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Two figures from *Drinks the Juice of the Stone, in Ball-Player's Dress, 1834*. Choctaw. George Catlin

George Catlin's Creed



I love the people who have always made me welcome to the best they had.

I love a people who are honest without laws, who have no jails and no poorhouses.

I love a people who keep the commandments without ever having read them or heard them preached from the pulpit.

I love a people who never swear, who never take the name of God in vain.

I love a people "who love their neighbors as they love themselves."

I love a people who worship God without a Bible, for I believe that God loves them also.

I love the people whose religion is all the same, and who are free from religious animosities.

I love the people who have never raised a hand against me, or stolen my property, where there was no law to punish either.

I love the people who have never fought a battle with white men, except on their own ground.

I love and don't fear mankind where God has made and left them, for there they are children.

I love a people who live and keep what is their own without locks and keys.

I love all people who do the best they can. And oh, how I love a people who don't live for the love of money.

George Catlin's
Travels to
Portray the
American Indians

- Trip 1: 1830*
- Trip 2: 1831*
- Trip 3: 1832*
- Trip 4: 1834*
- Trip 5: 1835*

