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Resilience, Adaptation, and Seeing Nature as Ourselves with Casey Camp-Horinek TGS 133
1 hour 33 minutes

<https://youtu.be/hSp4Ap0Ck-I?si=ClDwnlXCMdqDIGld>

Here is a concise summary of the key points from the video:

Casey Camp-Horinek, an indigenous Ponca activist, shares her lifelong journey of fighting for environmental justice and the rights of nature. She describes the historical trauma and oppression her people have faced, including forced relocation, boarding schools, and police violence.

Despite these challenges, Casey has maintained a spirit of resilience, compassion, and connection to the natural world. She emphasizes the importance of ceremony, ritual, and an interconnected worldview that sees humans as part of nature, not separate from it.

In 2017, the Ponca Nation became the first in the US to legally adopt the "Rights of Nature" as tribal law, inspiring other indigenous groups to do the same. This represents a fundamental shift away from Western notions of nature as a resource to be exploited, towards recognizing the inherent rights and personhood of the natural world.

Casey stresses the unique contributions that indigenous wisdom can offer to address the global environmental crisis. She advocates for a post-traumatic growth mindset, where pain and loss are met with adaptation, gratitude, and a focus on legacy for future generations. Overall, her message underscores the critical importance of rebalancing human-nature relationships through a worldview of respect, interconnectedness, and love.

Quote from Casey,

My mom used to say, "Make yourself proud. Make yourself proud of what you do."

So you have all of these really magical tools that you, that you hold in your hand, these little mini computers they call cell phones, and those things that the kids do, TikTok, and what can you say or do

with those that are going to be part of the seventh generation philosophy, that says seven generations before you, something was done that made it possible for you to be here today. What are you doing for the seven generations to come? And if you think in those terms, you have an ability to see beyond yourself and see yourself also as an intricate beginning of the web from those ones way down the road that are your future ancestor. What's your legacy?

The key points are encouraging the younger generation to take pride in their actions, consider the impact on future generations, and see themselves as part of an interconnected web of life.