



### ***Native Worldview: What It Is Not***

- ❖ It does not see genuine democracy as being more about protecting the rights of property owners than it is about equal rights for all members of the democratic community.
- ❖ Its focus is not predominantly about competition and “winning.”
- ❖ It is not more concerned about the accumulation of individual material gain or authoritarian power than it is about the common good of life’s intricate interconnections.
- ❖ It does not assume that young people, especially children, are inherently bad or relatively incompetent.
- ❖ It does not sanction external authority figures or institutions as being absolute.
- ❖ It does not emphasize external rewards and punishments for the motivation to do well.
- ❖ It is not only about humans (The indigenous view gives equal respect to animals, insects, birds, rocks, trees, water and Spirits).
- ❖ It does not lead to a culture based on fear and its negative consequences.
- ❖ It does not lead to wholesale conditions of personal and ecological disease or poor health.

(Jacobs, 2001, p. 3)