

# Black Elk Quotes

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All things are our relatives; what we do to everything, we do to ourselves. All is really One.

~Black Elk

Let every step you take upon the earth be as a prayer.

~Black Elk

Grown men may learn from very little children, for the hearts of little children are pure, and, therefore, the Great Spirit may show to them many things which older people miss.

~Black Elk

At the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit. And that center is really everywhere. It is within each of us.

~Black Elk

Any man who is attached to things of this world is one who lives in ignorance and is being consumed by the snakes of his own passions

~Black Elk

One should pay attention to even the smallest crawling creature for these too may have a valuable lesson to teach us.

~Black Elk

May you always walk in Beauty.

~Black Elk

Sometimes dreams are wiser than waking.

~Black Elk

Behold this day. It is yours to make.

~Black Elk

Peace will come to the hearts of men when they realize their oneness

with the universe, It is every where.

~Black Elk

To use the power of the bison, I had to perform that part of my vision for the people to see.

~Black Elk

Everything an Indian does is in a circle, and that is because the power of the world always works in circles.

~Black Elk

They told me I had been sick twelve days, lying like dead all the while, and that Whirlwind Chaser, who was Standing Bear's uncle and a medicine man, had brought me back to life.

~Black Elk

All over the sky a sacred voice is calling your name.

~Black Elk

It is hard to follow one great vision in this world of darkness and of many changing shadows. Among those men get lost.

~Black Elk

And as he spoke of understanding, I looked up and saw the rainbow leap with flames of many colors over me.

~Black Elk

The center of the universe is everywhere.

~Black Elk

There can never be peace between nations until there is first known that true peace which is within the souls of men.

~Black Elk

You see, I had been riding with the storm clouds, and had come to earth as rain, and it was drought that I had killed with the power that the Six Grandfathers gave me.

~Black Elk

And when I breathed, my breath was lightning.

~Black Elk

It is not enough to have a vision. In order to have its power, you must enact your vision on earth for all to see. Only then do you have the power.

~Black Elk

The Great Spirit is everywhere; He hears whatever is in our minds and our hearts, and it is not necessary to speak to Him in a loud voice.

~Black Elk

Everywhere is the center of the world. Everything is sacred.

~Black Elk

As you walk upon the sacred earth, treat each step as a prayer.

~Black Elk

Everything the Power of the World does is done in a circle.

~Black Elk

The boys of my people began very young to learn the ways of men, and no one taught us; we just learned by doing what we saw, and we were warriors at a time when boys now are like girls.

~Black Elk

Grandfather, Great Spirit, once more behold me on earth and lean to hear my feeble voice.

~Black Elk

It's in the darkness of men's eyes that they get lost.

~Black Elk

I saw more than I can tell / And I understood more than I saw.

~Black Elk

Like the grasses showing tender faces to each other, thus should we do, for this was the wish of the Grandfathers of the World.

~Black Elk

The Holy Land is everywhere.

~Black Elk

I was four years old then, and I think it must have been the next summer that I first heard the voices.

~Black Elk

Know the Power that is Peace.

~Black Elk

Every place is the center of the world.

~Black Elk

The power of a thing or an act is in the meaning and the understanding.

~Black Elk

The power of the world always works in circles.

~Black Elk

It may be that some little root of the sacred tree still lives. Nourish it then, that it may leaf and bloom and fill with singing birds.

~Black Elk

But if the Vision was true and mighty, as I know, it is true and mighty yet; for such things are of Spirit, and it is in the darkness of their eyes that men get lost.

~Black Elk

Birds make their nest in circles, for theirs is the same religion as ours.

~Black Elk

Everything tries to be round.

~Black Elk

When you pray with this pipe, you pray for and with everything.

~Black Elk

If I thought that I was doing it myself, the hole would close up and no power could come through. Then everything I could do would be foolish.

~Black Elk

It is in the darkness of their eyes that men lose their way.

~Black Elk

I had a vision with which I might have saved my people, but I had not the strength to do it.

~Black Elk

Give me strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is.

~Black Elk

And I saw that the sacred hoop of my people as one of many hoops that made one circle.

~Black Elk

I looked below and saw my people there, and all were well and happy

except one, and he was lying like the dead - and that one was myself.

~Black Elk

After the horse dance was over, it seemed that I was above the ground and did not touch it when I walked.

~Black Elk

The song and the drumming were like this: Behold, a sacred voice is calling you; All over the sky a sacred voice is calling.

~Black Elk

I cured with the power that came through me.

~Black Elk

So I took the bright red stick and at the center of the nation's hoop I thrust it in the earth.

~Black Elk

Whether it happened so or not I do not know; but if you think about it you can see that it is true.

~Black Elk

A good nation I will make live. This the nation above has said. They have given me the power to make over.

~Black Elk

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