

collection of his essays (the original "Fantasies of the Master Race," in 1992 from Common Courage Press), in which I was the initial editor. City Lights Press (in San Francisco) has since published this book with my name stricken, as well as my maternal grandfather's dedication in the first book. I still believe in the American Indian cause for justice, but I came to see that the means did not justify the ends in being associated with him and the egomaniac driven, chauvinistic AIM politics he is enmeshed in; in what I call "being Indian careerism." I therefore think one should ask what are his real motives, which seem disingenuous to say the least. And is this worth the cost of 15 minutes of fame? I think not! Rather the news should be covering the case of the Berkeley professor, who was "...fired after publishing a scientific paper regarding the uncontrolled contamination of irreplaceable native Mexican corn varieties by genetically engineered corn. Dr. Ignacio Chapela, whose corn article was published in the science journal "Nature," was denied his tenure due to pressure from the biotech company Monsanto," even though a Berkeley tenure review panel voted unanimously in favor of his tenure. It is noted "There is definitely something wrong here." But I have only seen this on internet memos (<http://www.organicconsumers.org/uc.htm>) I can only say to the public, in response to the news inquiry on the feeding frenzy controversy regarding the focus on WC and the "freedom of speech" debate involving academic freedom, no one should confuse the message with the messenger, especially when there are more reasonable voices and works out there from the liberal to the left, whom I support (ie. writers Barbara Ehrenreich (sic ?) and Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz; TV satirist John Stewart; the courageous Michael Moore; media critic authors Pritz, Keefer, & Nyhan, to name a few). So the question is posed as to whether WC is some kind of folk hero or a cult guru?; my experience and association with him incline me to the latter, in which no one should follow another in blind, bad faith if they can help it.

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