

19 PAUL BLOOM: Good evening. [I want to just |
20 dedicate my remarks to Corbin Harney, the late Shoshone
21 healer and elder and activist. And I'll be brief. We made
22 a mess and we have to clean it up. And that's the nature
23 of the nuclear waste problem.

24 And, you know, it's -- as we start making it,
25 many people realize we're going to be leaving a mess for
1 future generations. There's a Native American principle
2 called the seventh generation principle, which says you
3 don't make any decisions without thinking about how it's
4 going to affect people in seven generations.

5 There are a lot of very smart people here, a
6 lot of very smart engineers, et cetera. I worry,
7 though, about the wisdom of what we're devoting our
8 intelligence to.

9 Someone said that in the last five years, they
10 found that Yucca Mountain isn't any safer than we
11 thought it was five years ago. What are we going to
12 find out in the next five years? We're talking about a
13 million years.

14 It just seems to me that people are being a
15 little arrogant. Some people maybe don't care if -- if
16 things get completely out of control. I think most of
17 us understand that it's in our -- it's our task to
18 protect our children from -- from the waste and the
19 consequences of our lives to make this world a better
20 place for future generations.

21 That's all I have to say. I hope that people

22 can rise to the higher spirit within ourselves and not
23 proceed with this project. Let's think about how to
24 deal with nuclear waste. Let's sit at the table and
25 push back the generation of waste and of toxic materials
1 that so much characterizes our lives.] Thank you.