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“The Gentle Rein”

There are approximately 5 million reindeer in the world and half of them are domesticated and being tended by some 100,000 people. Domestication of the reindeer, known in North America as caribou, is believed to have started around 3,000 years ago. The reindeer are used for meat, milk, riding, pack transport, sinew and fur. I call them the providers. The reindeer to the peoples of the Eurasian arctic and subarctic are similar to what the buffalo were to the American Indians. I have been awakened to the great importance of these beautiful and docile animals.