

# Chief Seattle Quotes

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God, Nature, Air, Son, Mother, People, Horse, Night, Father, Life, Heart, Water*

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children

~Chief Seattle

Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realise that we can not eat money.

~Chief Seattle

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

~Chief Seattle

Earth does not belong to us; we belong to earth. Take only memories, leave nothing but footprints.

~Chief Seattle

There is no death, only a change of worlds.

~Chief Seattle

We are all children of the Great Spirit, we all belong to Mother Earth. Our planet is in great trouble and if we keep carrying old grudges and do not work together, we will all die.

~Chief Seattle

Take nothing but memories, leave nothing but footprints!

~Chief Seattle

The whites, too, shall pass - perhaps sooner than other tribes. Continue to contaminate your bed and you will one night suffocate in your own waste.

~Chief Seattle

All things share the same breath - the beast, the tree, the man... the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports.

~Chief Seattle

Take only memories, leave only footprints.

~Chief Seattle

When the Earth is sick, the animals will begin to disappear, when that happens, The Warriors of the Rainbow will come to save them.

~Chief Seattle

Man does not weave this web of life. He is merely a strand of it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

~Chief Seattle

Humans merely share the Earth. We can only protect the land, not own it.

~Chief Seattle

All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth, befalls the children of the Earth.

~Chief Seattle

What is there to life if a man cannot hear the lonely cry of the whippoorwill or the arguments of the frogs around the pool at night?

~Chief Seattle

Every part of the earth is sacred to my people.

~Chief Seattle

All things are bound together. All things connect.

~Chief Seattle

To us, the ashes of our ancestors are sacred and their resting place is

hallowed ground.

~Chief Seattle

The water's murmur is the voice of my father's father.

~Chief Seattle

All things are connected like the blood which unites one family.

~Chief Seattle

Your religion was written on tablets of stone, ours on our hearts. 8. We are part of the earth and the earth is part of us.

~Chief Seattle

This We Know. All Things Are Connected

~Chief Seattle

When the green hills are covered with talking wires and the wolves no longer sing, what good will the money you paid for our land be then

~Chief Seattle

Like a man who has been dying for many days, a man in your city is numb to the stench.

~Chief Seattle

We are a part of the earth and it is part of us.

~Chief Seattle

All creation is one. What we do to one, we do to the entire web of life.

~Chief Seattle

To harm the earth is to heap contempt on its creator.

~Chief Seattle

Man belongs to the Earth, Earth does not belong to man

~Chief Seattle

The white man's God cannot love our people or He would protect them. They seem to be orphans who can look nowhere for help. How then can we be brothers?

~Chief Seattle

Contaminate your bed and you will one night suffocate in your own waste.

~Chief Seattle

My words are like the stars that never change.

~Chief Seattle

The earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of earth. If men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves.

~Chief Seattle

Our God, the Great Spirit, seems also to have forsaken us. Your God makes your people wax stronger every day. Soon they will fill all the land.

~Chief Seattle

What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, men would die from great loneliness of spirit

~Chief Seattle

Let him be just and deal kindly with my people, for the dead are not powerless. Dead, did I say? There is no death, only change of worlds.

~Chief Seattle

We do not own the freshness of the air or the sparkle of the water. How can you buy them from us?

~Chief Seattle

We are part of the earth and it is part of us ... What befalls the earth befalls all the sons of the earth.

~Chief Seattle

Whatever Seattle says, the great chief at Washington can rely upon with as much certainty as he can upon the return of the sun or the seasons.

~Chief Seattle

How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? ... The end of living and the beginning of survival.

~Chief Seattle

There is no such place as away.

~Chief Seattle

Tribe follows tribe, nations follow nations like the tides of the sea. It is the order of nature, and regret is useless.

~Chief Seattle

I will not dwell on, nor mourn over, our untimely decay, nor reproach my paleface brothers with hastening it, as we too may have been somewhat to blame.

~Chief Seattle

Your God is not our God! Your God loves your people and hates mine! He folds his strong protecting arms lovingly about the paleface and leads him by the hand as a father leads an infant son.

~Chief Seattle

How can your God become our God and renew our prosperity and awaken in us dreams of returning greatness?

~Chief Seattle

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