SCIENCE: dynamic, pattern-based, knowledge stories ...

pondering the nature of our sciences of nature

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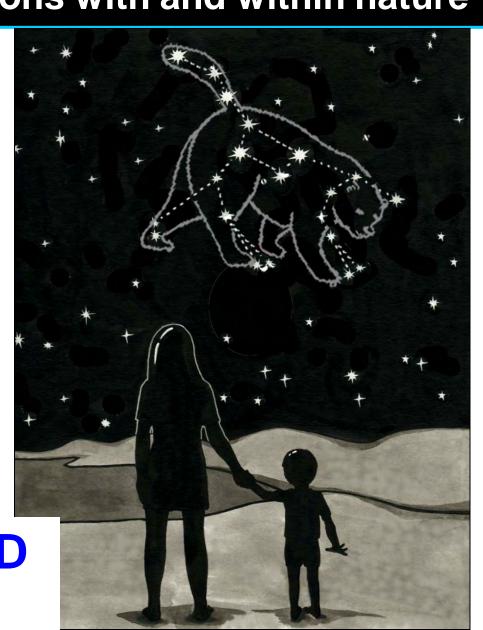




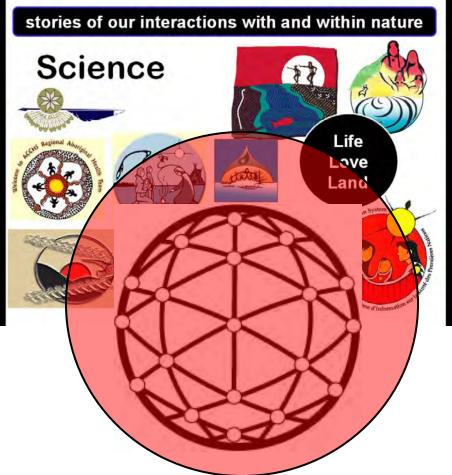
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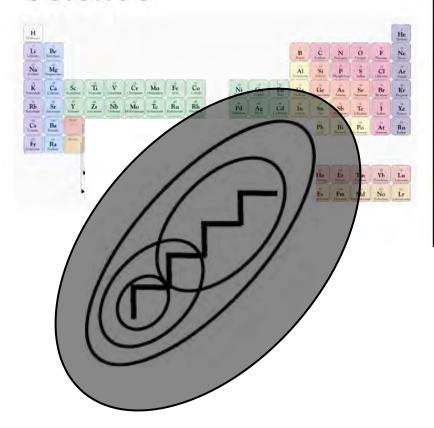
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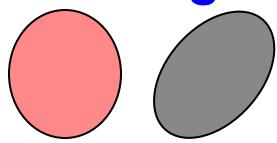


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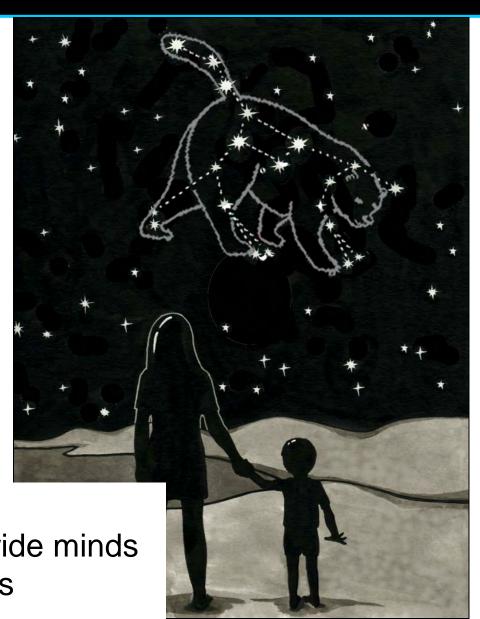
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PATTERNS ...

- spirits within ecosystem-wide minds
- ideas in brain-based minds





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Mi'kmaq Elders





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Co-Learning Journey

: together

This visual is based on the Medicine Wheel (or Circle of Learning) which is a commonly used Aboriginal teaching tool. The visual shows that within the discussion, all have a role to play. Each person has an opportunity to speak, to share, to teach, and to learn.



Each participant gains some new understandings of Mother Earth and her lessons for humans about health, healing and wholeness based on sharing, listening, and discussing.









Elders & Special Guests Elders and special guests

Elders and special guests share their perspectives based on Traditional Aboriginal Knowledge, the Mi'kmaq worldview, and Western Science.





University Researchers & Students

University researchers from Eastern Canada and senior Mi'kmaq Integrative Science students share their perspectives based on Western, Aboriginal or Integrative perspectives.





First Understandings

Key concepts are introduced with visual icons and verbal explanations by first-year Milkmaq students from the Integrative Science program, a CBU science degree that brings together Aboriginal and Western scientific





Community Representatives

Individuals from Mi'kmaq communities in Cape Breton share their understandings of the concepts introduced by students.













10+ years: where our Co-Learning Journey has been and still is ...

Integrative Science

bringing together Indigenous and Western scientific knowledges and ways of knowing

Indigenous

Western



The central dilemma of science education today is the teaching of science from only one cultural perspective, and in an incomplete and non-connected manner.

Gregory Cajete, PhD, scientist & educator, Univ. of New Mexico

Indigenous

Western

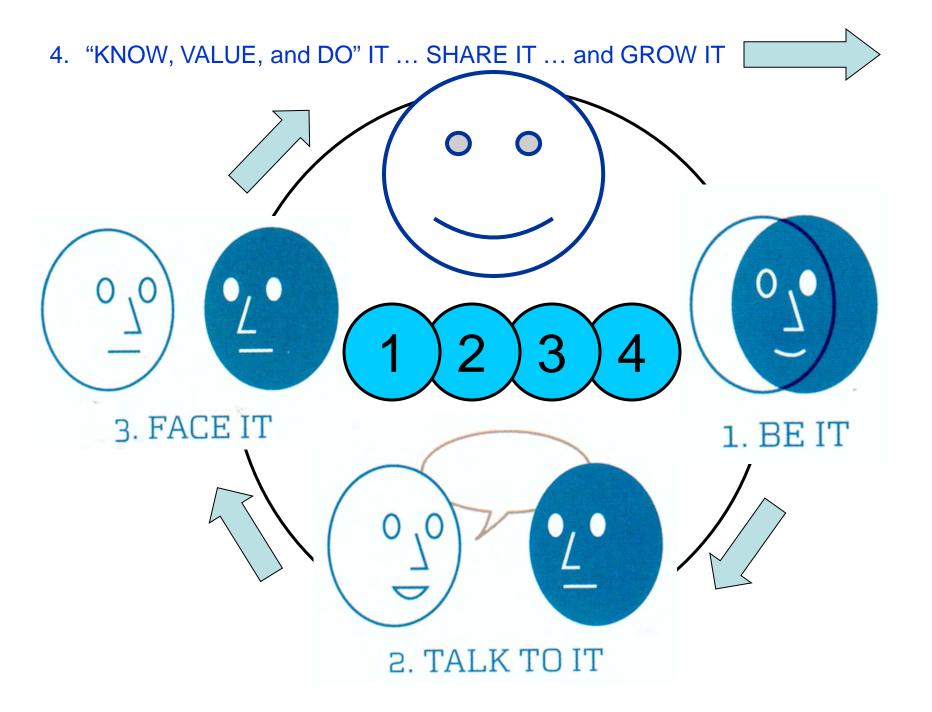


... to Co-Learn, we must "WALK" our "know, do, value"

= an insight ... coming via extension of understandings from discussions about healing language

We must become able to put the "know, do, value" aspects of our worldviews in front of us ... like an object ... and then we must develop the abilities to walk around them ... to acknowledge them, take ownership of them, understand them, and put them beside those of another worldview ... to see our mutual strengths and to begin working together in a reciprocally respectful manner.





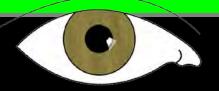
"Two-Eyed Seeing"

learning to see with the strengths of each & together



Mr. Albert Marshall, Mi'kmaq Elder Eskasoni First Nation

Two-Eyed Seeing our key concepts & actions



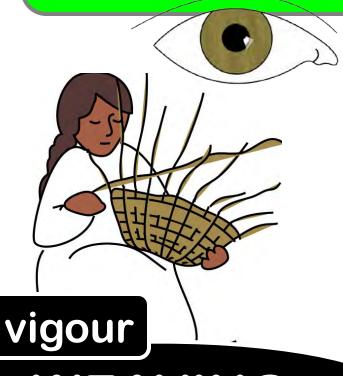
- respect
- relationship
- reverence
- reciprocity
- ritual (ceremony)
- repetition
- responsibility



- hypothesis(making & testing)
- data collection
- data analysis
- model & theory construction



Two-Eyed Seeing our language & methodology



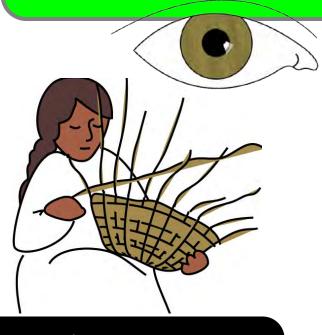
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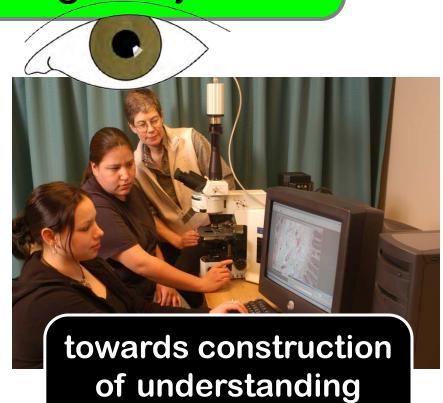
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Two-Eyed Seeing our overall knowledge objective



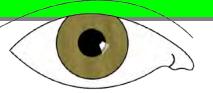
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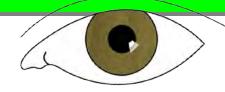


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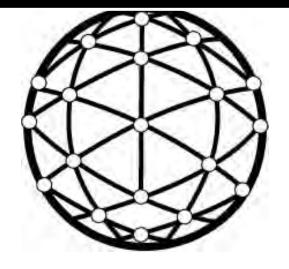


Two-Eyed Seeing how our world is

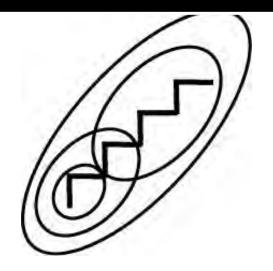




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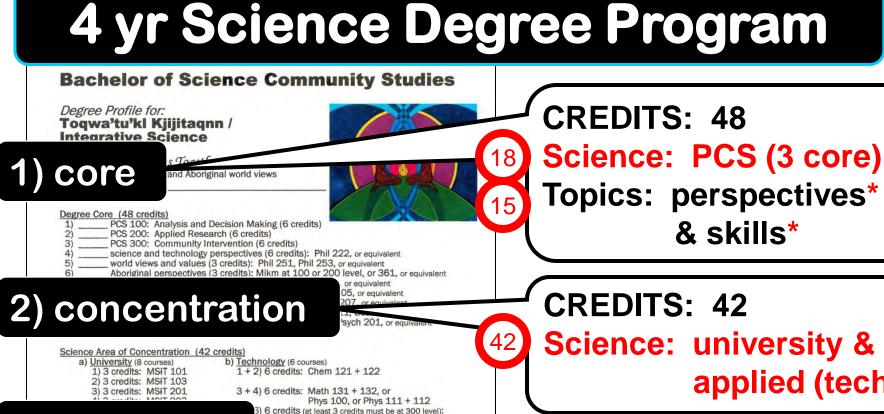
parts & wholes







4 yr Science Degree Program



Science: university &

applied (tech)

electives

Student's Electives (30 credits) 1) 3 credits:

- Geol 111

CREDITS: 30

Science: all, some, none

4) work placements

Work Placements (paid or voluntary, each at least 120 hours)

An overall average of 60% (in courses over your four years) is required for graduation.

max.105 EDITS:

ence: (experience)

(18+42

4 yr Science Degree Program

Bachelor of Science Community Studies

Degree Profile for: Togwa'tu'kl Kjijitagnn / **Integrative Science**

Bringing Knowledges Together ... from Western scientific and Aboriginal world views



Degree Core (48 credits)

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- PCS 200: Applied Research (6 credits)
- PCS 300: Community Intervention (6 credits)
- science and technology perspectives (6 credits): Phil 222, or equivalent
- world views and values (3 credits): Phil 251, Phil 253, or equivalent
- Aboriginal perspectives (3 credits): Mikm at 100 or 200 level, or 361, or equivalent

concentration

or equivalent 05, or equivalent 207, or equivalent L1, Buss 181, or equivalent sych 201, or equivalent

ce Area of Concentration 42 credits)

a) University (8 courses)

1) 3 credits: MSIT 101 2) 3 credits: MSIT 103

3) 3 credits: MSIT 201

4) 3 credits: MSIT 203

5) 3 credits: MSIT 301 6) 3 credits: MSIT 303

7) 3 credits: MSIT 401

8) 3 credits: MSIT 401

b) Technology (6 courses) 1+2) 6 credits: Chem 121 + 122

Phys 100, or Phys 111 + 112 5 + 6) 6 credits (at least 3 credits must be at 300 level):

- Geol 111
- any PubH at 200 level or higher
- any Envi at 200 level or higher

Student's Elec.

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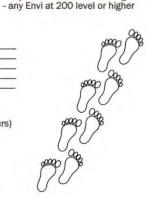
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9)	effective writing (6 credits): Engl 100, Engl 205 + Engl 207, or equivalent
10)	computer literacy (3 credits): Phil 115, Comp 102 or 111, Buss 181, or equivalent
11)	statistics (3 credits): Math 135, Math 335, Buss 182, Psych 201, or equivalent

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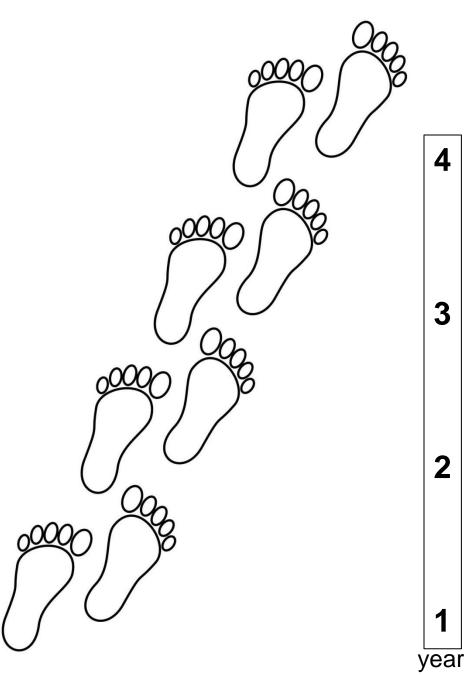
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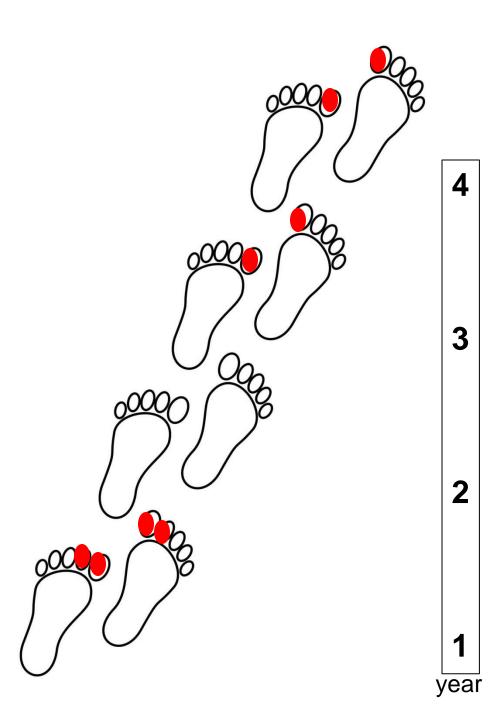
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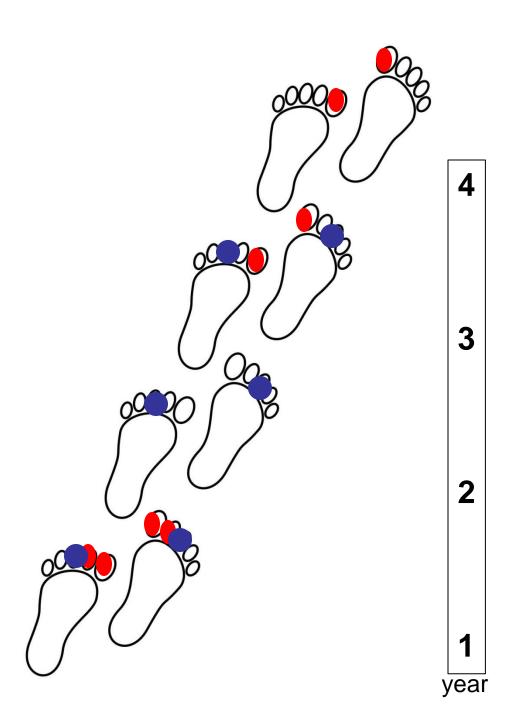
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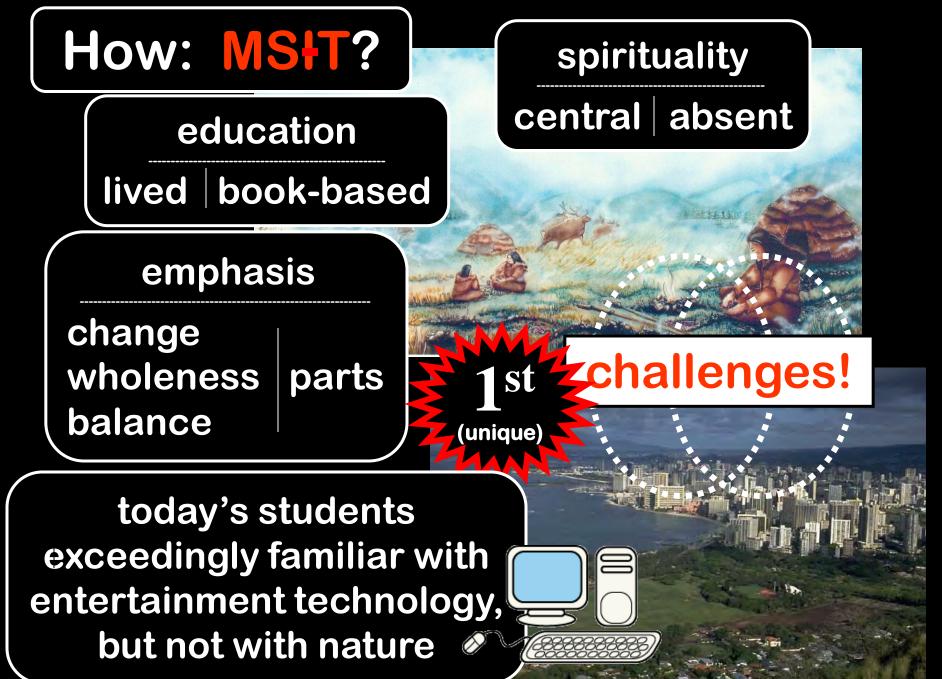


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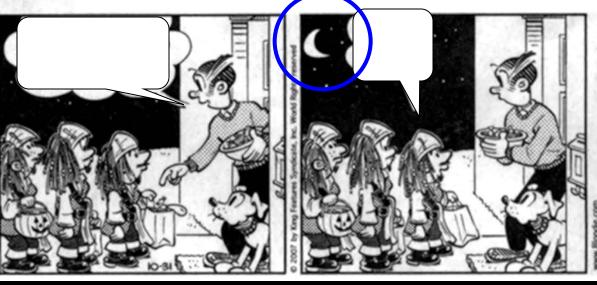


MStT science courses

PCS courses



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How?

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Mi'kmaq community Elders, resource people & organizations, TK events in community

TK literature

students out-of-doors

Aboriginal concepts & pedagogy



Western science: cosmology-physicschemistry-geology-biology-consciousness

common ground

Both Indigenous and Western scientific knowledges are based on observations of the natural world.





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PATTERN RECOGNITION

common ground

Both Indigenous and Western scientific knowledges result from the same intellectual process of creating order out of disorder.

= PATTERN-BASED
STORIES



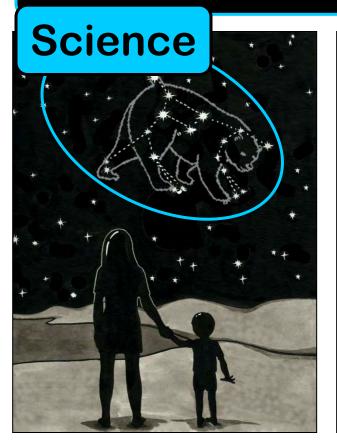
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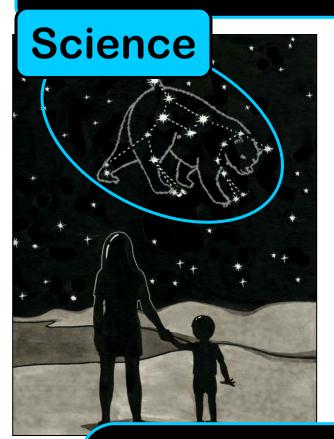




PATTERN

- recognition
- transformation
- expression

- various pattern smarts
- various ways to connect the dots
 - variety in our stories





the patterns that <u>we</u> see within nature reflect our ...

SANCTIONED PERSPECTIVES & INTELLIGENCES:

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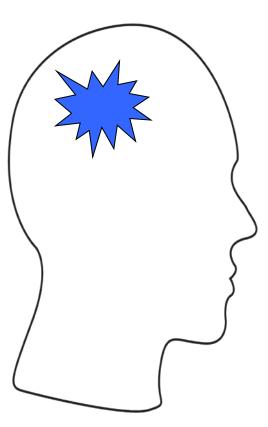
"pattern smarts"

sanctioned world view or methodology

multiple intelligences theory

(H. Gardner, Harvard Univ.)

KNOW VALUE DO



numbers

(logical-mathematical)

(body-kinesthetic)

language

(linguistic)

music

(musical)

body

(spatial)

⋄ spatial

(interpersonal)

⋄ other people

(intrapersonal)

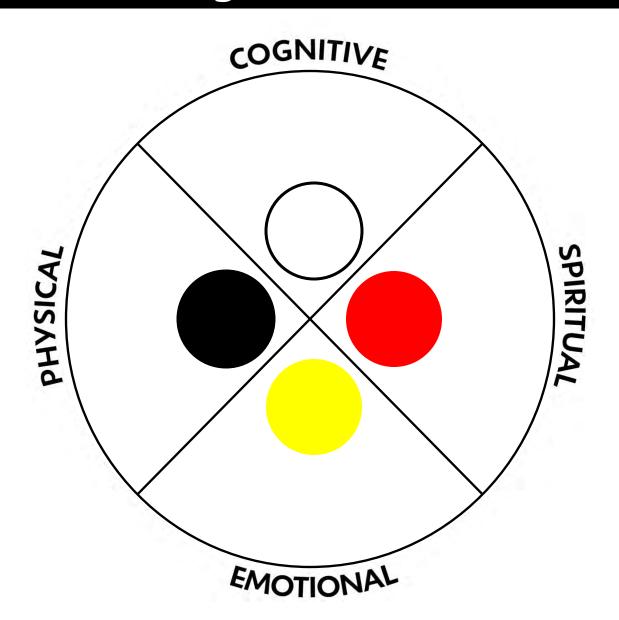
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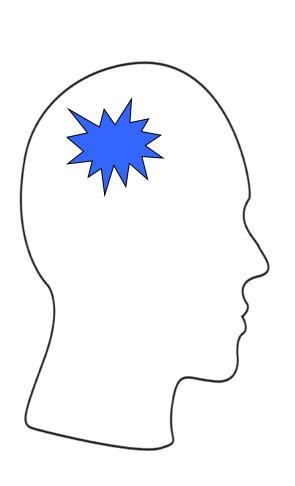
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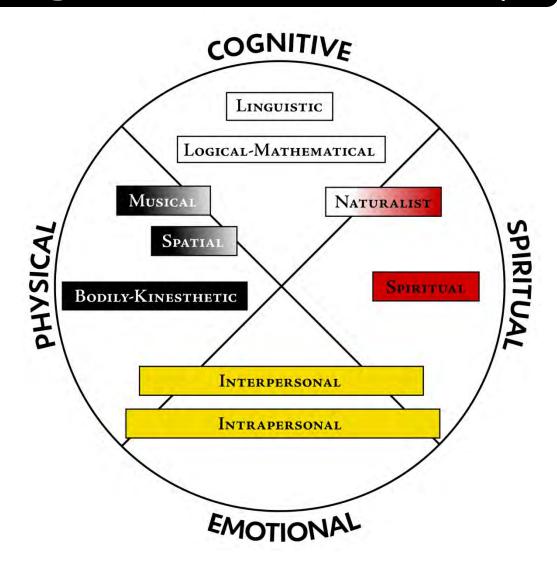
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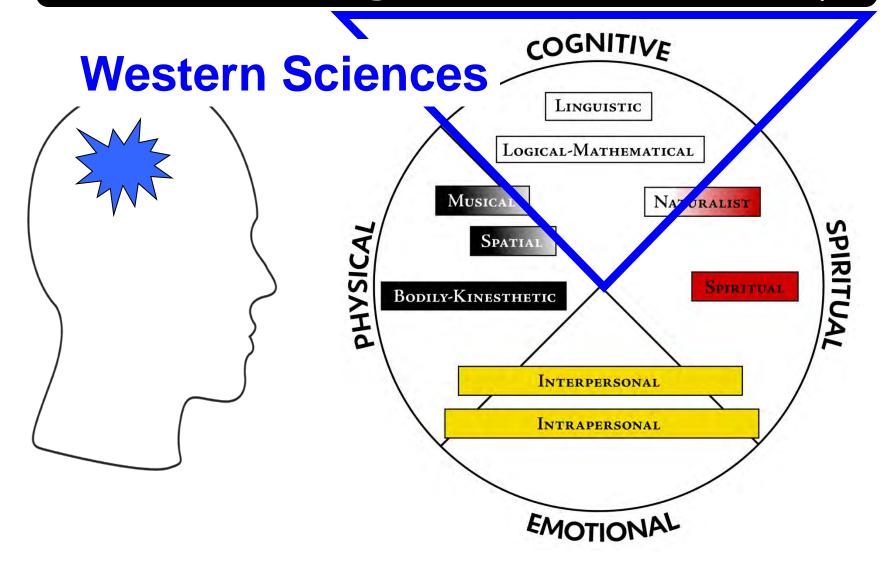
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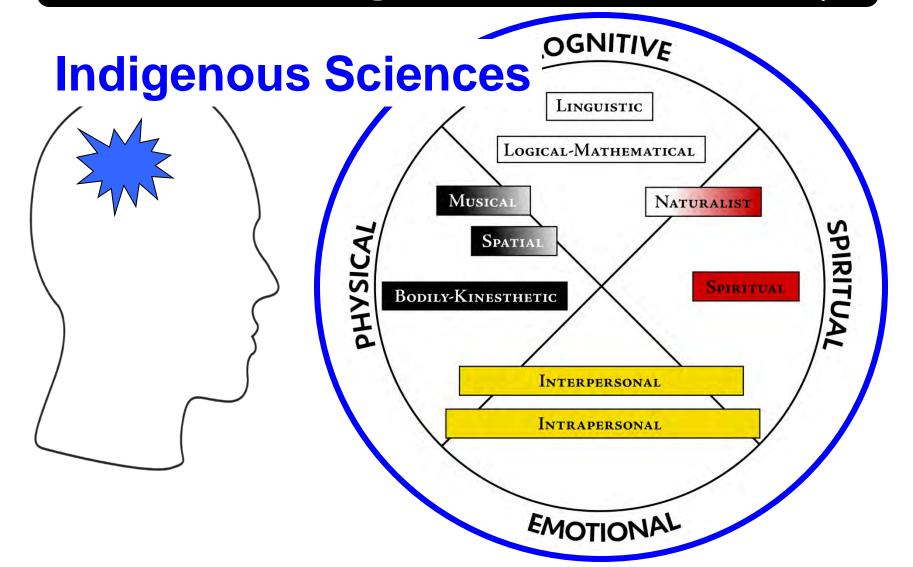
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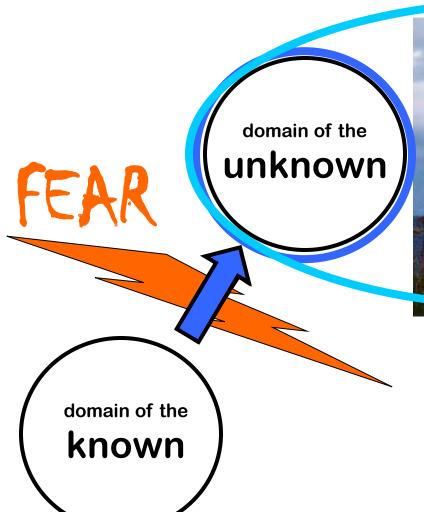
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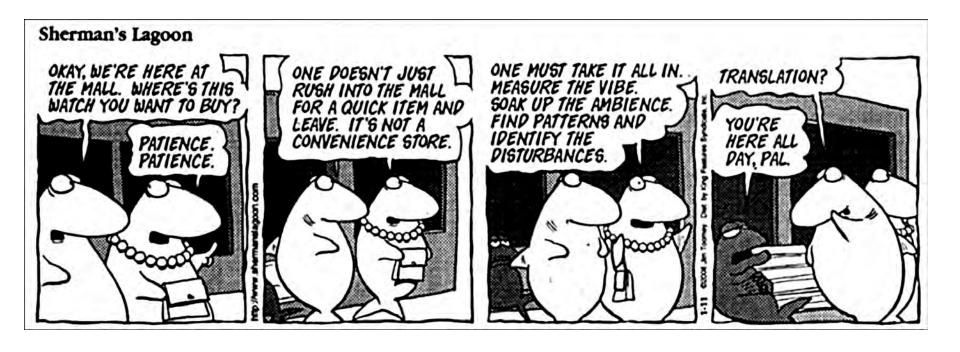




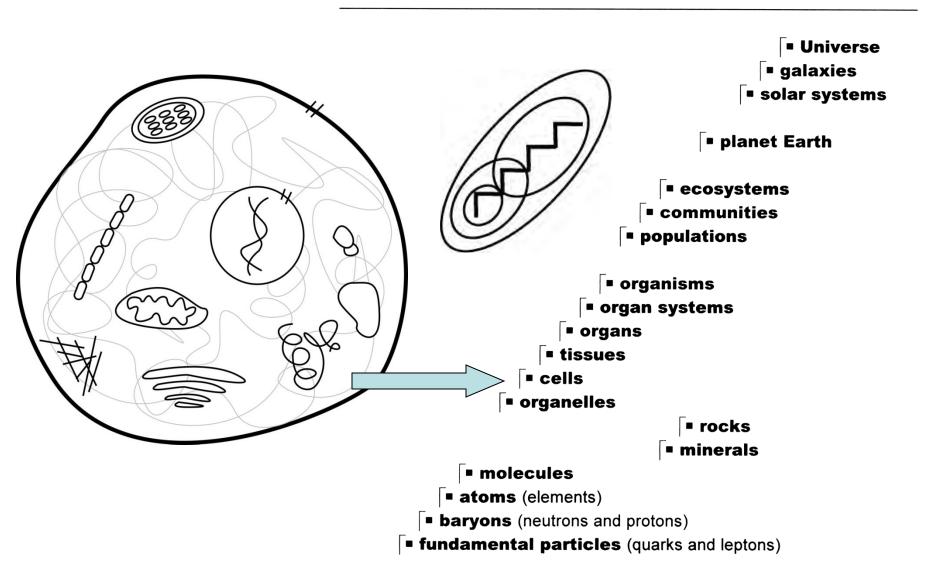
"must become PATTERN-able"

(Douglas J. Cardinal) architect

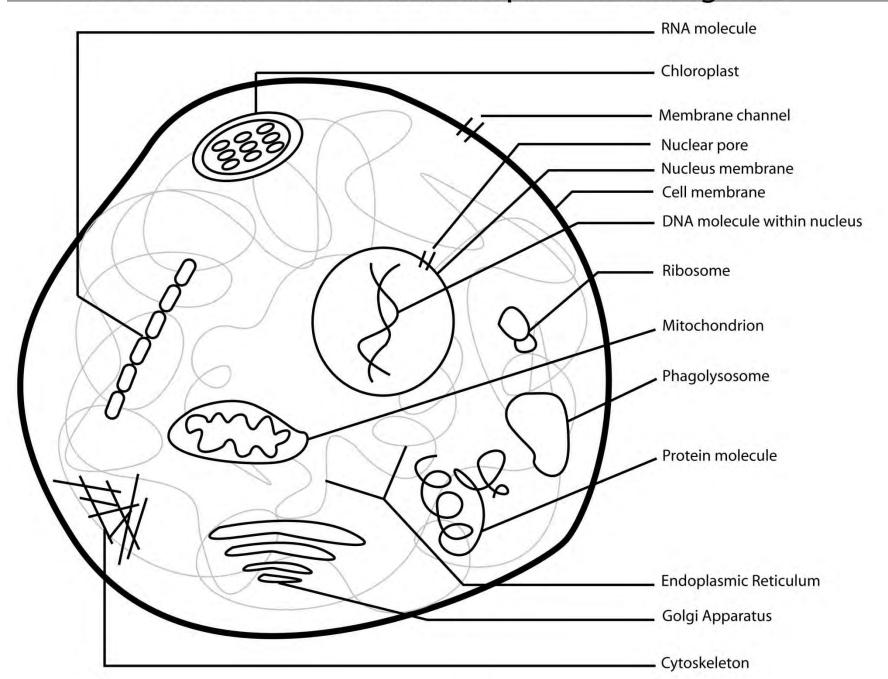
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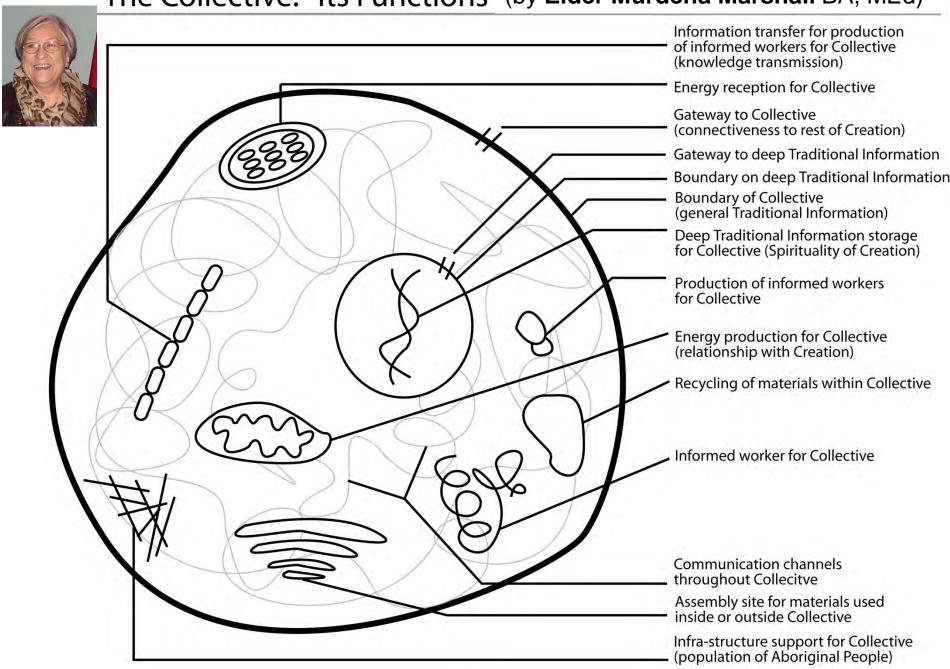
HOLARCHY - VISIBLE MATTER IN THE UNIVERSE -



The Collective: Its Parts (example = the living cell)



The Collective: Its Functions (by Elder Murdena Marshall BA, MEd)



Nature, 21 August 2003

Fibre-optical features of a glass sponge

Some superior l'achnological s'abrets nave pointe to light, Ironnia deeph-sea organism.

Fibre-optical features of a glass sponge; some superior technological secrets have come to light from a deep sea organism

> Euplectella aspergillum from the Invertebrate Collection of the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Madrid, Spain.

cate cage (Fig. 1a), which typically houses a mating pair of shrimp (hence its nickname, Venus flower-basket') and is composed of a lattice of fused spicules' that provide extendolstructural support.

A network of anchorage spicules (basalia) extend outwards in a crown-like formation. These spicules are generally 5-15 em long and 40-70 µm in diameter; their native cross-section is homogeneous and they have no structural boundaries. Under stress or etching, the spicules reveal a characteristic layered morphology" and cross-sectional variations in composition that appear as three distinct regions: a pure silica core of about 2 µm in diameter that encloses an organic filament; a central cylinder that has the greatest organic content of the three; and a striated shell that has a gradually decreasing organic content and which is glued together by organic films (Fig. (b),

We anticipated that the spicules' rich substructure should be reflected in their optical properties as well. Indeed, interferometric refractive-index profiling revealed three regions that correspond to the three regions of structural composition (Fig. 16:2 a core with high refractive index that is comparable to (or higher than) that of vitreous silica; a cylinder of lower refractive index that surcounds the core; and an oscillating pattern with progressively increasing refractive index at the outer part of the spicule.

To determine whether this typical corecladding' refractive-index profile endows the spicules with wave-guiding properties, we investigated their transmission characteristics. We found that embedded spicules act as single- or few-mode waveguides that is, light waves are effectively confined to the core, where refractive index is highest (Fig. 1d, left). When light was coupled into free-standing spicules, they functioned as multi-mode fibres, with most of the light filling the entire cladding, because of the enhanced refractive-index contrast the spicule and air (Fig. 1d, right) budogical fibres therefore resemlercial telecommunication fibres, cy are made of the same material comparable dimensions, as well asractive indices for the high-index a low-index cladding. They also sefficient single-mode, few-mode mode waveguides, depending on llaunch conditions.

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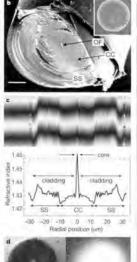
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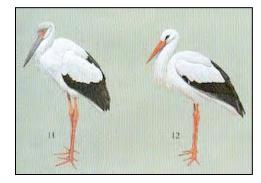
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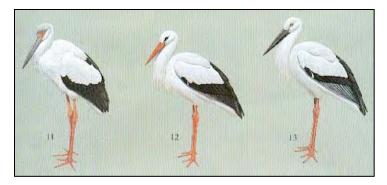


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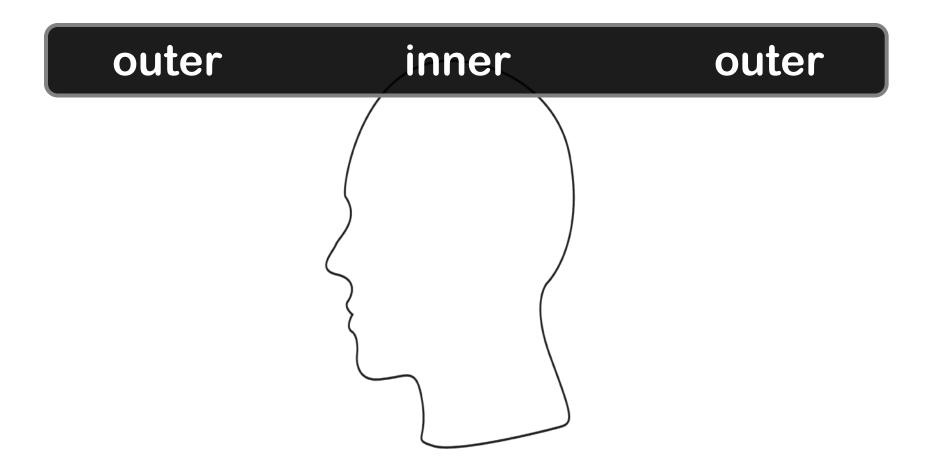
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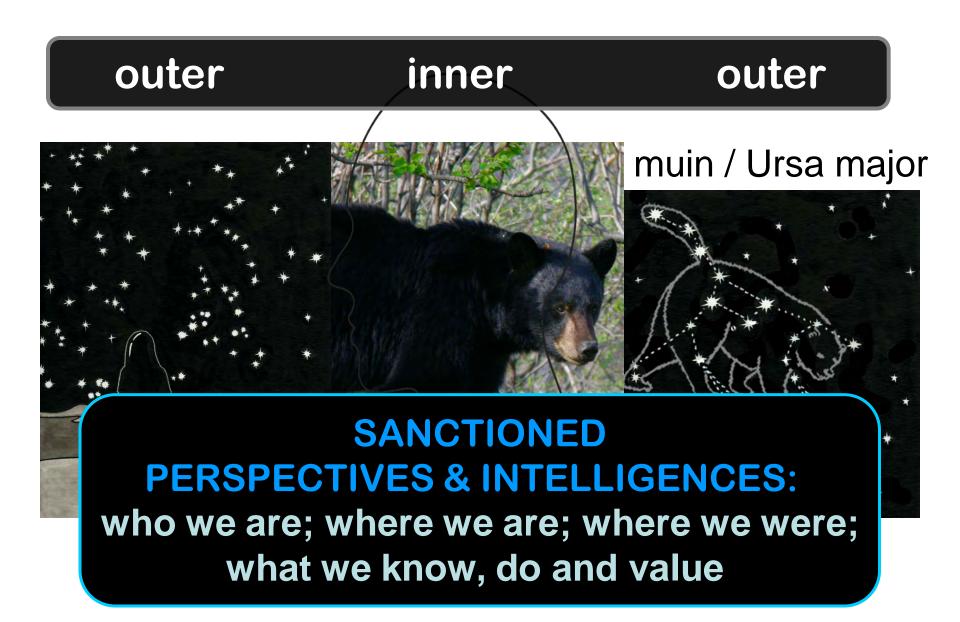
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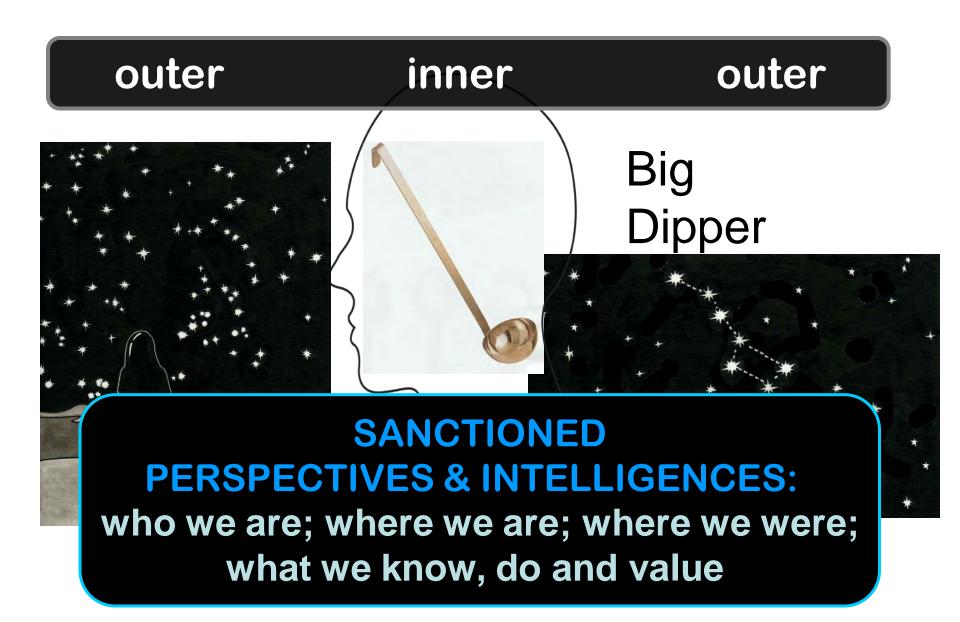
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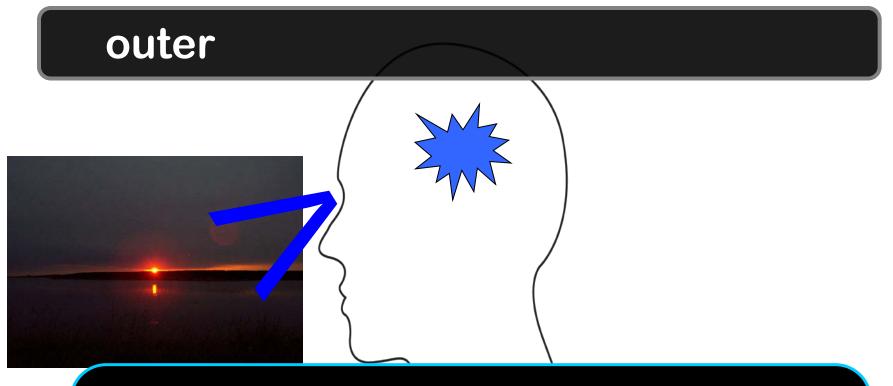






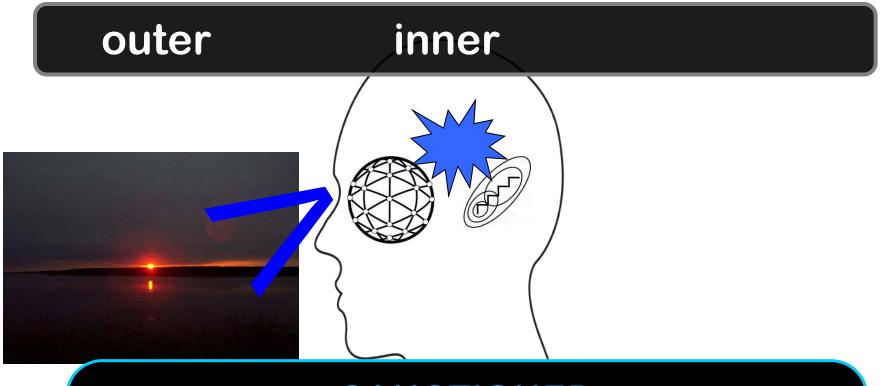






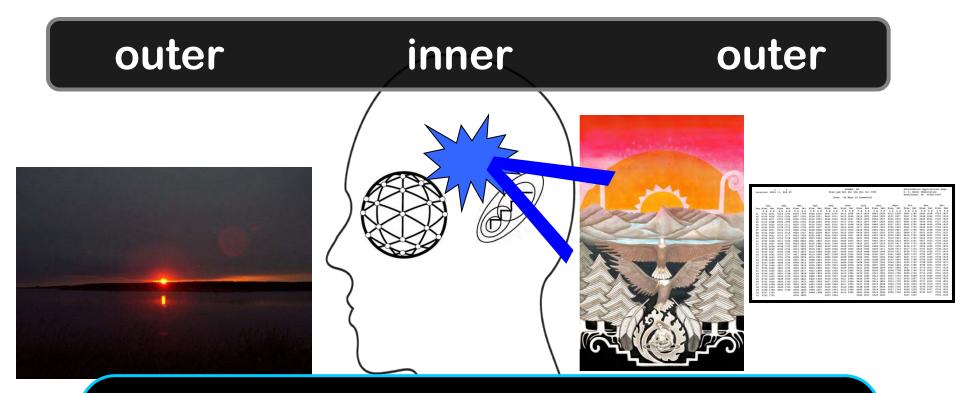
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who we are; where we are; where we were; what we know, do and value



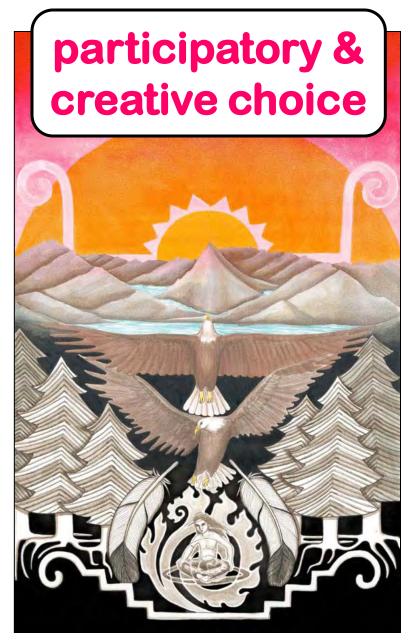
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Wjipenuk Etek Lnuimlkikno'ti - Spirit of the East -

East (sunrise)

... a place of beginnings and enlightenment

... where new knowledge can be created or received to bring about harmony or right relations.

Physical Direction

detached & instrumental

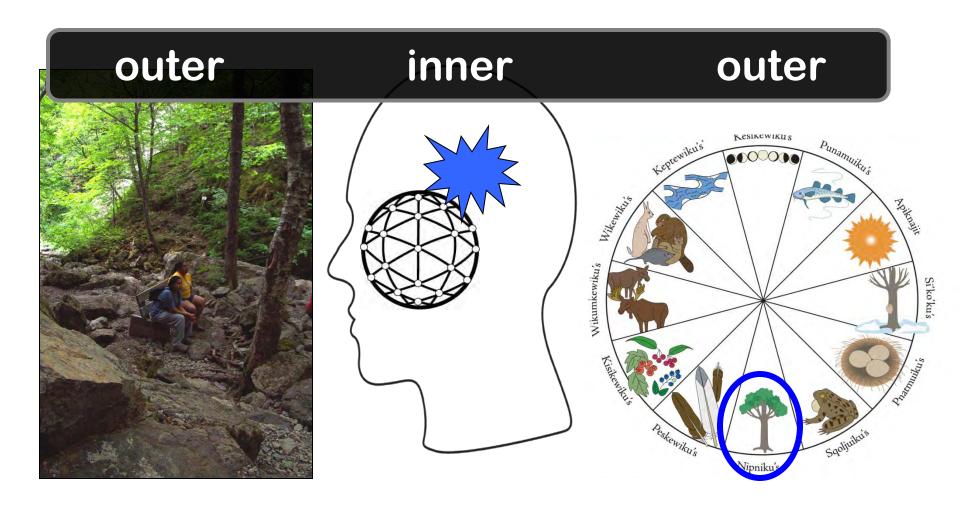
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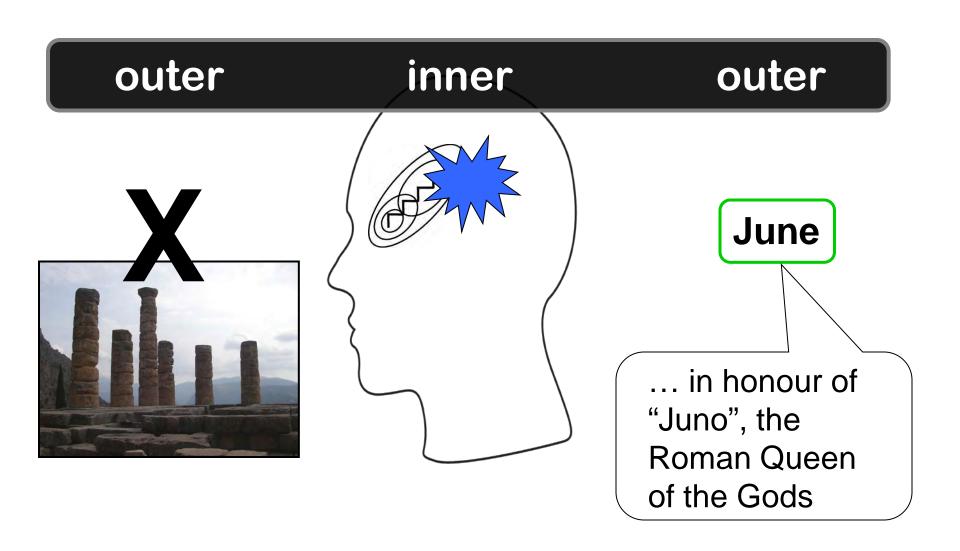
... measurement of the time of sunrise

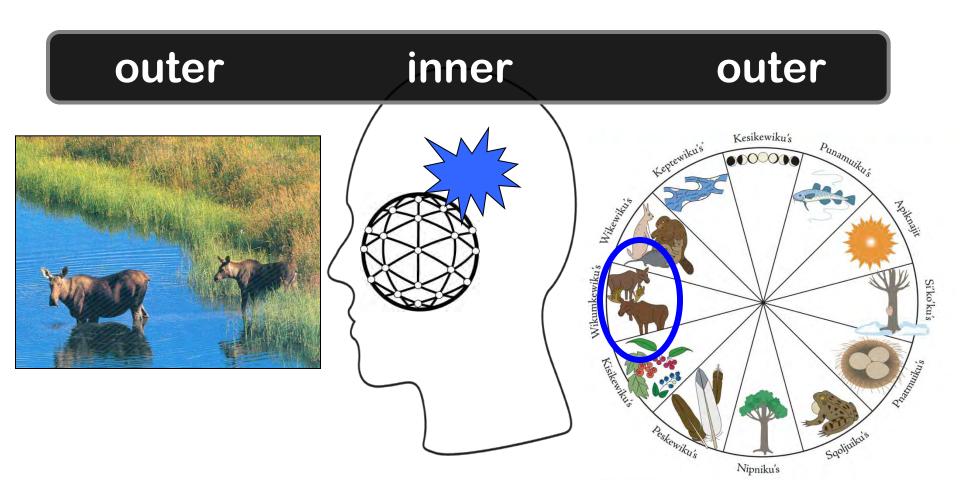
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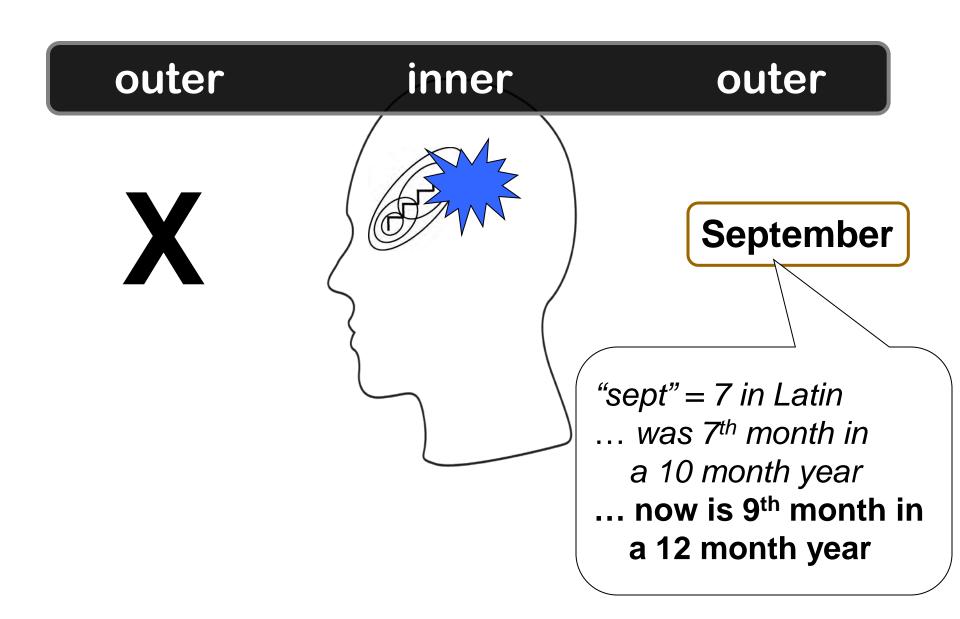
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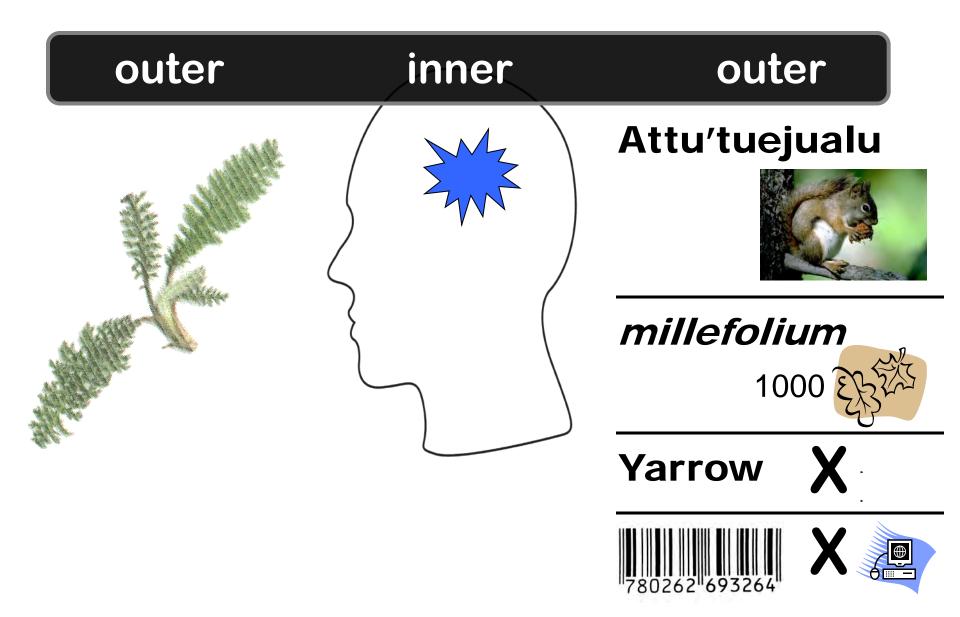


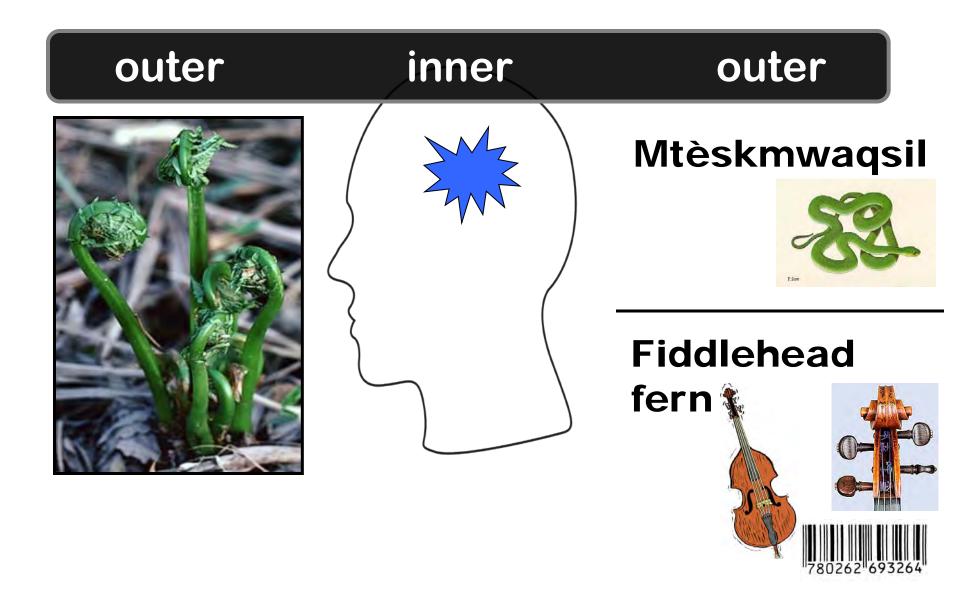




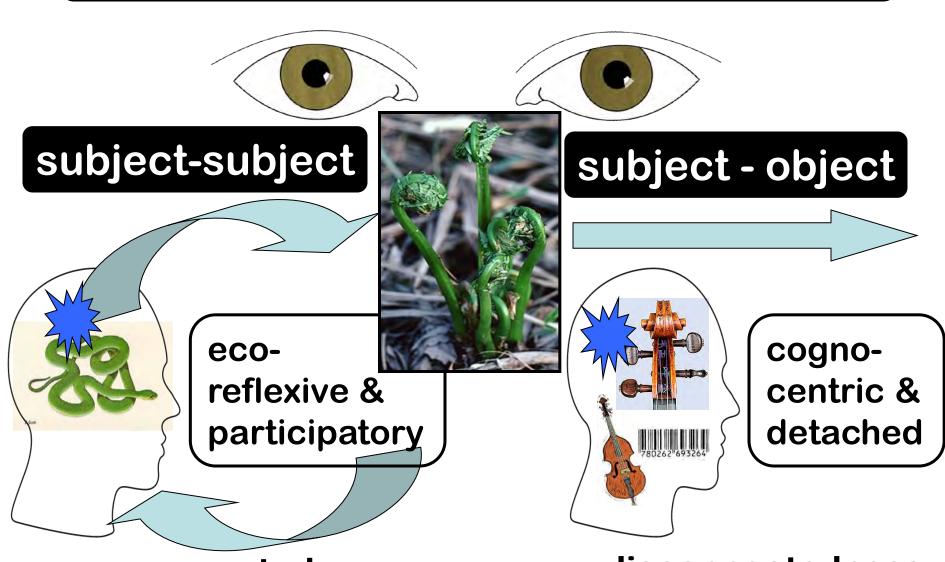






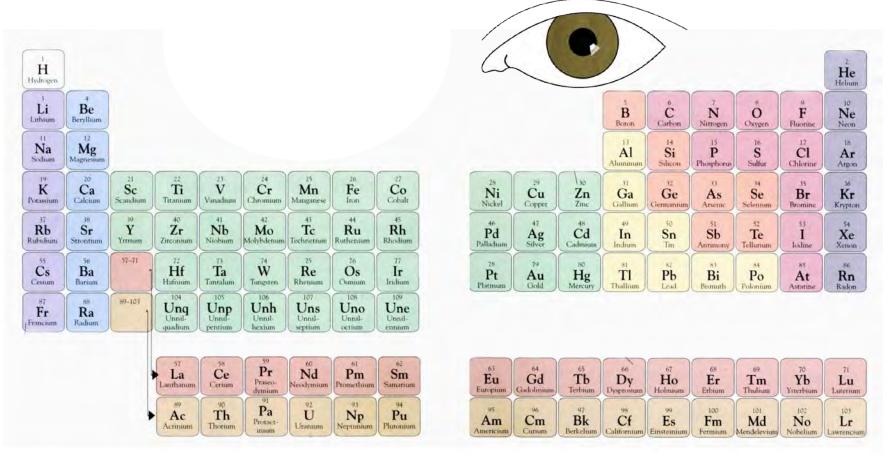


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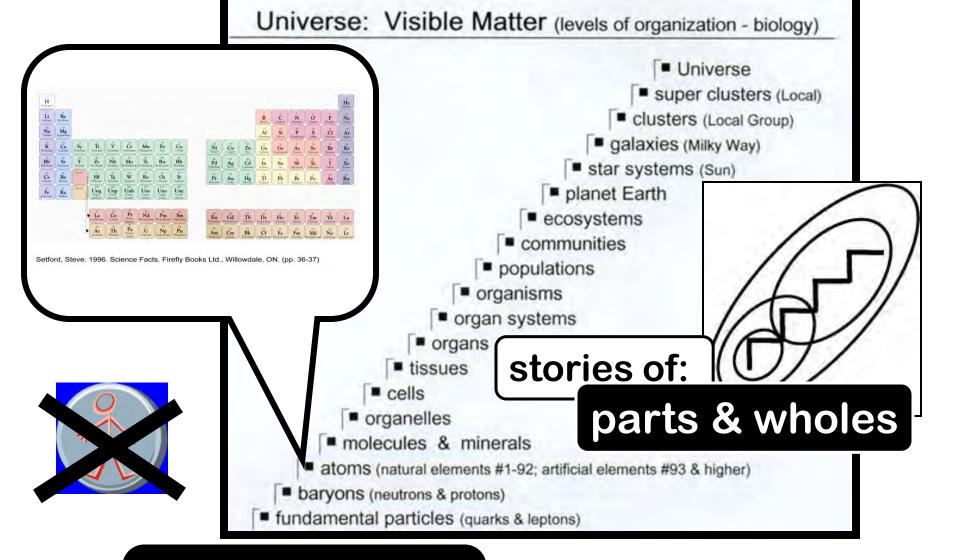


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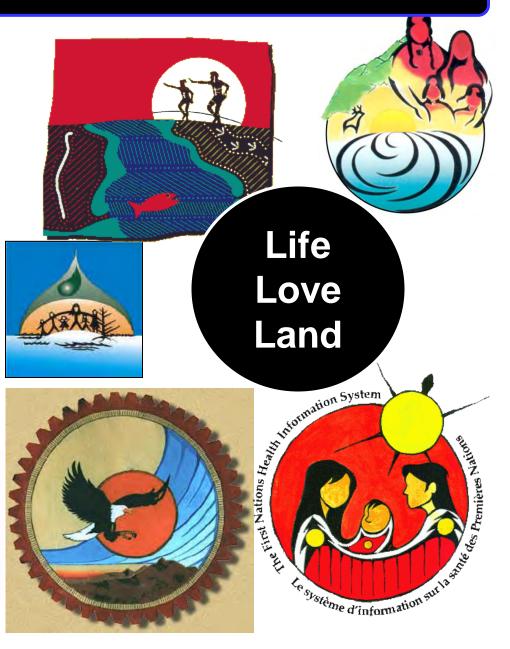


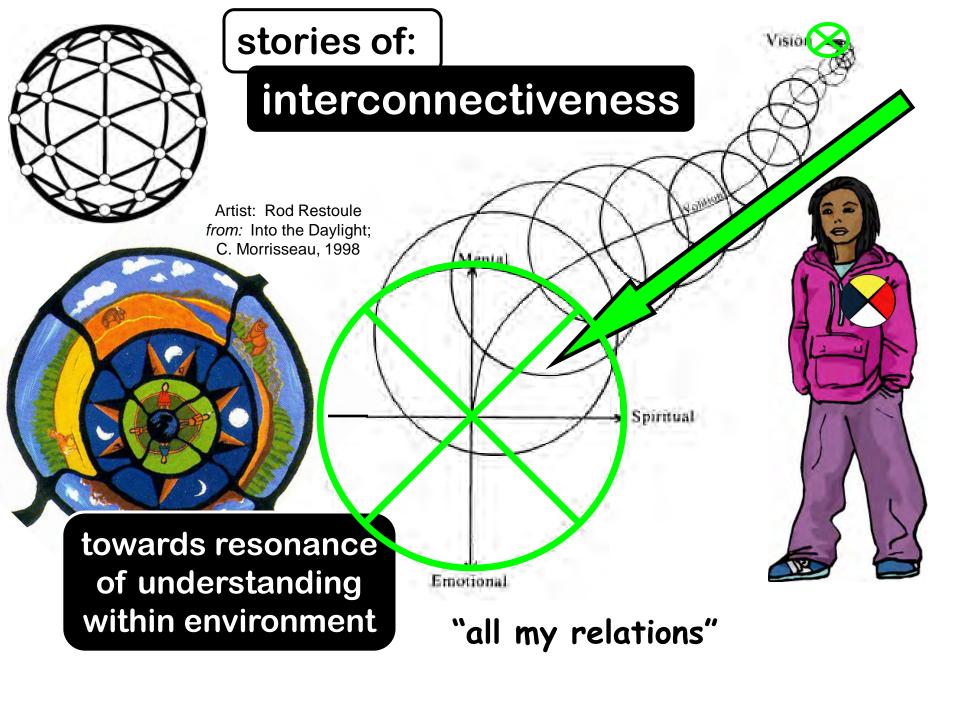




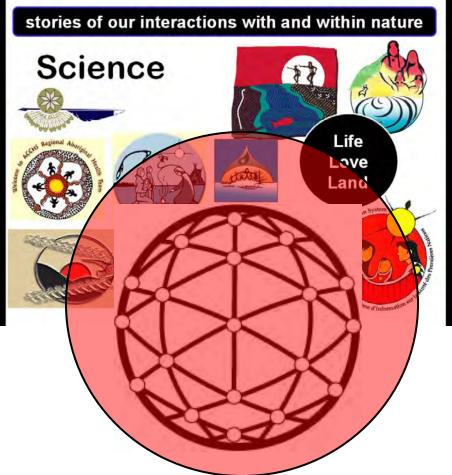




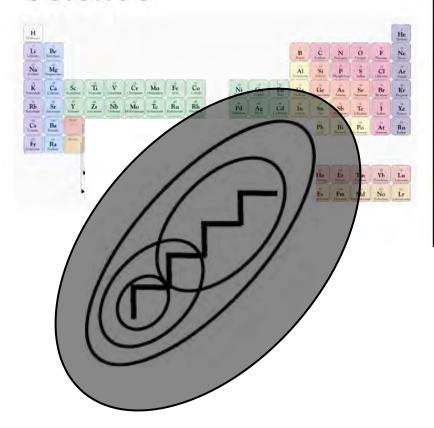






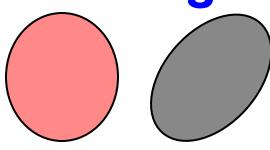


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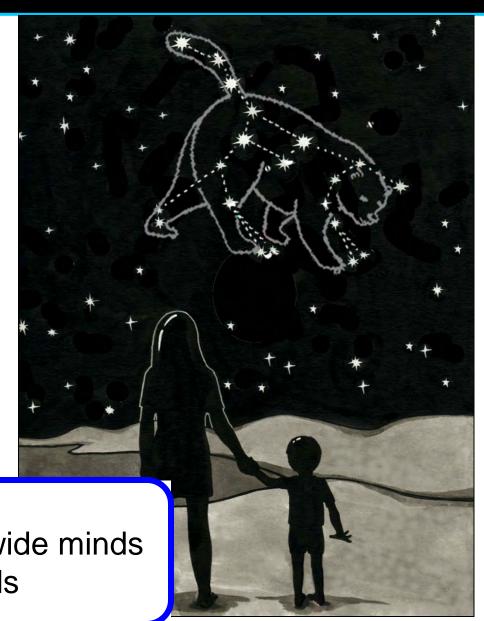
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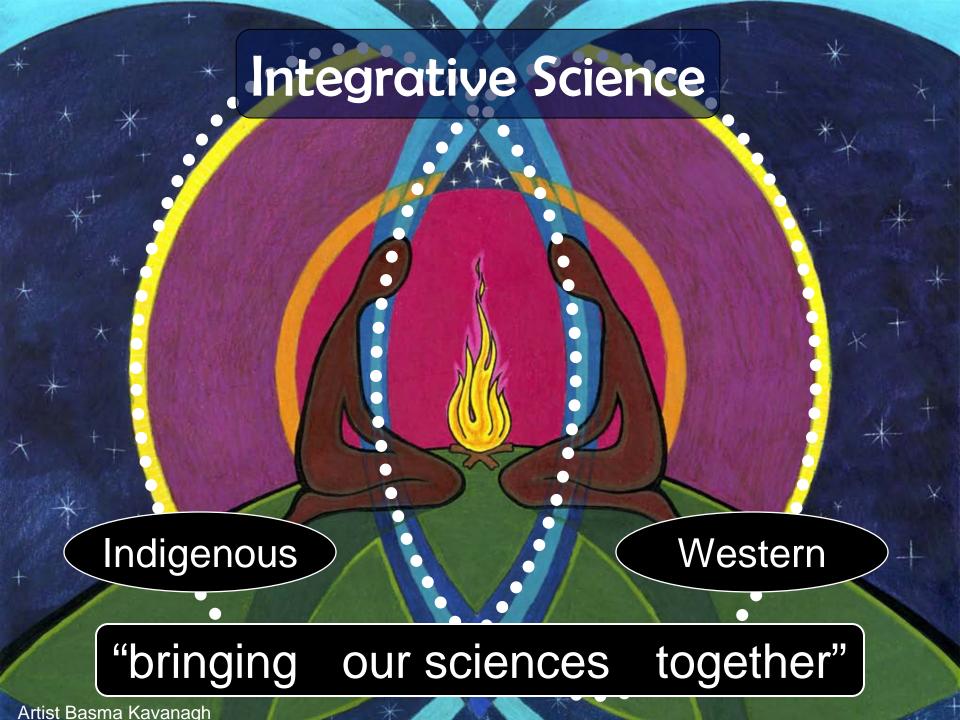
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- spirits within ecosystem-wide minds
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