we are at a place of enormous potential right now — a transition point of unprecedented understanding among cultures and peoples and worldviews. Pushing that understanding, creating, in the words of the late physicist David Bohm, a milieu of “participatory consciousness” among radically diverse thinkers, is the idea behind the Language of Spirit Conference, sponsored by the SEED Graduate Institute, which has been held in Albuquerque every year since 1999.

Last week I attended the 12th annual Language of Spirit Conference, which brought together Western scientists and scholars and Native North American and Australian scientists, philosophers and storytellers, not to argue, but to grope for commonal-

ity at the far reaches of their belief systems. The original dialogues, convened by Bohm and Leroy Little Bear (former director of Native Studies at Harvard) in Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1992, came about because Little Bear, who was well-versed in the developments of quantum physics, realized that Western science had reached the end of linear thought and finally got it: The universe is a living, conscious, interconnected organism.

This is how the world’s indigenous people see things. They always have. Reverently tied to place, they have been the natural world’s caretakers for thousands of years. They are *of* the world, living not just sustainably but in intimate relationship with their sacred piece of Planet Earth.

“We are a people who never made singing or dancing unrespected ways of knowing,” said Pat McCabe, a Navajo writer and scholar who also goes by the name Woman Stands Shining. “All of the five-fingered ways of knowing remained open to us.”

And now . . . now . . . 500 years after Western conquistadors subdued and divided the planet, devastating indigenous people on every continent and, while they were at it, pushing the natural world to the brink of ecocollapse, we are turning — some

of us — to the wisdom of connectedness that has been ours for the asking all along.

This isn’t easy or simple. Our disconnect from one another, from ourselves and from the natural world is embedded in the Western languages, which break the world into millions of discrete, manipulable pieces, called nouns (“My name is Matthew. I’m a nounaholic,” cried linguist Matthew Bronson). Westerners control reality through language, but they don’t evoke it. Indigenous languages are, as I am slowly coming to understand them, verb-based, intrinsically linking speaker and object in a flow of motion that cannot be linguistically sliced and diced.

Just as I began writing this column, the *New Yorker* arrived in the mail. On the cover of the Aug. 30 issue is a drawing of a middle-aged white guy sitting on a beach chair at the edge of the ocean, smugly pointing a TV remote at it — perfectly illustrating the disconnected, control-fixated Westerner the Language of Spirit Conference was addressing . . . the one who has done so much harm.

With eerie synchronicity, the water on the *New Yorker* Cover flows back to the dialogue SEED founder Glenn Aparicio-

Parry noted in amazement, “The mainstream world believes that water is dead — yet we’re 70 percent water.”

“The assumption of the laws (of science),” said biophysicist Beverly Rubik, “is that we’re a non-living universe. We ought to start over. We have a science that starts with deadness. It’s time to revision science — in a living universe.”

These words begin to get at the vibration of the conference — this exercise in participatory consciousness — which struck at the core of something vital. The ostensible subject of the 12th Language of Spirit dialogue was time. The speakers dismantled linear time, the kind that moves in a straight line and pulls us along on its track. (In the U.S., time wasn’t standardized till 1886, when the railroads demanded it.) Nonlinear time — the timelessness of dreaming, reverence, prayer and awe — filled the room,

and I could feel the living universe pulse. It pulsed with love.

“The eagle is more valuable to you alive” than as merely a source of feathers, said Chickasaw poet Linda Hogan. “The sacred thing is the life force.”

It also pulsed with anger. Writer M.J. Zimmerman, speaking about SEED spiritual mentor Leon Secatero, who died in 2008, said: “Grandfather Leon always talked about getting ready for the next 500 years. We’re in a transition point. The anger of colonization should not be brought into the next 500 years.

“Hurt people hurt people,” she added. “Europeans have moved into every part of this planet and hurt people.” She offered the plea that we in the disconnected West find our own roots, dig “way back into our own traumatic history” and begin to heal our brokenness.

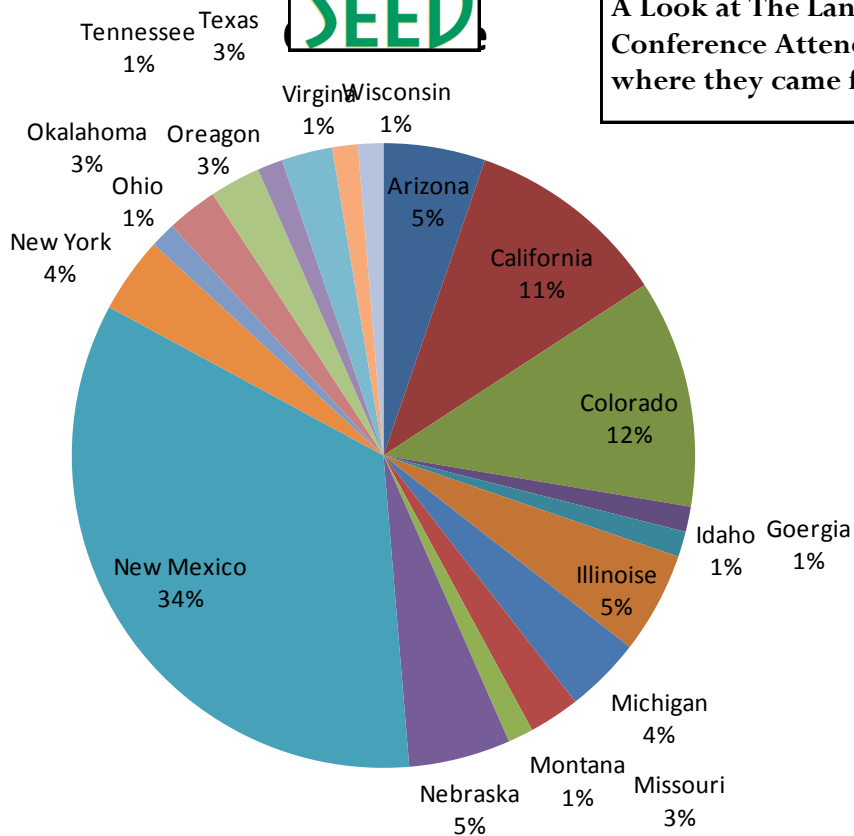
And for the first time in my life I found myself groping in the darkness of my own past, beyond a few generations of known ancestors and beyond my identity as an American, toward an ancient tribal commonality that has fallen out of history, and I felt a slow give in the assumptions of my life.

“Everyone is indigenous,” said Jill Milroy, dean of the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Western Australia. Perhaps knowing this is the first step in envisioning the next 500 years.

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Letter from Ashok Gangadean, SEED Inner Circle Member, Long-Time Contributor



Dear SEED Dialogue Friends:

The Great Shift from / Time/ to ((Time))

I wish I could have been with you “in person” for this ((Dialogue)) on Time Travel. It is a topic I have thought about and experimented with for years in exploring the crossing of worlds and the call of our great ((Wisdom Traditions)) to move beyond /egomind/ and cross into ((Now Time)): ((Be Here Now)). This expresses so much of the consensus of ((Global Wisdom)).

But I had a serious injury and could not “space travel” to join you in “person”, much to my regret. So I decided to ((sit with you)) here in Philadelphia and experiment in truly ((Joining You in the Sacred Dialogue Circle)) from across the U.S.A. in different “time zones”. After all, when we often say or hear: “I’ll be with you in spirit”! is this just a quaint saying or “intention” or is it a ((global truth)) that we have the ((mind power)) to rise into non/local/ ((spacetime)) dimensions across the artificial /egomental/ constructs and barriers of /space/ and /time/.

And what are the /boundaries/ of the ((Sacred Dialogue Circle)) in Albuquerque? Is it truly possible for me to ((join the sacred circle)) in the Non /Local/ ((SpaceTime)) zone? Is it possible that

Albuquerque and Philadelphia are ((contiguous in SpaceTime))...And if the ((Sacred Circle)) is in ((sacred SpaceTime))...there seems to be no reason why I should not be able to ((Sit With You)) and feel your ((Healing Energies)) and co-creatively ((Hold this Dialogue Space)) from a “different” /space/ and /time/.

And if the heart of ((global wisdom)) calls on us to break the /egomental/ barriers and rise into a liberated ((SpaceTime)), into the ((SpaceTime)) Continuum of the ((Holistic Unified Field)): then surely it must be possible to “travel” or ((MindShift)) from /time/ to ((Time)).

So I felt moved to seek to test out our ((Dialogue Topic)) and see if I could enter a ((meditative presence)) that moved from /time/ to ((Time)) - This would be a primary mode of ((time travel)).

And I must say that in this experiment- as if I were in a ((vision quest...sweat lodge...sacred sun dance)) I felt fully ((with you)) in holding this ((Silence)).

As some of you may recall- four years ago I made a ((keynote)) presentation with you on the ((Language of Spirit)) and I introduced the markers to disentangle the /egosphere/ and /script/ where most people live from the ((LogosSphere)) which is the Holistic ((Unified Filed)) that is the focal point of our diverse wisdom traditions. I use ((...)) markers for any /word/ that is spoken in our everyday ego based life and script. All “words” may be rendered in the /egomental dimension/ or in the ((Holistic SpaceTime Dimension)). There is a world of ((/

difference/)) between /time/ and ((Time)). And thus a primary form of “time travel” is ((mind shifting)) from /time/ to ((Time)).

In this ((Spirit)), for me, the ((mind)) is the primary technology for ((time shift)). We can truly “travel” or ((shift dimensions)) from /time/ to ((time)). And since /space/ and /time. are, as our great ((thinkers)), like Einstein, taught is a spacetime continuum, then to shift time is to also shift space. So it should be possible for ((Albuquerque and Philadelphia)) to be ((contiguous)) and ((non/local/)) and the ((Sacred Dialogue Circle)) to be boundlessly ((open)) across the ((Land)). So as we dilate our ((consciousness)) from /mind/ to ((Mind)) we are able to make this ((dimensionalshift)) into the ((SpaceTime Continuum)) of the ((HoloSphere)). And this is the ((key)) to ((Being With You in Spirit)).

I hope these preliminary ((thoughts)) make sense. I wished to find a way to ((communicate)) these ((time travel)) thoughts which came to clarity while I ((sat with you)) from this ((Non local)) ((SpaceTime)) across the country.

Thanks for letting me share and I hope to be with you ((in person)) next time.

Love to All, Ashok))

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The Rainbow Bridge: 14th Annual SEED: Language of Spirit Travels in Time

I had the honor of attending the SEED: Language of Spirit Conference this year after having known about its depth for many years through my work with James O'Dea, a regular participant in the inner Circle.

From the very moment of walking into the room, I witnessed even in the structure of how the chairs and tables were set up a preemptory signal for what was to come--a message underlying the entirety of the dialogues--that is, the chairs were in two concentric circles and the message conveyed--equanimity, openness, Beauty. Leroy Little Bear opened the dialogues on Time Travel with the interlinked message that coincides with the equilibrium and equanimity that a circle somehow represents: that we must drop our "tacit infrastructures" in order to come open to the spirit of that which wants to come through. To me, that spirit already knew the foundations had been laid even in subtle ways--from the room being set up in a ceremonial way, to the circle that formed the dialogue space. Although I am not a Native American by blood, I have the deepest and utmost love and respect for the wisdom and traditions conveyed through Tribal ceremony and inherent understanding of the Good Red and Blue Roads and how they intersect and interconnect. In opening a dialogue or meeting of any kind, by giving ourselves--or our little selves--over to the greater Spirit we open to the possibility of humility, deep listening, and a bridge to a Greater Truth. I knew without any question that I was witnessing, sensing, and hearing that happen at the SEED dialogues. And for me, with my humble understanding of what

the Rainbow Bridge represents, I somehow felt this was the best way to describe what I witnessed.

Deep "experts" from many fields and traditions, Elders and Grandmothers, Little Sisters and Brothers, Scientists of the most honored accomplishments...all gathered and clearly were experts given they conveyed their "not-knowing". Throughout the whole dialogue I felt the strongest sense of this humility and a deep prayer in the silences for our humanity to come together and be in true understanding by the act of dropping our individual and collective tacit infrastructures, and going into a heartfelt, openly engaged, wise in the wisest sense of wisdom, Field of listening and offering. I found myself day-dreaming about the Haudenosaunee tradition of Giving Thanks before any decision, meeting, or gathering as they knew the power of equanimity in the Field of Thanksgiving to be a great harnessing and releasing, all the same, of the better powers of our human nature as we gather in ways of understanding. In many ways I felt that I was witnessing a ceremony of Thanks-Giving for four days, where each allowed the other a full space of latitude, and time became outside of itself bent and reshaped into a fully present Presence.

As Leroy also conveys, dialogue is much more about listening than it is about speaking. In this aspect I witnessed the great precision of all participants allowing their own silence to deepen the possibility of coming to higher reaches of understanding--but not that 'reaching' a particular conclusion was the goal, or that the journey was headed anywhere par-

ticular; rather that the very act of truly being open and present with the circles allowing for the circles themselves to open to a higher level of receptiveness to truth with a big "T", and to convey in parts as well as the whole authenticity in its truest, purest form.

The Rainbow Bridge is, to me, a representation of bringing Heaven and Earth together. It is the wisdom that manifests through practice in ceremony of many forms that potentiates us into full capacity as humans to allow the message of spirit to bridge through us, for us, and for there to be great understanding and peace by following this way of gathering. The SEED Dialogues create a Rainbow Bridge of higher individual and collective understanding because they are foundationed in the highest principles of wisdom, greater understanding of Life, humility, and are guided by a very special Elder who not only speaks of these qualities, but lives them into being.

The heart of this incredibly special gathering is a template for creating a world of peace. Thank you for the hard work and incredible devotion to such important work, and for those who've yet to attend, make sure you save next August's dates for this extraordinary event.

Mali Rowan-
Publicist/
Conference
Coordinator



THE 13TH ANNUAL LANGUAGE OF SPIRIT CONFERENCE

The tentative date would be August 14th to the 16th, 2011, with the Pre Conference on Saturday, August 13th, 2011 held here in Albuquerque, NM. The site of the Conference would be at the Embassy Suites. Plans are underway to really promote this by January 2011 and to start taking registrations as soon as possible! If you look below, we have a SUPER EARLY BIRD SPECIAL, starting at \$199.00, good until December 1st, 2010.

Many have asked about the past conference transcripts, and they are available NOW! 1999 to 2010, starting at \$25 a transcript! Also available are the SEEDing Change DVDs which also sell at \$25.00, there are four DVDs in the set, which is priced at \$100.00. You can call us or email us about terms of shipment and inquiries on the product itself. Continue to look at our website: www.seedgraduateinstitute.org for further updates on the

our events, which are continuous, and the involvement and process of SEED Graduate Institute, which is our long term goal to reach the masses by educating many which the bridged knowledge of Indigenous and Western Ways of Thought. We hope to see you at the 13th Annual International Language of Spirit Conference, we are in an exciting time now and we hope you are excited too!!



Next Year's Conference looks to be the BIGGEST yet!!!



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Yaa'at'eeh (greetings!) In our traditional Canoncito Navajo way, October marks the beginning of a new year as we finish gathering our harvest and the moon is reborn. At SEED, we pray and honor our new year in this newsletter by wishing you all a great new year.

The 12th Annual Language of Spirit Conference was a great experience and I would like to honor and thank all of the participants in our SEED Newsletter. We have been receiving great responses through our conference evaluations. We would like to thank everyone for attending this great event.

We had a dynamic group of presenters that included elder Dennis Martinez, James O'Dea, Cynthia Sue Larson, Matthew Bronson, Pat McCabe, and Glenn Parry. With this mixture of knowledge and dedication, our conference was a unique experience in combining western and indigenous knowledge. Our inner circle also added a touch of wisdom to our conference by sharing their knowledge about time travel. We were able to make many connections through time, language, and spirit.

We also appreciated the outer circle participants who were instrumental in bridging the various elements of time through their personal and professional experiences. We would like to thank all of those for participating and sharing their world views.

I would also like to acknowledge our SEED staff members and volunteers who helped make this event happen. It is great to know that there is a great support network to ensure the success of our conference.

We are still accepting donations to help our organization. If you would like to become a member of SEED, please read our enclosed donation page. If you would like to help continue our vision at SEED, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience. Your donation is tax-deductible.

We hope to see you all again next year in mid-August 2011 here in Albuquerque. Si'ah Naaghai Bik'eh Hozhoon, (May you continue to walk in beauty).

Shawn Secatero, Ph.D.

President

