Greetings to all who may read these reflections,

Three weeks have now past since the 'Burning' for the coastal Ancestors, which took place at Conn Bay on Xwe'etay/Lasqueti Island. A profound experience for those attending, and a literally epic and historical ceremony that had not taken place on the island for well over 200 years!

For these past weeks I have been reflecting upon the many layers of visible and invisible realities that the human family lives within. I reflect on the fact that many of us experience being individually and collectively 'broken' in many ways. Feeling unheard. Disappeared. Forgotten. Like many of our Ancestors, generations of families and tribes, who have walked upon the "Earth's Blanket" before us.

I observe the fragmentation and division of many families, communities and nations, for a myriad of reasons, these last few years particularly. Difficulty has arisen in being able to really communicate honestly - to listen to and feel heard by others in a kind and respectful manner on considerations that question the 'official' 'state' 'dominant culture' narrative on any number of current and critical topics. The standard political tactics of 'divide and conquer' have been extremely successful and the human family now finds itself at a crossroads with a choice to be made. Either to come together through mutual recognition of the value and sacredness of every human heart and soul, regardless of ethnicity or diverse perspectives and opinions on what is real, true or 'fake', or the alternative of abrupt societal and climate collapse. More wars, or respectful reconciliation through truth and history unmasked.

Willie Pierre spoke powerfully on behalf of the Ancestors spiritually present at the Burning ceremony. Respectfully, I paraphrase the message. It is time to stop scrapping and share the land. Understand what this means to share and to respect the sentience and intelligence of every living creature, plant and blade of grass. Understand the history of the land. Open to, and understand the wisdom and acquired knowledge of those who have lived before ust weeks I have been refle

Two nights before the ceremony, a strange, low, deep rolling thunder crossed this area. The next day was the first steady rain ALL day that I have experienced in this area for a very long time. The day of the ceremony, no rain or wind. Quiet. Leaving no concern for the safety of the land surrounding the fire. It felt that a huge blessing was blanketing the island of Xwe'etay.

Many people contributed to a most beautiful feast at the Community Hall following the Burning ceremony. Huge effort was put into this extraordinary day and many deserve to be thanked. Dana and her lovely family. Those who prepared the site and those who drove and transported people from the ferry to the ceremonial site and back again!

My personal regret of that day is that I didn't speak when Dana made the invitation to all in attendance for the community meal. My own history on Xwe'etay began when I was 5 years old, arriving with my parents and new born sister from Lulu Island in the Fraser River where my Dad had been log salvaging for a few years and then decided to become a fisherman and move up the coast. 3(coast)3(.)]TJETQq0.00000912 0 612 792 rec 72 523.3 Tm0 g0 Gau5cushsho.tm gs(c 72 523d ha

The willingness to surrender identification with suffering and walk through the gate to a new paradigm of real change and healing through truth and reconciliation with self...and each other.

"The Burning" on Xwe'etay on May 6, was ironically the day of coronation for the King of colonization!!!!! May the healing inherent in the remembering and feeding of the Ancestors through the Burning ceremony be embraced by all who attended, either in body or spirit. May the healing be received through receptive hearts, that in the future of "putting our hands together", we understand that the land ISthe culture and ISthe foundation of human relationships, on our shared, magnificent planet Earth.

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