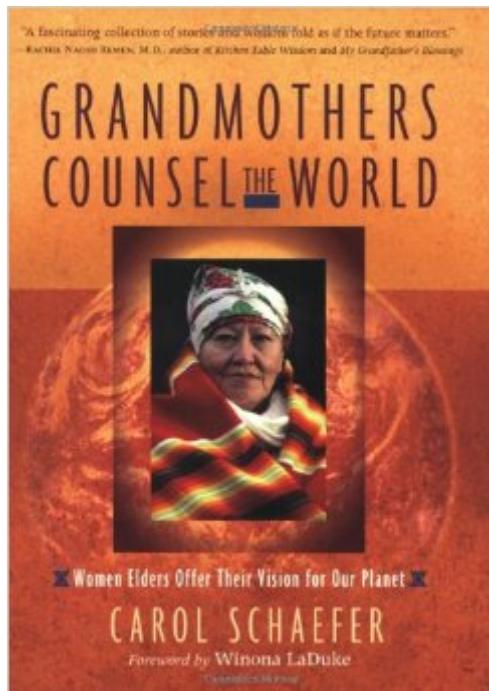


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# Grandmothers Counsel The World: Women Elders Offer Their Vision For Our Planet



## **Synopsis**

We are thirteen indigenous grandmothers. . . . We are deeply concerned with the unprecedented destruction of our Mother Earth, the atrocities of war, the global scourge of poverty, the prevailing culture of materialism, the epidemics that threaten the health of the Earthâ™s peoples, and with the destruction of indigenous ways of life. We, the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers, believe that our ancestral ways of prayer, peacemaking, and healing are vitally needed today. . . . We believe that the teachings of our ancestors will light our way through an uncertain future. In some Native American societies, tribal leaders consulted a council of grandmothers before making any major decisions that would affect the whole community. What if we consulted our wise women elders about the problems facing our global community today? This book presents the insights and guidance of thirteen indigenous grandmothers from five continents, many of whom are living legends among their own peoples. The Grandmothers offer wisdom on such timely issues as nurturing our families; cultivating physical and mental health; and confronting violence, war, and poverty. Also included are the reflections of Western women elders, including Alice Walker, Gloria Steinem, Helena Norberg-Hodge, and Carol Moseley Brown.

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What is it about the power of women that some men so fear? The Taliban is busy throwing toxins into the water and air of schools for girls who they feel should not be educated. Such "brave" men trying to poison school girls. Working with our veterans, with veterans across the world, there is a

consensus that as they are wounded, blown apart, vaporized, their last call is for "Mommy" not for the cause, the government, or any ism du jour. So much is done, so much negatively done in the name of civilization, in the name of religion, that has nothing to do with compassion, with unconditional loving, with gratitude for the planet that graces us with air, food, water, and such exquisite beauty. And because of endless wars; because of parking lots replacing historical buildings and park lands; because of endless chemicals pumped into the land, into our food; because of greed rather than concern for the next seven generations, we are in such a sorry, sorry state. In ille tempore the land, the women were treated with respect, indeed, with awe as life givers, life bearers, respected for their fertility, for their maintenance of life. Medicine women, herbalists, mid-wives came to be suppressed, hunted down, burned at stakes. One of the most harmful books ever written is the *Malleus Maleficarum*, The Witches Hammer. Suffragettes were mocked, beaten, jailed. Even in a "new world" filled with opportunity, women were not respected, not treated as thinking individuals; indeed, told that the very reading of a book would damage a child she was carrying. All of these things are backed by fear, not by putting women on a pedestal, but "corseting" them into control, subservience, and powerlessness.

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