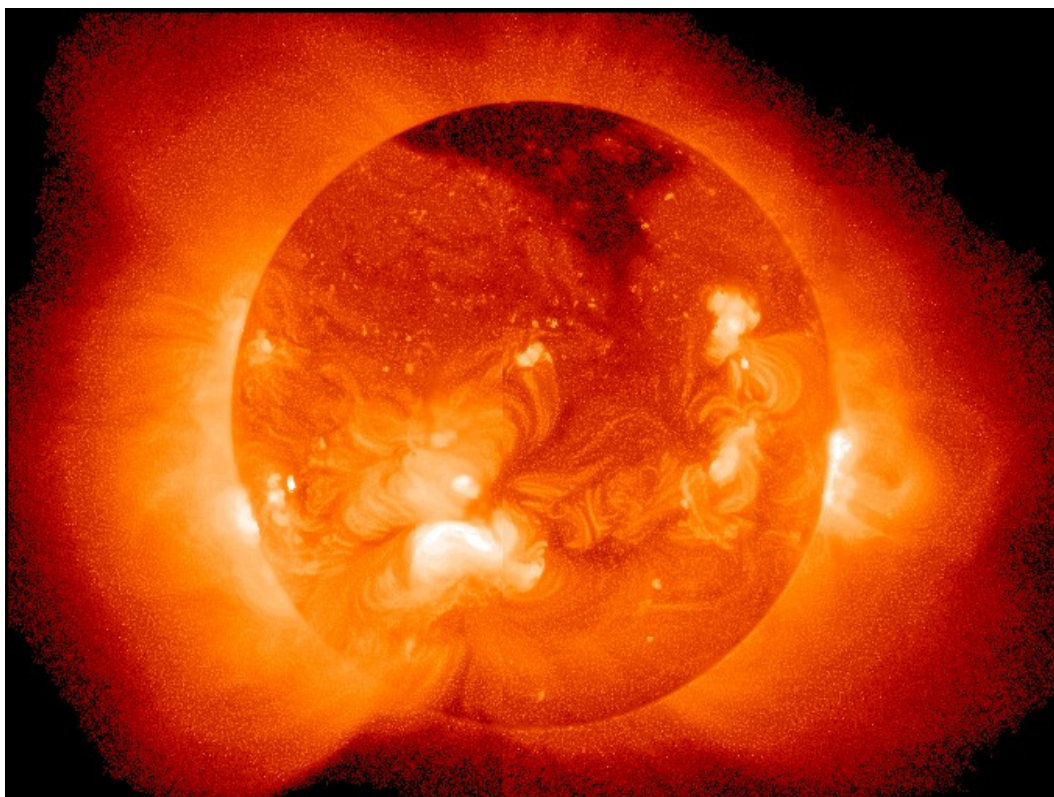


Who Are We and Where do We come from???

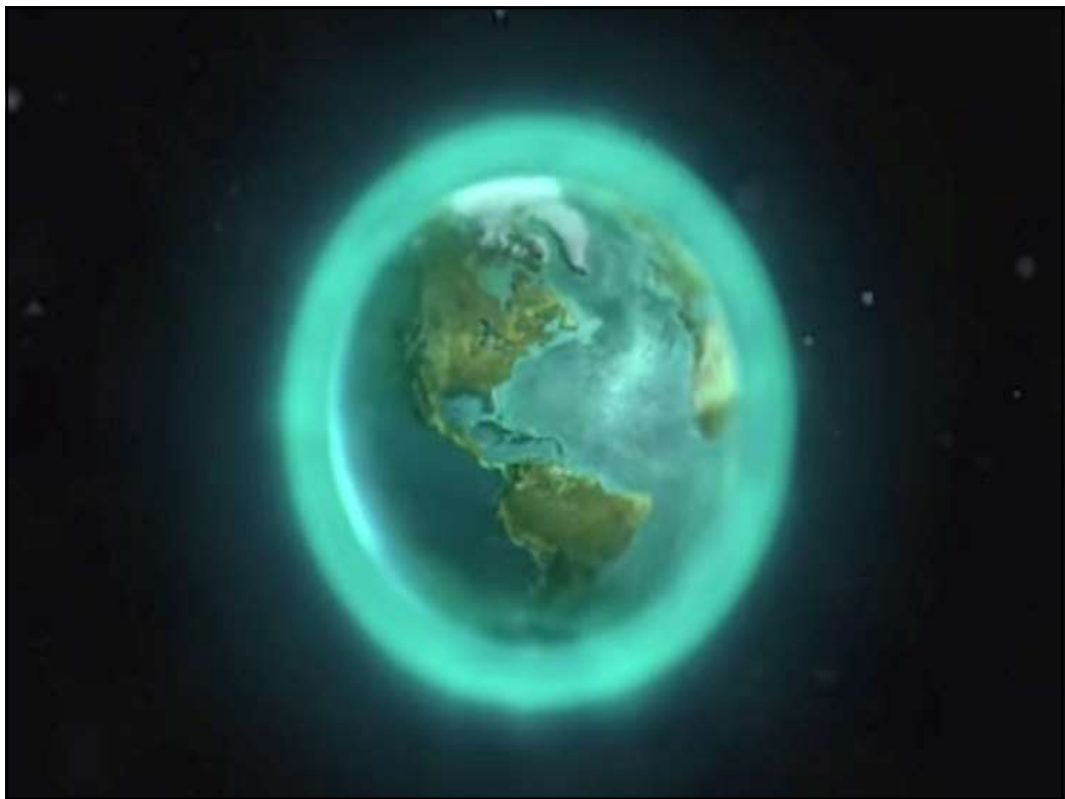
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- **Creation Story**
- **Legends**
- **Inter-relationship with Four Legged, Winged and All of Creation.**
- **All within the Sacred hoop of the Nation.**











Black Elk

“The First Peace, which is the most important, is that which comes from within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness with the Universe and all its powers. When they realize that at the center of the Universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us.”

**Traditional Concepts of Judiciary in
Contemporary Social Structure**

***Patriarchal vs Matriarchal
Social Constructs***

***The Sacred Hoop was broken, the people were
scattered, and the Circle began to open and
become as a straight line where the child is no
longer in the Center.***

Holistic Social Structure



Segmented Social Structure

**Matriarchal Social Construct does not allow the male
to make excuses for his actions, emulation, or
consequence. There can be no EXCUSES for the
destruction of the society.**

Patriarchal Social Construct

A system where men are in authority over women and children in all aspects of society.

- **Male Dominance**- Men make all decisions in both society and in their family unit. Hold all positions of power and authority. Considered Superior.
- **Male Identification**- Men are concerned with identification that includes qualities of control, strength, forcefulness, rationality, strong work ethic, and competitiveness.
- **Male Centeredness**- The center of activity and progression is on men and what they do to move society forward. Men will be the focus and developer of all events and inventions. Men will be the heroes in ALL situations. Men will be the center of social engagement, fun, and entertainment.
- **Obsession with Control**- A desire to control ALL family social situations and make ALL the decisions regarding finances and education.
- The Man reserves the exclusive ability to make excuses for everything he does to include the inability to provide protection and justice for the people. Especially, women and children. Further, and for the taking of a Human life.

Patriarchal Characteristics of Selfishness.

Disregarding the Impact of actions on others.

- *Impersonal, Dominant, Forceful, Aggressive, Competitive, Stubborn, Bossy, Distant, Expedient, Self-Indulgent/Centered/Egotistical, Suspicious, Individualistic, Gossip Laden, Distant/Cool/Reserved/Detached/Formal/Aloof, Pouty, Impatient, Unwilling to listen, Ignorant/Never Wrong, Irresponsible, Delusion of Grandeur (Self Image of Superiority). Highly Exclusive.*

Our Traditional teachings emanate from Matriarchal Origin, as our emissary is The White Buffalo Calf Woman. Because of this, the men had to earn their place amongst the women to build a home, make a prayer and provide protection as an honor to her and the Wico Incage or Future Generation. What are the attributes of a Woman?



Lakota Matriarchal Construct Values, Ethics, and Codes of Conduct.

- Unsi iciyapi (to present in humility)
- Wo'wacin tanka (great internal perseverance)
- Wa'woohola (to have respect/faith)
- Wa'yuonihan (to show honor)
- Cante ognake/Tehila (love of self and others)
- Ici cupi (to sacrifice in a selfless manner)
- Wo'wicake (to know truth)
- Wa unsilapi (to have compassion)
- Wo'ohitika (to show bravery/strength)
- Cante wasake (to have fortitude)
- Cante yuke (to have generosity)
- Wo'ksape (to exhibit wisdom)

Ceremonies of the Lakota

All Inclusive

- (O'Ini Kagapi)- The home where we receive the breath of life. Orientation for our children, baptism, first ceremony of Creation.
- The Making of a Woman "Isna Ti Awican Lowanpi" Wiyon Kagab)- Where does she come from what is her role and expectations. First Menses.
- (Wiwayang Wacipi) Dancing in preparation for becoming a Man'. Where does he come from. What are his roles, responsibilities and expectations. His voice will become deeper.
- Throwing of the Ball (Tapa Wankayeyapo)- Transfer of female from adolescent to adult. Pride in accomplishment of her training in Universal belonging.
- Vision Quest (Hanbleceya) 'Crying within for strength and purpose'. Seeking a vision to develop a home and protect his family in prayer. The Shield.
- Making of Relatives (Hunka Kiyab) Selfless in destroying the Spirit of the Enemy and sharing of ones life.
- Honoring/Keeping of the Spirit (Nagi Gluonihan) All life has a soul, even though the body may die.