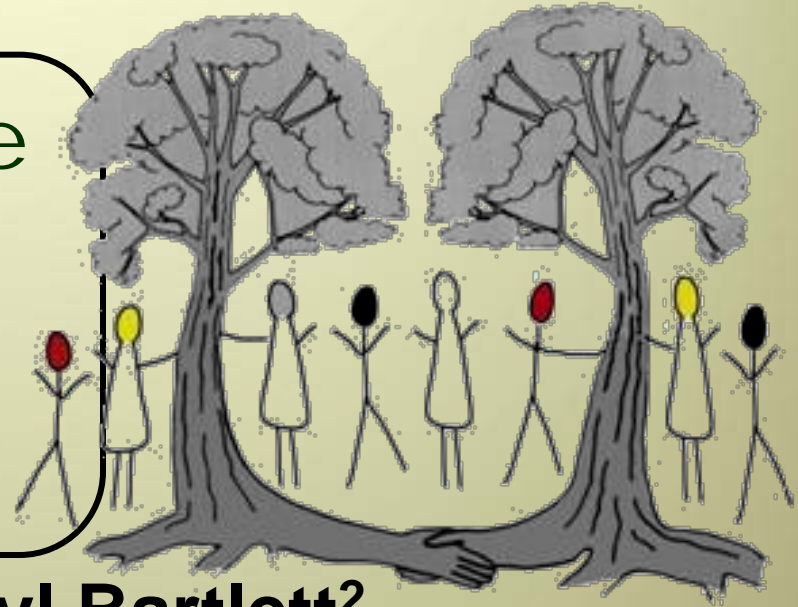


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Integrative Science
&
Two-Eyed Seeing
in the spirit of
cultural humility



Albert Marshall¹ and **Cheryl Bartlett²**

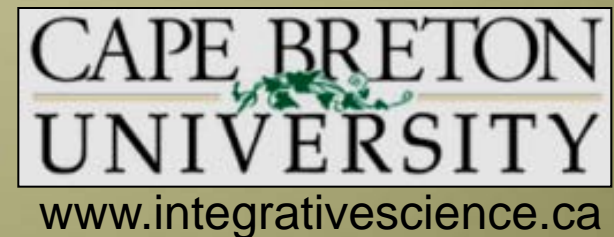
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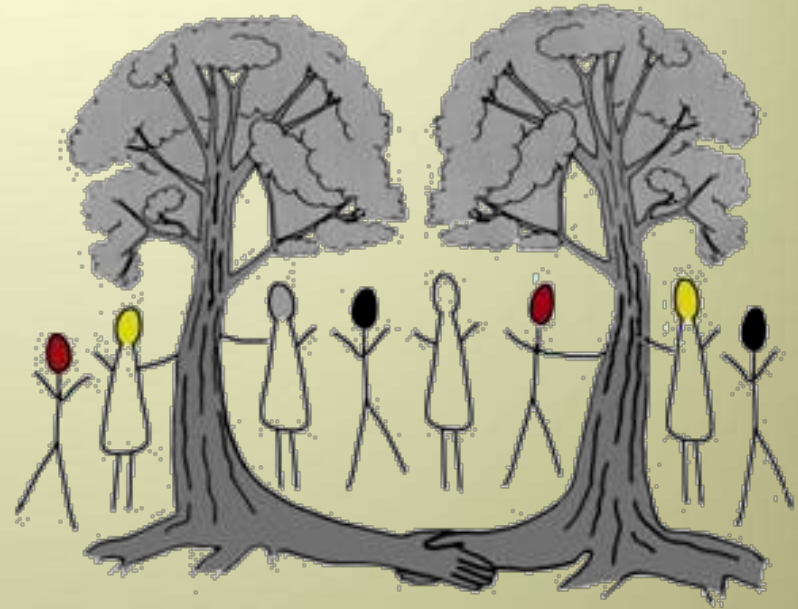
- humility as one of the Seven Sacred Gifts
- cultural humility

2) Integrative Science

- bringing together Indigenous and Western scientific knowledges and ways of knowing

3) Two-Eyed Seeing

- Elders: conduits for wisdom of the Ancestors





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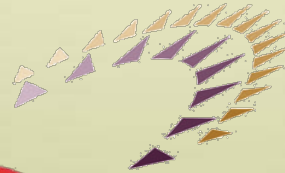


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HUMILITY

Mi'kmaq
Seven
Sacred Gifts

Teachings of
Elder
Murdena Marshall



The term
“cultural safety”
is used in the
IPAC document
... where it is said
to encompass
the additional
skill of
self-reflection.

“Self-reflection” is
core in
“cultural humility”
... but humility is
more than that.

Cultural Humility: being able, through a process that requires humility, to engage in self-reflection and self-critique within the journey of being a lifelong learner and reflective practitioner

... seeking to understand and bring into check the power imbalances that exist in all dynamics of communication and relationship

... this must include learning to: acknowledge gap's in one's own knowledge, remain open to ideas and contradictory information, and see with the strengths in different cultures' "ways of knowing, doing, and being"

... all towards developing and maintaining quality care for the patient as the individual person she or he is (while also realizing that the concept of "individual" may differ among cultures)



i.e., akin to learning and doing Integrative Science & Two-Eyed Seeing

Toqwa'tu'kl Kijitaqnn Integrative Science

The background of the slide is a colorful illustration. At the top, a dark blue sky is filled with white stars. Below the sky, a large, glowing yellow circle represents the sun or moon. In the center, two brown, stylized human figures are sitting on a green ground, facing each other with their backs to the viewer. Between them is a small campfire with bright yellow and orange flames. The background behind the figures is a mix of purple, pink, and blue colors, with vertical blue and yellow stripes. The overall style is reminiscent of traditional Indigenous art.

Indigenous

Western

“bringing our stories together”



illustration by: Basma Kavanagh

Mi'kmaq Elders



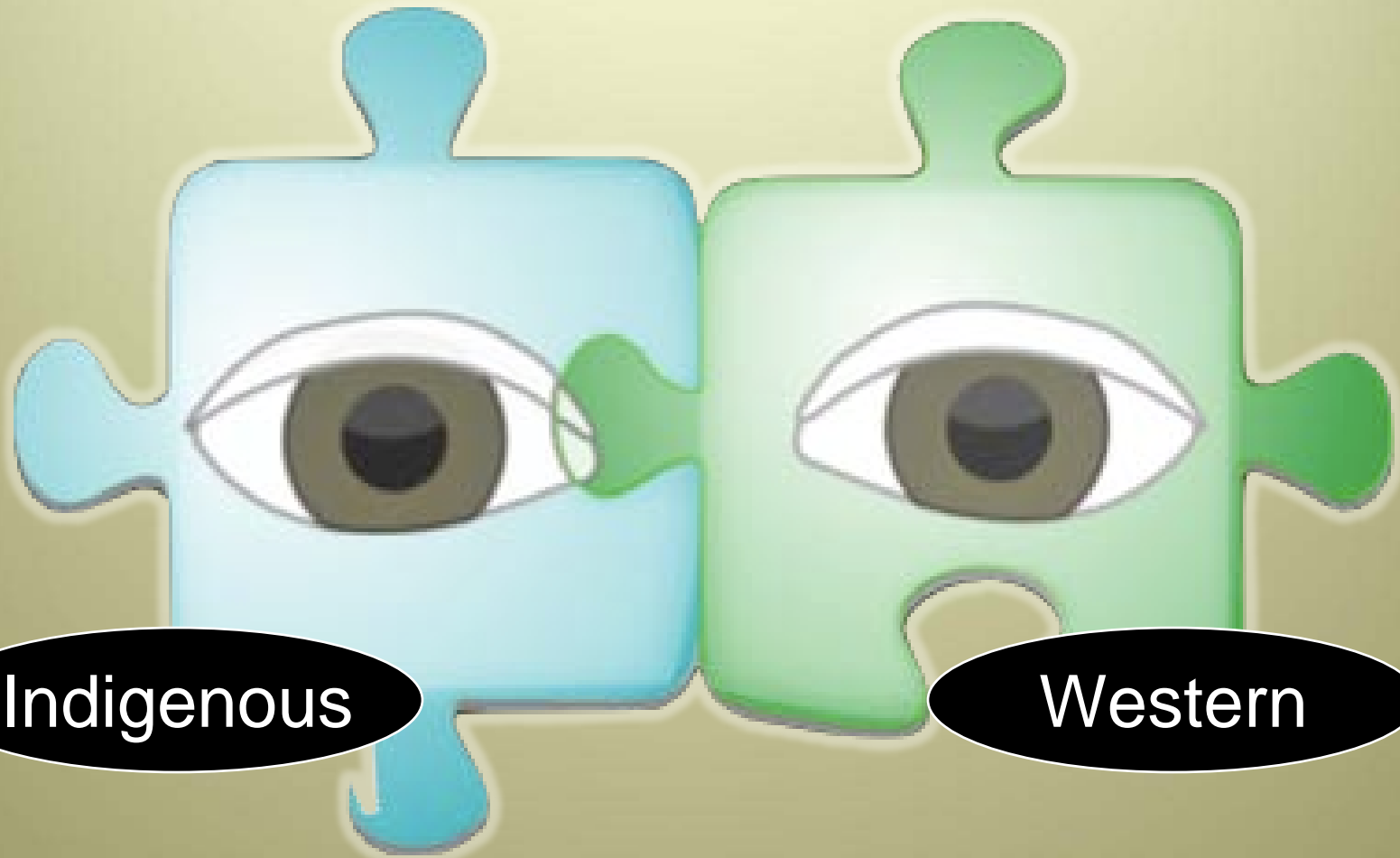
Love is the main ingredient of wellness.

Murdena Marshall

The voice of wellness is in the land.

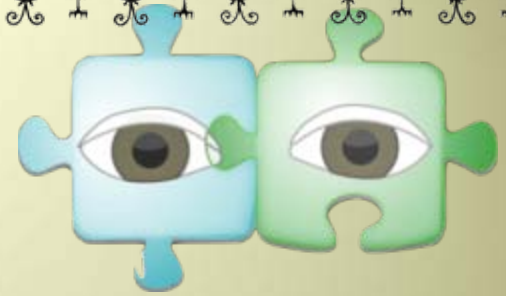
Albert Marshall

Etuaptmumk – Two-Eyed Seeing



Two-Eyed Seeing

Hard to convey as does not fit into any particular subject area or discipline ... is about life ... what you do, what kind of responsibilities you have ... is a Guiding Principle for how one lives while on Earth that covers all aspects of our lives: social, economic, environmental, etc.



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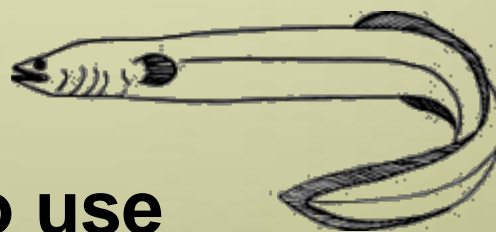
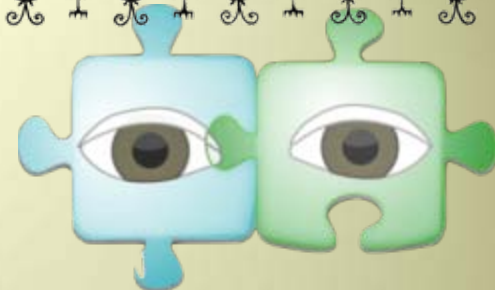
Because you are always fine tuning your mind into different places at once, you are always looking for another perspective and better way of doing things.



Two-Eyed Seeing

LEARN ... to see from one eye with the best in our Indigenous ways of knowing, and from the other eye with the best in the Western (or mainstream) ways of knowing ...

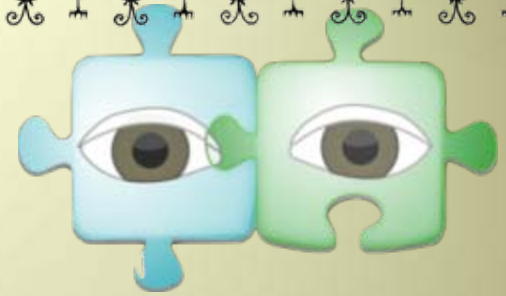
... and learn to use both these eyes together, for the benefit of all.



**It is not
enough to go
through life
with one
perspective;
we must
embrace
all the tools
we have.**



Consciousness of Knowing



artist Basma Kavanagh

*... our interdependence
on each other and
on Mother Earth*

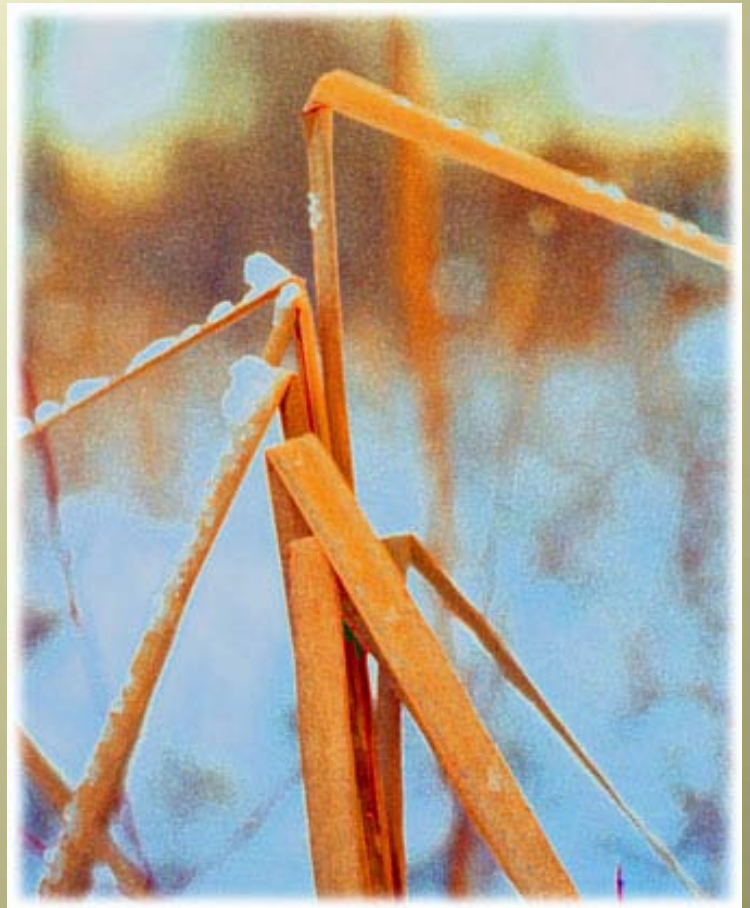
All people must learn
“Two-Eyed Seeing”
so that knowledge of the
physical is not separated
from wisdom
of the spiritual.

**Our language teaches us
that everything alive is
both physical and spiritual.**



**The onus is on the
person to look at our
natural world with
two perspectives.**

**Modern science
sees objects,
but our language
teaches us to see
subjects.**



artist Basma Kavanagh

Our **Mi'kmaq Language** takes us on a
Life Long Journey of Interconnectiveness:

Life, Land, Love

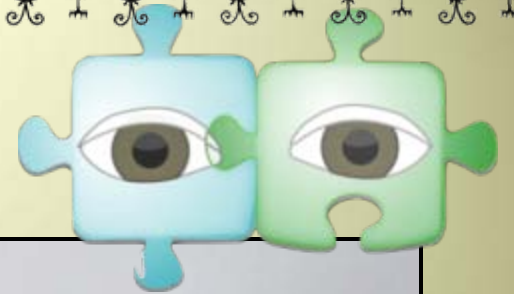


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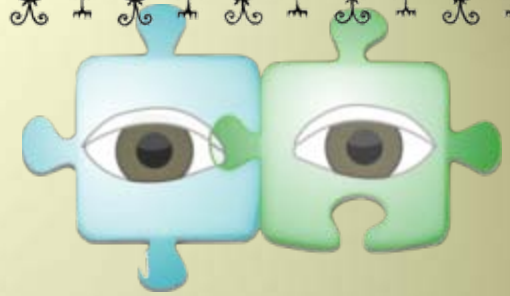


**Everything that
we do to our
natural world ...**

**... we also do to
ourselves.**



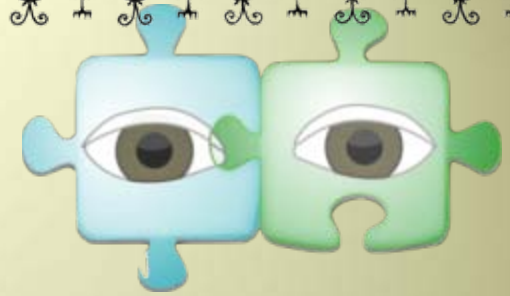
**Two-Eyed Seeing
teaches you awaken
the spirit within you.**



**You become
a student of life ...
and you become
observant of the
natural world ...
and realize we
humans are part
and parcel of the
whole.**



Our seasons follow the cycles of **Mother Earth** ...



... so that our
children will
always be
reminded of the
beauty of
creation, and of
our dependence
on her.

artist Basma Kavanagh

**Knowledge
is spirit.**

**It is a gift,
passed on
through
many people.**

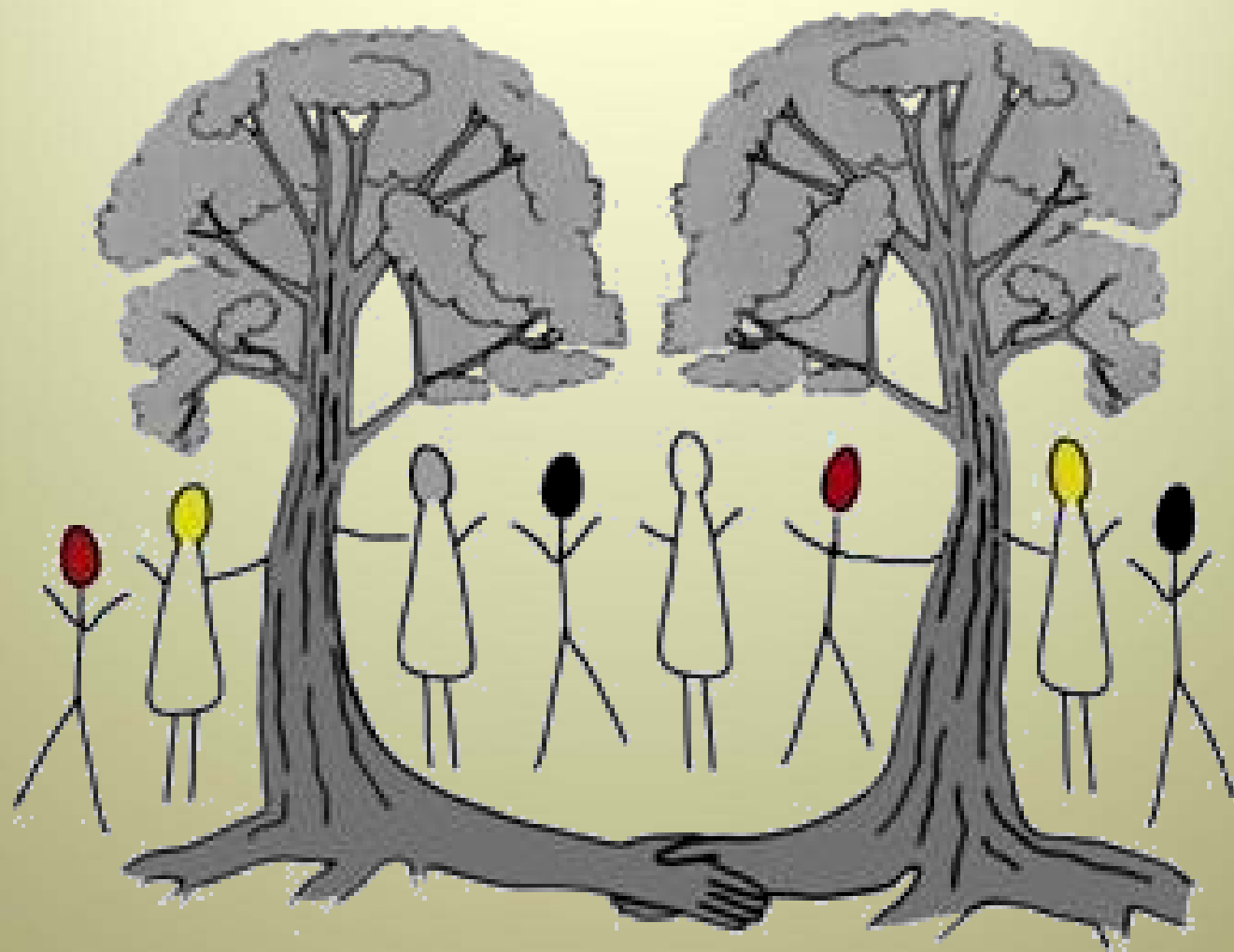
**As
Elders,
we must
pass it on.**



As Elders in Our Time

We seek to be a conduit for wisdom of our Ancestors. We seek to see with “Two-Eyes” ... to take the accomplishments of Western Science further by enriching it with the wisdom of our Ancestors.





Wela'liq / Thank you