

Traditions of Compassion, Help and Respect - Sidney Byrd - OSEU #7

See, in the traditional way, that was not a part of what I was doing. Three things. Have compassion for one another. Have compassion for one another. Help one another. Be the first to help your neighbor. Finally, he said, **Kichonihampo**. Have respect for one another. If you do these three things, our nation will rise, we'll live, survive. Do these three things.

And I got to thinking, you know, that's true. These old wise men tell us these things. Three elements for living. If we do those things, we'll survive.

So we can depend on each other to help one another. That's what makes us strong. So I'm a firm believer in that, the traditional way. So, one day, we're going to stand accountable for our actions. And what are we going to say? Are we going to say, we followed the tenets, the teachings of the one we call **Wanikia**. We have the most powerful gift this world has ever known. You know what it is? It's love. Any problem can be solved with love. Our problem is, we don't use it. So we create problems. There'll be no more wars.

There will no longer be selfish people, greedy people. There will be sharing and giving. Our problem is we don't take it. So we create problems. I can't ever forget the wisdom of these old men, **Kakosha, Lenakichuyo**, remember these things. So we would treat everybody like we want to be treated by ourselves, love one another.

So I'm now in the sunset of my life and I'll hang on as long as I can but following those teachings will make the difference in our lives.