

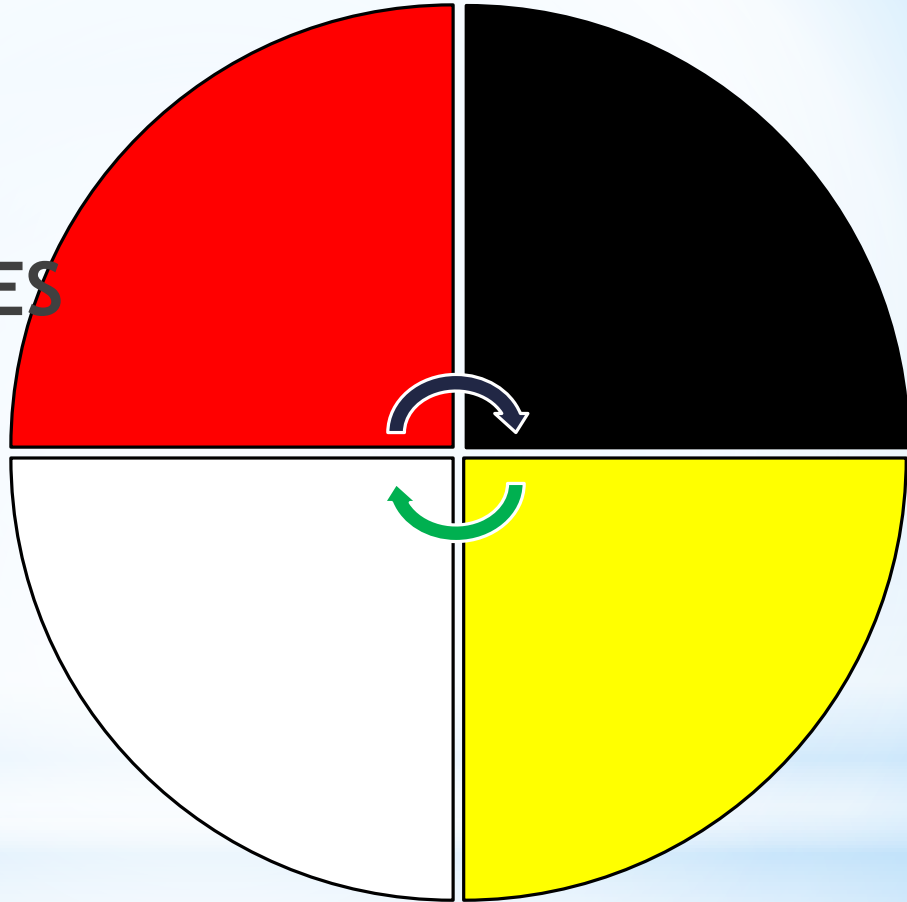
*WHITE BUFFALO Calf PIPE

*SACRED CANUPA

*SEVEN CEREMONIES

*VALUES/VIRTUES

*WAY OF LIFE



* WHITE BUFFALO CALF WOMAN

- * As told by: Manaja Unjinca Hill, Dakota/Lakota/Mohawk/Oneida
- * Ehani- Long ago the Oyate (people) were hungry and didn't have much food to eat. So the Itanca (Leader) instructed two warriors to go and look for food for the people. The two warriors traveled for days without seeing any game to supply the band.
- * One day, while on this journey, the two warriors saw something coming in the distance. They went to the top of a hill to get a better look at what was coming. As the object got closer the warriors noticed it was a very beautiful woman.
- * One of the warriors had bad thoughts of the woman, the second warrior realized that there was something Wakan (Holy) about this woman and told the first warrior to be aware of this. The woman knew that one warrior had bad thoughts of her so she told that warrior to do what he must. When the warrior approached the woman and touched her a great cloud surrounded them when the cloud lifted, there at the woman's feet was the skeleton of the warrior who had the bad thoughts.

- *The second warrior, who had sensed the holiness of this woman, was then instructed to go back to his people that she would return in four days and for them to prepare a place for her for she was bringing a gift to the Oyate (people). So he returned to the camp and told the people what the maiden has said. The people prepared a tipi for her and the gift she was bringing.
- *The gift she brought to the Oyate was the Canupa Wakan (Sacred Pipe) with this pipe she taught the people how to use it and the songs. She also brought seven sacred ceremonies and taught the people the ceremonies, the reasons (values) and purpose (virtues) for each ceremony, and the songs that are sung at the ceremony. The White Buffalo Calf Woman brought to the Oyate a Way of Life.
- *When she left the Oyate she turned into a buffalo calf and rolled four (4) times each time turning a different color first-red, then yellow, then black, and on the fourth time she turned into a White Buffalo Calf. The White Buffalo Calf Woman told the Oyate she would return.



CANUPA WAKAN

**Seven Ceremonies
Values/Virtues
Songs
Ways of Life**





SEVEN CEREMONIES



**Inipi-Sweat
Vision Quest
Naming
Become a Woman
Sundance
Throwing the Ball
Making of Relatives**



VALUES/VIRTUES

Bravery

Generosity/Sharing

Courage

Respect

Compassion

Honesty

Fortitude

Wisdom





SONGS

Prayer

Honor

Memorial

Encouragement



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SONGS



CEREMONIES

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CANUPA WAKAN

- Ceremonies
- Values/Virtues
- Songs



*WAY OF LIFE

*The teachings that we receive from the gifts that the White Buffalo Calf Pipe Woman brought to the Lakota People provide a Way of Life that is fulfilling to all.

*WOLAKOTA is this Way of Living:

*ALL relatives live in harmony with Mother Earth;

*In this Way of Life the teachings are all the same but different. We are taught at many separate and different altars, respect for those teachings is this way.

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Inipi-Sweat

Purification Ceremony-Purify mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual parts of self.

* **Societies**-groups of men in the camp that were responsible for certain aspects of life in the camp.

- * Warriors

- * Hunters

- * Etc.

* **Warrior Society** - Members of these groups exhibited bravery, courage, had integrity, and exhibited compassion for all that lived. Within these societies the greatest honor was to touch your enemy in battle, but allow him to live.

- * Kit Fox, Strong Heart, White Owl, White Horse Riders, Brave Heart, etc.

- * Member of these societies were chosen at a very young age.

- * Youth were trained by society members to learn the responsibilities of that respective society.

* **Akicita**-responsibility was to police the village for one year. Selection for this honor came from the Warrior Societies and was done on a yearly basis by the Itancas -leaders.

* **WARRIOR SOCIETIES:** Each society prepared for service in their own way and took care of themselves upon returning.

* Preparation - Inipi - before leaving for battle Warriors prepared for service through ceremony: they prayed for the ability to maintain view of the right purpose of the encounter, compassion, Integrity, bravery, honesty, courage, and fortitude.

* Purification - Inipi - upon returning warriors were purified in such a way that they were taken back to a time before they left.

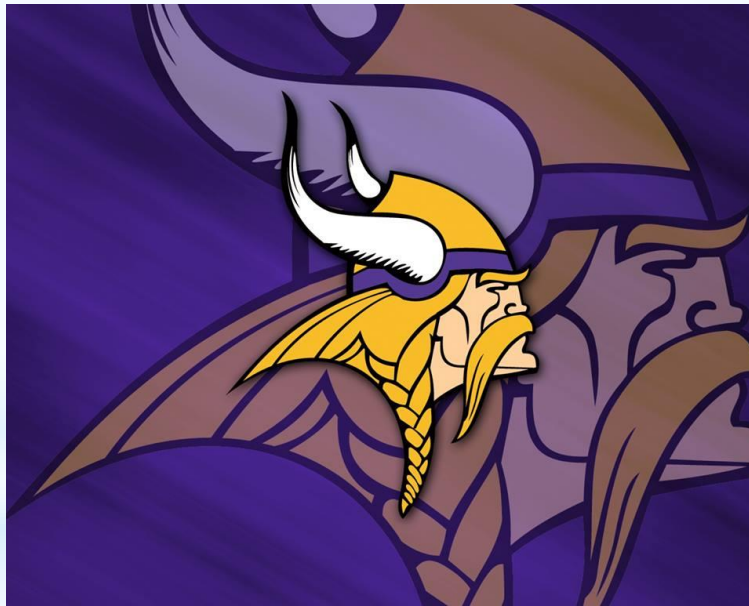
* WAKTE GLI - To kill - come home (loosely translated) this is a series of 7 songs that helped the returning warrior in his transition back to the village and village life.

* **AKICITA=SOLDIER**

* Diminished uses of these ways though out WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, now Iraq and Afganistan lead to shell shock, combat fatigue, PTSD.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

* *2015 North Division Champions*



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