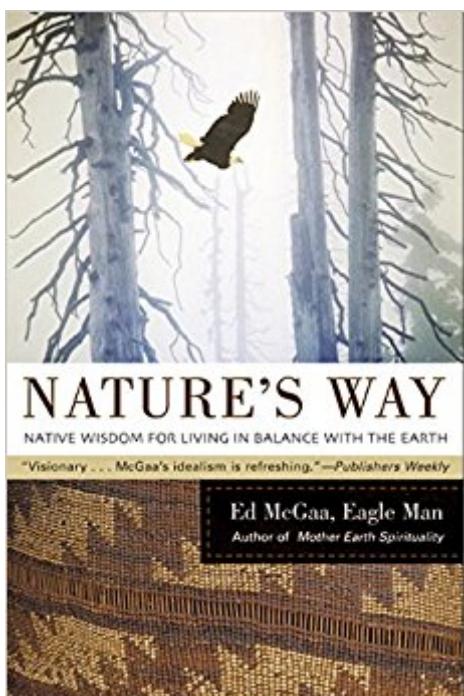


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Nature's Way: Native Wisdom For Living In Balance With The Earth



Synopsis

Now in paperback! US bestselling author of Mother Earth Spirituality returns with a call for a spiritual awakening to create a new global culture. Beginning with the ways of the Lakota Sioux and branching outward, Sioux tribal leader Ed McGaa, known as Eagle Man, shows the error of using animals and the natural world as a whole for economic and political gain. He then offers everyday lessons and values gleaned from Nature that endure for all times and people. In this call for spiritual awakening, McGaa explains how we can create a new global culture based not on dominance over nature for economic and political gain, but on values that endure for all times and all people.

Nature's Way explores Native American belief systems, oppression of Native Americans by the dominant society, the desacralisation of Nature, and the complicity of institutional religion. Taking on religion, politics, and culture, McGaa provides a template for readers — a path designed by Nature that anyone can follow. Using the lessons of eagle, bear, lion, wolf, orca, owl, tiger, buffalo, rat, deer — even the cottonwood tree, Nature's Way teaches all of us how we can overcome religious intolerance, treat women and men equally, preserve our environment, and live in peace.

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Customer Reviews

Ed McGaa, an Oglala Sioux also called Eagle Man, here presents an environmental, personal, and global philosophy of balance. Using traditional Native American spirituality as a framework, Nature's Way is a call for a major change in the way people relate to the world. McGaa, who has studied

under Sioux holy men Chief Eagle Feather and Chief Fool's Crow, begins each chapter by describing the qualities of an animal or plant that represents a particular value, such as the wolf ("one among many") or the eagle ("observation"). Personal anecdotes, tribal legends, and stories from around the world support each idea, and the book's somewhat rambling structure is very conversational. McGaa's ideas are not new, but they are well-presented. If we begin to live by the principles that are demonstrated by the world itself, he writes, we will then be in harmony with the world, rather than taking from it destructively. The book's final chapters outline problems such as global warming and overpopulation, which threaten the survival of life on earth. *Nature's Way* will appeal to readers seeking a hopeful spiritual approach for dealing with seemingly insurmountable problems. --Therese Littleton --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In this visionary book, based on the author's experiences as an Oglala Sioux and the inspiration he has received from Sioux holy men, McGaa, or Eagle Man (Mother Earth Spirituality), asserts that in order to save the planet from ecological disaster, mankind must abandon the beliefs and practices of the largest governments and religions and follow the spiritual path advocated by Native Americans and other societies that respect nature. In the first seven chapters, he discusses lessons humans can learn from animals; such as the eagle's keen powers of observation; the lioness's aptitude for balancing male and female energy; the bear's knowledge of the medicinal properties of plants; the wolf's talent for working together with the rest of the pack; and the owl's ability to see into the hidden parts of nature. These observations are then used as springboards for his thoughts on where humanity has gone wrong, emphasizing especially the destructive powers of organized religion. In the final chapters, he shows how the desacralization of nature threatens all life on earth. McGaa admits that a return to the spiritual values of nature's way isn't likely, but he believes this is necessary to save the planet from the "four horses of the Apocalypse"; global warming, the thinning of the ozone layer, mass extinctions and overpopulation. While the book adds little new to the current spate of warnings of impending ecological doom, McGaa's idealism is refreshing.

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This is another great offering from Eagle Man ! Sure he is prone to rants (I love it when he does) and he may carry a "chip" on his shoulder (wouldn't you ?) but his message is clear, and he pulls no punches, and sticks to his guns (give me a sec, to think of 1 more cliche') He is surely a true American Original !!! This volume leads us through the lessons we may(or should) learn from the

individual elements in Nature. The lessons are from the Spirits of these animals, and the Cottonwood tree. Mr. McGaa points out what is wrong with our world today, what has been wrong in the past, and what lessons we all can learn from this, and find our way back to regain a lost balance in the world. There is a higher intelligence in Nature, and Eagle Man helps us to perceive it! You may not agree with everything written here, that is not the point, The beautiful message, and lessons from Nature are!!!! A great volume, from a great author, HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR EVERYONE !!!!!!

Mr. McGaa's (Eagle Man) views and criticisms are harsh, yet factual. He's a veteran of the Vietnam War where he was a USMC fighter pilot flying F-4 Phantoms. He holds a law degree and is an active author in promoting "Nature's Way". He has overcome many challenges and achieved much. However, in my opinion, this book is one of his greatest achievements. It serves as a reality check for modern day society. Almost to the point where it could serve as a blue print for our future societies.

A book I could not put down.....a book filled with so much important information.....a book which teaches us all the correct way to live....the only way to live...and that is to always respect Nature. I have read all of Ed McGaa's books...for me, this is his best. Buy it and CONNECT!

I like this book, but I think the title is a bit misleading. I was expecting a book on more traditional views, but what really came across was that this book is a soap-box for the author's stance on the environment (more or less). I completely agree with his points and still recommend the book highly, but if you're looking for a book that will teach you about the Nature Path, this really isn't it.

Beautifully written and informative, anyone looking to broaden insight on religious beliefs and customs of native peoples should read. A great perspective on environment and religion together.

One of the best explanations of truly "Natural" living I've ever read.

For anyone who cherishes the Natural World, and the time-honored traditions of Native America, this is a book that sings forth from the heart of Gaia herself! In a time when American Ideals of Freedom, Co-Evolution and Planetary Survival are threatened, Ed McGaa emerges as a Practical Visionary. He provides us with a "shattering glimpse of the obvious," regarding a shameful lack of

responsibility for our individual Spirits, as well as for our our Planetary Homeworld...Mother Earth. McGaa bridges the worldviews between Redman and Whiteman, laying out the timeless truths which are embedded deeply both in Native American Tradition, and in the living fabric of the Global Biosphere itself. The Author leaves no stone unturned, and no truth untold as he reveals many facets of the Living Truths of what he calls "Natures Way" through a series of "Stories" which illustrate the perspectives and behaviors of different animals...the lessons we can learn from them in their infinite wisdom and natural innocence, and how they each uniquely reflect the virtues and perfection of their Creator, and of the Intricate Web of Life on Earth. This is a powerful and moving book, elegant in its simplicity, yet profoundly moving in terms of Universal Truths. For anyone who cherishes the beauty and perfection of the Natural World, and understands that the Human Race is truly on the brink of "The Sixth Great Extinction," this book makes it painfully clear that to change the world, we must first change ourselves...in our Hearts, our Minds, and our Spirits. McGaa reminds us poignantly that, "The hard part of what it means to be interrelated to all things is that our neglect comes back full circle to affect us negatively as it affects other species. We are held accountable for our actions (or lack therof) toward the Earth, and even to generations yet unborn."

I found this book to be captivating and an artful presentation of Native American values and beliefs. This book assisted me in research into Native American cultural values.

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