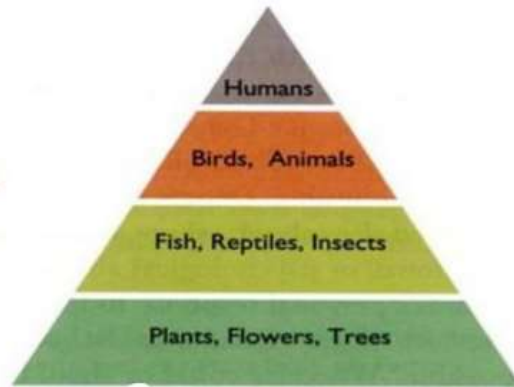
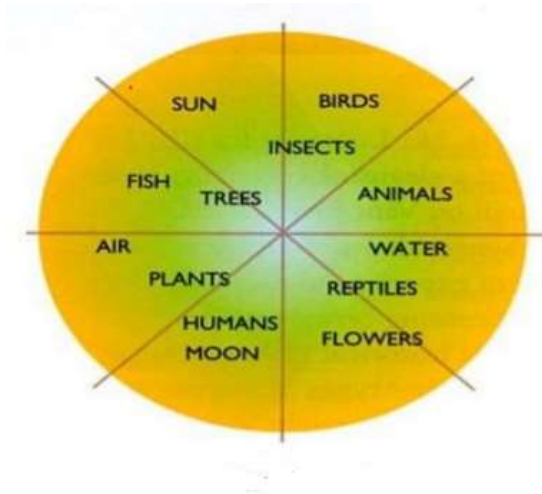


Human Beings and Nature

(Denis Roy, Mi'kmaq Educator, ASDE)

Indigenous worldview

Western worldview



Sees humans as part of nature

Humans are not the most important in the world

All life is sacred and equally important

We are all related: People, objects and nature nature

Only harvest what you need and share with others

Preserve resources for the next 7 generations.

Environment is essential for our survival

All living and non-living things deserve respect

Time is link to nature's cycle and animal behavior

Land provides access to traditional foods and medicine

Sees humans and Nature as separate entities

Humans were given dominion over all living things

Humans are superior to all other life forms

Investors and customers have little concern for

Overexploitation and destruction of surpluses

Extract all resources and move to the next location

Land and resources are for economic development

Many life forms are seen as inferior and killed

Time is linear and has nothing to do with nature

Rely on industrial food production and medical lab

Those who hold an Indigenous worldview tend to understand the constructs and effects of the Western worldview; the opposite is generally not the case.

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