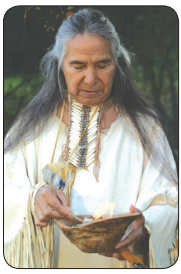


# Interview With Peace Ambassador Reuben Silverbird



It is my pleasure to be speaking with Peace Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Reuben Silverbird, about his Australia Tour in November 2011.

**Jutta:** *Sowing the Seeds of Love* is a powerful name for your tour, what message would you like to give to our people here?

**Reuben Silverbird:** Well, it's no different ... the message is no different from the message I give in Norway, that I give in Italy, Germany, or wherever else I travel: we are not sowing seeds of love today anymore ... we are not sowing seeds of love and peace.

I have a new book that I may have with me when I come, that is titled *Sowing Seeds of Love and Peace*. We are not doing it ... we are talking a lot about it, but we are not joining hands in doing it together. Sowing seeds of love and peace takes love and lots of peace to be able to do them.

You know most of the time, when we sow something, we plant something in the ground, it is going to come up, and whatever we plant with love will come out looking this way. If we don't, there won't be love involved with it. It is the same thing in that a person is cooking food, if you are not in that happy mood in cooking your food, that is what is going to come out. And we are not paying much attention to that today...

I usually will talk about the fact that we are so used to eating 'fast foods' today because we are in a hurry ... this is not good for us. We are drinking water from a plastic container; this is not good for us, and we think that it is marvellous. We think that it is wonderful because we have been sold this image. The world today is pretty much built on television, what they sell us on television and what we see there most of the time is marketing!

Well, we have to go back and reconstruct our way of doing things. We have to do them the way we used to even a hundred years ago. But if you want to go back just thirty or forty years ago we had a completely different kind of life; just fifteen years ago we had no cellular phones. Can you imagine? Can you believe that? Today we can't live without a cellular phone.

And this is what is destroying a lot of our way of thinking ... it is destroying our karma, destroying our extrasensory perception, that is called ESP. There are so many things that I talk about in my retreats.

I just gave one here, for the first time for a long time, in Vienna and it was an all-day seminar, and it was supposed to finish at five o'clock, it went over by one hour, and even after that people didn't want to leave. Because there is so much to talk about, there are so many things that are happening in the world, we are so preoccupied with things that are not important to us, ok?

**J:** Also, I know that, when you come to Australia, you will be connecting with indigenous people, what is your vision in regards to the different cultures and how do you see yourself connecting with the indigenous people of Australia?

**RS:** Well, you know, the very first trip that I made to Australia, I went to Canberra as a guest of a Senator from Australia. I

told them, the group that came to hear me, I said that the first thing your Prime Minister should do is apologise to the indigenous people of your country, the Aborigines. And Kevin Rudd, the first thing he did was not just say, "We apologise." I think his speech took twenty or thirty minutes, and you had people in tears. That was worth more to Aborigines in Australia than the lifetime of pain that Australia has given the Aborigine.

And, you see, I know that pain because the same pain was brought to my country: our children being dragged off to a thousand miles away, away from their parents ... and I say dragged, yes, they pulled them, took them away.

We know the same story, not being able to speak the language, cutting their hair, dressing them up in a white man's way. Many children committed suicide from these terrible experiences in America and the same thing happened in Australia.

So we have ... there is a brotherhood there, and I know sometimes there is a disconnection in some way. I don't know why. Because, in my heart, when you say, 'Aborigines' or when you say, 'indigenous peoples', we have all suffered the same pain, we have all suffered the same terrible injustice.

Norway has the Sami People and I have been invited to come and speak at the Sami festivals in northern Norway. The Sami People have suffered the same thing too, and all the indigenous people all over the world have suffered. In Africa they have suffered. The only way ... the message that I would bring the Aborigines in Australia, again, is that they have to have more unity with each other, more togetherness with each other. And the same message goes for my own people in America. We are not really together as one. And that is what indigenous peoples of the world have to do.

I champion this gathering that you have in Australia where Maoris, Aborigines and all other cultures come together to honour, I pray, it is Mother Earth, because without Mother Earth we are nothing.

**J:** Well, thank you very much Reuben for taking the time to speak with me today and we are so very much looking forward to your visit to Australia.

**RS:** I look forward to coming back and I pray that I am able to meet with more of the Aborigines than I have done before. Okay, because it is very important ... because, in my heart, we are all brothers and sisters. And that, of course, you know ... I have studied this, and ... people are no different all over the world, they just need to know about our people, and if we open our hearts, together we will be able to accomplish that, ok?

As far as things that are happening to the world, for the 2012, 2013, which I think it is 13 ... this is happening already. I think we should strongly pray, and the prayer should be together and the prayer should be from the heart in unity. The world has to do this to be able to change around what is happening to Mother Earth, because you know, we belong to Mother Earth; Mother Earth does not belong to us!

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