

Dr. Hergenrather Recommends—

A Basic Call to Consciousness
The Hau de no sau nee
Address to the Western World.

This small volume (55 pages) was published in 1978 by Akwesasne Notes of the Mohawk Nation, Via Roosevelttown, New York. It is a collection of position papers presented by the Hau de no sau nee, the traditional Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy, to the people of the western world in 1977. These writings are unique political statements that point to the destruction of the natural world and the remaining indigenous peoples by Western civilization. Their plea to reverse the process draws on the collective wisdom of leaders dating back to the Pleistocene era.

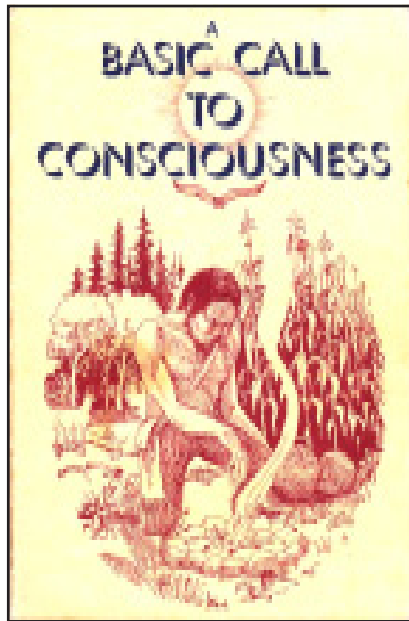
Shortly after the book was published I spent a few days in a village of this Nation along the banks of the St. Lawrence River in upstate New York offering ambulatory medical care to these hard working, proud and independent people. They are the true spiritual guardian "of this place."

The Bill of Rights adopted by our "founding fathers" after the revolution had precedents. Hau de no sau nee constitution recognizes many freedoms that Western democracies claim as their own inventions.

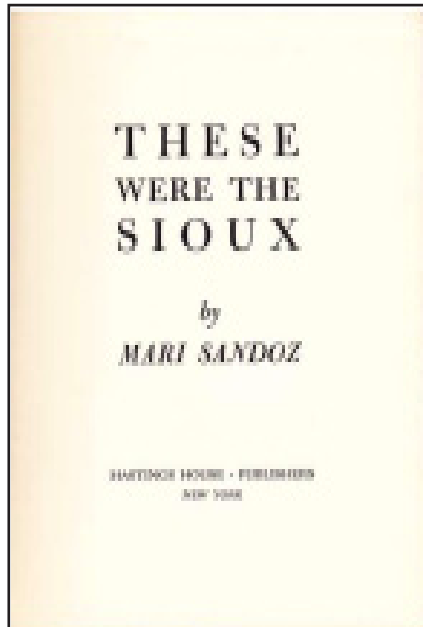
These were the Sioux
by Mari Sandoz, 1961

Mari Sandoz is the author of 22 books, fiction and non-fiction, about the life and ways of the Sioux people. They are rich with information about the Lakota Sioux people. This one is a collection of vignettes of village life — social anthropology. Here's how a tribe of people hold together under austere and tragic circumstances.

Mari was the daughter of Jules and Mary Sandoz, Swiss immigrants who settled on the North American plains on a piece of land that became the site

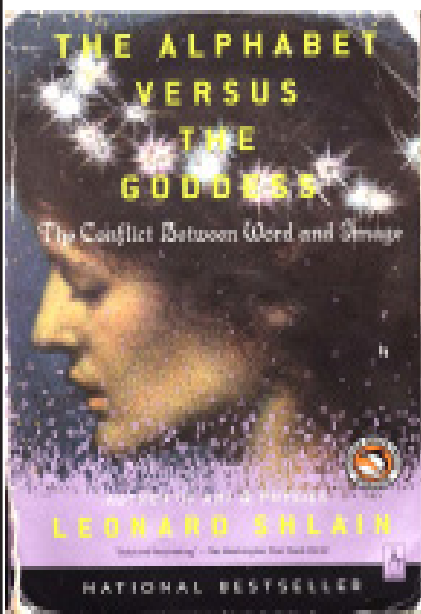


of the Sioux camp where these remaining native Americans were rounded up by the U.S. Army. Mari was welcomed into their lodges to learn their stories and ways. These Were The Sioux describes their institutions and behavior — how the tepee culture worked. It offers much insight into raising children and living in community



The Alphabet Versus The Goddess: The Conflict Between Word and Image by Leonard Shlain, Penguin, 1998

In making the case that the advent of literacy ushered in the demise of goddess societies, Shlain provides a compelling history of human civilization, from hunters and gatherers through to modern times. As literacy was codified into the rule of law, the balance of power shifted from women — with their intuitive and holistic, right-brain orientation — to the concrete, linear focus of the left-brain men. The book is full of surprises and is a refreshing review of history, religion, and science.



God's Line on Cannabis

The Bible says very little about plants used as drugs. Some scholars and linguists claim that certain scriptures refer to Cannabis, but the evidence is weak.

Even without any specific mention of Cannabis, a strong case must be made that Cannabis is a gift from Jehovah and a blessing for those who are willing to use it:

Genesis 1: 29 "And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.'"

The Bible has little to say about drugs other than alcohol. Wine is mentioned as being a "blessing." Although there are many warnings about the perils of overindulging in alcohol, there is not one word suggesting that it, or any of God's creations, be banned.

Prohibition is specifically condemned in Timothy 4:1: "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by giving heed to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, through the pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and enjoin abstinence from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving."

Although the Bible doesn't say much about drugs, it does have a lot to say about honesty. The first sin — and the first lie — occurred when Satan set up Adam and Eve for the "fruit-of-the-tree-of-knowledge" transgression.

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In the New Testament, Jesus says, "You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because the truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie."

— JOHN 8:44



The Bible repeatedly tells us that liars will perish. For example: "The false witness will not be free from punishment, and he that launches forth mere lies will perish."

— PROVERBS 19:9

Anti-drug crusaders get no support from the Bible. After the failed ban on the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Bad, there are no more plant prohibitions in the scriptures. There's nothing in the Bible against people enjoying themselves, so long as it is not at the expense of a victim.

The Bible's implication about Cannabis is very simple. Jehovah created Cannabis for the benefit of mankind. Those who call Cannabis "evil" are guilty of blasphemy. In true Biblical terms, blasphemy means to "speak against God" or to "insult God." By this standard, the Drug Warriors' false claims that Cannabis is harmful make them enemies of God.

— Randall Givens

From The Book of Genesis

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