

DINÉ FUNDAMENTAL LAW AND NAVAJO NATION SOVEREIGNTY



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Creation of Fundamental Law



A.Ni'hodilhił (Black World)

B.Yá'ałníí'neeyání (Adinííín, Universal Mind)

*i. A Thought of Yá'ałníí'neeyání –
Haashch'ééłti'i (Male)*

*ii. A feeling of Yá'ałníí'neeyání –
Haashch'e'áwaan (Female)*

Creation of Natural Law

A. Creation of the Universe, The Earth, Sky,
Water, Air, Light (Ni'hoosdzáán, Yádiłhił)

B. Bii'istíín, Yee Dahinánígíí, Nabiiláhígíi (The
Spirit that gives them life)

C. Bee Haz'áanii Ła'i: NATURAL LAW

Creation of Traditional Law

I. Creation of the Holy People

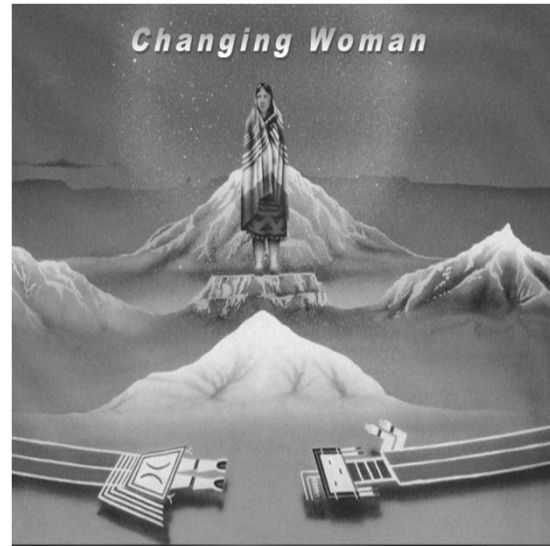
a. Haashch'éeł Dine'é

b. Diyin Dine'é

c. Yik'ehgo Dahiná dóó
Naaldeeh

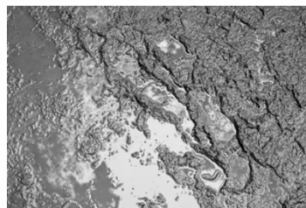


Upon the destruction of the evil monsters by Naayéé' Neizghání and Tó Bájíshchíní (Warrior Twins), our Mother, Yoolgai Asdzáán migrated to the west to a place called Yoolgai Bee Tálkáá' Kin Dahnaa'eeł (Whiteshell Island). After some time, the People went to visit her. They stayed there for four plantings.



At the end of the fourth planting period, the People began to make preparations to come back to the four Sacred Mountains.

Before they departed, Yoolgai Asdzáán created the four clans: Kinyaa'aanii, Tó Áhaní, Tó Dích'íi'nii, Hashtł'ishnii.

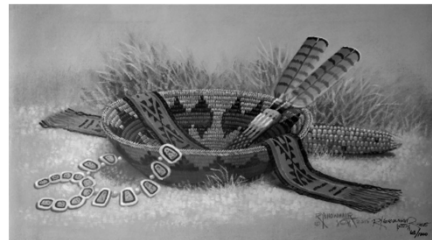


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Customary Law

With the creation, she also bestowed the bee haz'áanii (law) which would serve as our Customary Law, Bik'ehgo Oochííł dóó Anoosééł.

Yoolgai Asdzaán established our Road of Life, Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón atiin and mandated the Customary Law to guide and regulate our lives as we go on this Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón atiin: Birth, Puberty, Marriage, Old Age.



Gave Them:

- a. Bist'e': Food
- b. Tsodizin dóó Sin, Hataál, Oodlǎ
- c. Language: Yoolgai, Dootł'izhii, Diichií, Bááshzhinii Saad
 - i. *Communicate with the Creation, Holy People*
 - ii. *Between ourselves*



d. K'e:

i. *Ahidíłzin*

ii. *Aahojooba'*

iii. *Ahaa hááhasin*

iv. *Ahaajá'áháná*

v. *Ayóó' áho'ó'ní*

vi. *Hashké*



e. Healing: Bee Ná'oodzih /
Hadaalt'é

f. Conflict Resolution: Hasht'e
náálníł, Hasht'ée'álnééh

g. Governance: Nahat'á



Yee hinánígíí

a. Oodlá

b. Bik'eh Nijighá

c. Dzidísín

d. T'ááhó Ájít'eego

e. Honíyá, Honiyóí Ha'íínílní, Halee Bee

Yoolgai Asdzáán and the Diyin Dine'é, (Holy People) sanctioned this law to be our Sacred Sovereignty today, as Ni'hookáá' Diné.

This law heals our sick and resolves our problems, gives us the procedures to help one another through K'é and this law is the structure of how we govern ourselves.

Most importantly, this law defines who we are, where we came from, why we are here and shines the holy light upon the road taking each and every one of us towards Old Age (Sá).

AHÉHEE'

MAY THE HOLY PEOPLE
BE WITH YOU