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LD 958

Please enact LD 958.

A mere 400 years ago, this land was occupied by Indigenous people who lived here for thousands of years. They had an entirely different concept of land ownership than we did. Land, for them, didn't belong to anyone but was a gift from their gods to the people whose job it was to preserve not only the land but all the creatures on that land.

Then, we arrived. We the white men and women who believed in something called Manifest Destiny. Manifest Destiny was essentially a blueprint for stealing the land from the people who lived here and using it in different ways from those that guided the Indigenous people.

In fact, we rationalized our theft and eventually our genocide by saying that those peoples were not fully human, were instead savages and thus we had the right to take the land from them and use it according to our principles of progress, all based on wealth and ownership: by white men.

Eminent Domain when used against all Native American land is a continuation of the policy of the Doctrine of Discovery which made Manifest Destiny the rule of the land.

Eminent Domain should be seen for what it is: white supremacy and theft.
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