

“Ha-Way”
John Hawk Co-cké
Wa-Ko-sa-Moie
Big Black Bear Makes the Tracks



The role of Two Spirit was determined during childhood. Parents would watch a child who seemed to have a tendency toward living as a Two spirit person. And they would assist him/her in pursuing it rather than discouraging them.

Roles of the Two Spirit people

- ▣ Specialized work roles
- ▣ Gender difference
- ▣ Spiritual Sanction
- ▣ Same Sex relations

SOME TWO-SPIRIT NAMES

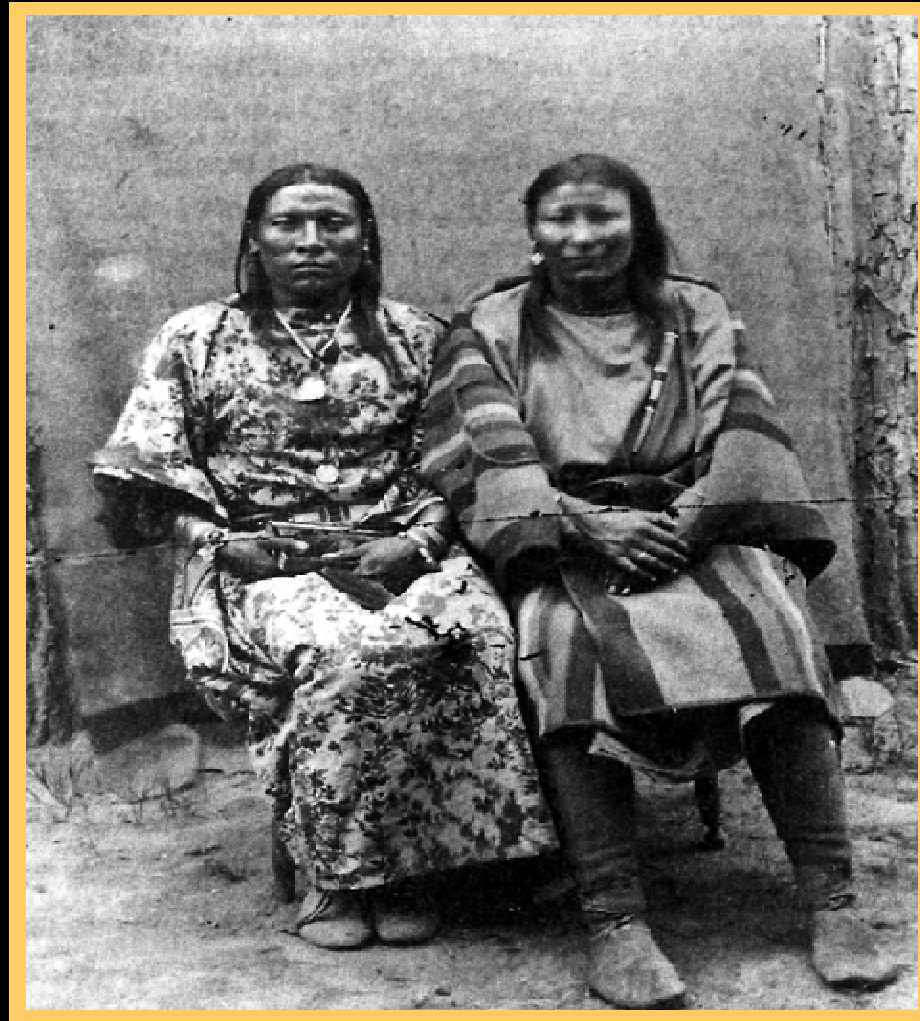
* Osage	Mixu'ga	Instructed by the moon"
* Navajo	Na'dleeh	"He changes"
* Cheyenne	He'eman	"Women/Man"
* Chumash	agi',axi	
* Lakota	Wi'kta/Wingkte'	"Would be Women"
	Female lila witkowin	"crazy woman"
* Tewa	Kwido	"Old woman/Old man"
* Zuni	Ihamana	"girl/boy"
* Miwok	Osha'pu	"women"
* Chickasaw	hoobuk	
* Crow	Bote, Bade	
* Hidatsa	biatti or miati	"Woman-compelled"

Who were some of our Two Spirit Ancestors



We-Wha (Zuni Tribe)

Finds-them-and-Kills-them with best friend Magpie



Hosteen Klah



- ▣ Other names of our Two Spirit ancestors
- ▣ California shaman “Tolowa”
- ▣ Mojarro of Acoma
- ▣ Slave Woman of the Chipewyan
- ▣ Pine Leaf of the Crow Nation
- ▣ Running Eagle of the Blackfeet Nation

George Catlin (1796-1872) Dance to the Berdache Sac and Fox tribe



Invasion

- ▣ Then came the Indian agents, missionaries and boarding schools to suppress all forms of traditional Indian culture. Our People were taught to be ashamed of their traditional Two Spirit roles.

Indian life for the Two Spirit during the reservation period.

- ▣ Christian beliefs pushed on Native people
- ▣ Native Children put in Government schools
- ▣ European and Native beliefs clashed
- ▣ Indian agents incarcerated the Two Spirit
- ▣ Cut the Two Spirit male's hair and made them dress in men's clothing or woman's clothing
- ▣ Because of the influences of the Churches and Agents the Chiefs were reluctant to defend the Two Spirit people.
- ▣ Earlier, the missionaries feed the Two Spirit to the dogs.

**The way the Two Spirit was viewed
was not the same as the
contemporary Indian gay lifestyle
that we have now.**

Conclusion:

When you are born into this world, you reach for either a bow and a quiver, which is blessed and protected by the Sun, our Grandfather, or you reach for an awl and a sewing bag, which is blessed by the Moon, our Grandmother. From that time on, you will follow that vision and be blessed.

Honoring that beautiful little two spirit



**It is unfortunate that among today's
gay Indians, the great tradition and
vision of the old-time Two Spirit has
been suppressed and is nearly dead.**

**But due to the visions of many Two
Spirit people of today we are bringing
the Two Spirit ways back to our
people!**

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