

## Supporting Evidence of Pittsburgh's Destiny of Global Transformation

### Historical Evidence:

- Beginning as the Gateway to the West in the late 1700's, Pittsburgh continues to be recognized as a **Gateway** City. As the nation's largest inland port, Pittsburgh is a city of connections, providing access to 9,000 miles of inland waterways.
- Also known as the City of **Bridges**, another symbol of connections, Pittsburgh has 446 bridges in the city alone and more than 1,900 in Allegheny County, and is now officially the city with the most bridges in the world.
- Pittsburgh is coming full circle in the areas of transforming our historic imbalances. . .
  - Where we contributed great imbalance to the world through inaugurating the First World War against indigenous people (the French and Indian), Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's proclamation during the Mayan Elders' visit in Dec. 2007 acknowledged that their visit created a "cultural, historic and spiritual link between Pittsburgh and the [indigenous] Mayan people"
  - Where we contributed great imbalance to the world by introducing the first biological warfare, trading smallpox-infected blankets to the Native Americans; we are now a global center for cutting-edge medical healing and technology with many firsts: in vaccine development, organ transplantation, cardiac and trauma care.
  - Where we contributed great imbalance to the world through wide-scale environmental pollution through our industrialization; Pittsburgh is now a global leader in green technology.
- Pittsburgh has transformed itself through its own economic collapse and renaissance from a steel town to a city of information and medical technology.

### Spiritual Evidence:

- Discovery of the nearby archeological site of Meadowcroft Rock Shelter, recognized as the oldest confirmed location of human habitation in North and South America, establishes our region as central in the evolutionary journey of human consciousness.
- Pittsburgh emerged from the area now called Point State Park, where our three rivers converge with the fourth underground river; a sacred site for the Native Americans who originally inhabited this region.
- Over the years, many indigenous cultural leaders and dignitaries have confirmed the spiritual power and significance of this convergence of rivers as our sacred geography.
  - The Dalai Lama himself affirmed the sacredness of the rivers' convergence at Pittsburgh's Point during his 1998 visit here.
  - The revered founder of Kalyan Seya Ashram Trust in India, Himalayan Holy man Tapasvi Baba Kalyandasji, also validated this assessment of our city's spiritual significance and the holy ground of the rivers' convergence at the Point.
  - Visionary/healer Edemir Rossi from Brazil, visiting Pittsburgh several times, spoke of Pittsburgh as an "alchemical city." He sees the region being transformed from denser "coal-consciousness" into enlightened "diamond-consciousness" as the collective spiritual energy continues to awaken here.
  - Huang Xiang, world renowned poet and writer in residence recently in Pittsburgh, wanted Pittsburghers to know that from an Eastern spiritual perspective, "You have three rivers in the land, but these three rivers are also within each Pittsburgher's body—they are the

Heavenly River, the Great Earth River, and the Human River. And the fourth river is in your heart.”

- Local spiritual leaders and visionaries, Nance Stewart and Frank Keller received guidance that Pittsburgh is strongly connected to the Mayan culture and their prophetic 2012 teachings through our three rivers.
  - This cultural/spiritual connection with the Maya was confirmed in 2007, when Mayan High Priest Don Alejandro Cirilo Perez Oxlaj (Day Keeper of the Mayan Calendar, elected leader of the National Mayan Council of Elders of Guatemala, and Indigenous Peoples Ambassador for Guatemala appointed by President Alvaro Colom), visited our city to bless the waters at the Point, and to confirm officially that our three rivers are connected to their ancient Mayan prophetic teachings, which promise a return to unity.
  - Generously performing a traditional Mayan ceremony on behalf of Pittsburgh’s future during his visit here, Don Allejandro foresaw that “Pittsburgh is being born now into destiny to assist this transformation....Pittsburgh’s work on that higher path will be like the force of a tornado...her movement bringing others into the higher force. Pittsburgh is the spirit of that movement.”
  - Nicaraguan Mayan Elder Flordemayo, one of the grandmothers of the International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, and founder of the Institute of Natural and Traditional Knowledge, accompanied Don Alejandro and spoke about the Grandmothers’ work to bring peace to the world and “light the way through an uncertain future.” She called our fourth river that shoots upward from the fountain at the Point “Pittsburgh’s umbilical cord to the heavens, connecting us to the Source.”
  - A recent discovery by Pittsburgher Miguel Sague and Guatemalan Antonio Ah Ik Itzep, is a “sister-city” in Guatemala, Sayaxche, that also has a convergence of three rivers with a fourth underground river aquifer. Sayaxche is a spiritual and cultural mirror of Pittsburgh, even in its history of economic decline followed by a renaissance or rebirth.
- Nance Stewart and Frank Keller received further guidance that, “on the highest path, the waters of the fourth river will become healing waters, like those at Lourdes, France, but without religious affiliation. People from all over the world will flock to Pittsburgh for healing, as Pittsburgh becomes a global center for spirituality and healing.”

Pittsburgh is poised to fulfill her destiny. Our planet and her people are hungry for hope, wisdom and the guidance that Pittsburgh, as a symbol for unity, transformation and healing, can offer. The time to act is now; let us model for all how to “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” (Gandhi)