Treaty Teachings



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Alberta and Saskatchewan are created as provinces to make a total of nine provinces in the Dominion of Canada (1905). The District of Keewatin is transferred back to the Northwest Territories. Due to changes in adjoining areas the boundaries of the Northwest Territories are redefined (1906).







Map: Taylor, Canada, 1947

 Most colonists did not come to America intent on killing, enslaving, converting or consorting with Native Americans. They simply expected them to make way for the whites. The attitude of most whites regarding the Aboriginals was summed up by a British Member of Parliament at the commencement of the Seven Years' War. "Here is a contest between two equals about a country where both claim an undivided right. I think it is allowed on all hands that the Natives have no rights at all."



 "When your white children first came to this country, they did not come shouting the war cry and seeking to wrest this land from us. They told us they came as friends to smoke the pipe of peace; they sought our friendship; we became brothers. Their enemies were ours. At that time we were strong and powerful, while they were few and weak. But did we oppress them or wrong them? No! Time wore on and you have become a great people, whilst we have melted away like snow beneath an April sun, our strength is wasted, our countless warriors dead." Shinguacouse (Ojibwa Chief) 1849)







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Ancestral Rights:

Tied to practises, traditions, and customs of Aboriginal societies before contact with Europeans. Isabelle Montpetit, CBC News May 26, 2011.7:50p.m.ET

Verbal agreement:

As long as the sun shines

As long as the river flows

As long as the grass grows

• The First Nations' oral understanding of the Numbered Treaties varies significantly from that of the written text. First Nation elders assert that only the topsoil was surrendered for agricultural purposes, and that ownership was retained not only over their reserve land (in Cree called *iskunikan*, i.e., "land that was kept"), but also over the wildlife upon which they relied as well as all other resources including minerals.²⁸Blair Stonechild, "The Iron Alliance and Domination of the Northern Plains, 1690–1885; Implications for the Concept of Iskunikan" (unpublished, 2002), 15.











 "When all the trees have been cut down, when all the animals have been hunted, when all the waters are polluted, when all the air is unsafe to breathe, only then will you discover you cannot eat money." -Cree Prophecy



What have teachers been doing with Treaty Teachings?

BRITISH CROWN'S

REASONS FOR MAKING TREATIES

- did not want the U.S to expand its borders into the Canadian west
- recognized the First Nations as sovereign nations with whom the British Crown had the authority to make treaties.
- recognized the First Nations peoples as land owners who held natural title to the land
- to gain access to the land in what is now Saskatchewan.

FIRST NATIONS REASONS FOR MAKING TREATIES

- willing to share the land with newcomers
- With their traditional way of life quickly disappearing their livelihood was threatened so they had to look for a new way to make a living because of the depletion of natural resources
 - to avoid Indian Wars
- they were dying from new diseases
- saw treaties as a bridge to the future and a way to provide for their future generations.

- the decline of the fur trade

the disappearance of the buffalo

GOVERNMENT'S REASONS FOR MAKING TREATIES

accessing land for newcomers

- to avoid Indian Wars

- expansion of the west

- building a railway across Canada that would connect the east and the west

NEWCOMERS REASONS

FOR MAKING TREATIES

- to prevent wars and establish peaceful relations
- to clarify land ownership issues
- and concerns















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As Long as the sun shines – Treaties in Saskatchewan (10 min) 9:57

Grandfather Rock

The Grandfather Rocks are very ancient. They were here first, and all other life evolved from them.

Grandfather Rocks must be treated with respect. Most aboriginal people believe they were once people or animals who were changed into rocks to be interpreters between humankind and Great Spirit.

The gifts of the Rock are strength, wisdom, power, and love. People ask the Rock to bless them with these qualities when they make stone pipes and when they use them in ceremonies. In the old days, when people prepared to move camp, they prayed to Grandfather Rocks to guide them safely to their new camp.

The image on this rock may have been inspired by a dream. Similar images are found at St. Victor's Petroglyph site, and on shell, ceramic, and pipestone artifacts that are approximately 900 years old.



This is where Treaty begins and ends – on the back Of Turtle Island. E'kosi Sharon Meyer North East School Division First Nation and Metis Instruction Consultant (306)401 -7848