

OUR PARENTS' STORY -"WHY INDIANS MUST SPEAK THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE"

THIS IS A STORY ABOUT A MAN AND A WOMAN WHO WERE MARRIED AND HOW THEY LEARNED OF A MESSAGE FROM THE CREATOR ON HOW WE ARE TO RAISE OUR CHILDREN.

THIS MAN AND WOMAN WANTED VERY MUCH TO BE BLESSED WITH A CHILD. THEY WERE VERY POOR, BUT THEY KNEW THAT A CHILD WOULD BRING THEM MUCH HAPPINESS. FINALLY AFTER EIGHT LONG YEARS, THE WOMAN HAPPILY ANNOUNCED TO HER HUSBAND THAT SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE A CHILD. THIS BROUGHT THEM MUCH JOY. WHEN THE GREAT DAY ARRIVED, A BABY GIRL WAS

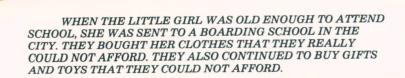
BECAUSE THEY HAD ONLY ONE CHILD THEY BEGAN TO SPOIL HER. THEY LOVED THEIR DAUGHTER SO MUCH THAT EVERYTHING ELSE WAS PUT ASIDE, AND ALL THE ATTENTION AND LOVE WENT TO HER. THE FATHER BOUGHT AND GAVE HIS DAUGHTER MANY TOYS AND GIFTS THAT THEY REALLY COULD NOT AFFORD.



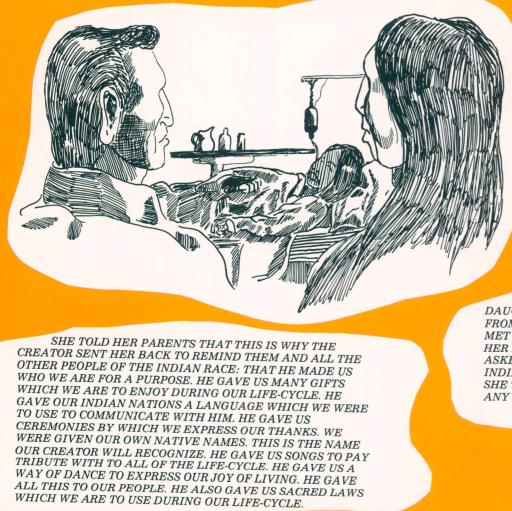


THE MOTHER AND FATHER BOTH AGREED THAT THEIR CHILD WOULD NOT BE RAISED THE WAY THEY WERE. THEY REMEMBERED THAT THEIR INDIAN WAYS WERE SLOWLY DYING OUT, AND ONLY THE OLD PEOPLE STILL ATTENDED THE CEREMONIES, HOWEVER THEY STILL KNEW THE SACRED SONGS AND DANCES. THEY KNEW THAT PEOPLE WERE BEGINNING TO CHANGE AND WERE SLOWLY LOSING RESPECT FOR THE LANGUAGE THAT WAS GIVEN TO THEM.

THEY PROMISED THEMSELVES THAT THEY WOULD STILL CARRY ON THEIR INDIAN WAYS, BUT THEIR LITTLE GIRL WOULD LEARN WAYS OF THE WHITE MAN, FOR IT SEEMED TO THEM THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT THE INDIAN PEOPLE WOULD SURVIVE.

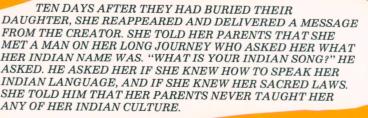


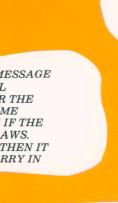




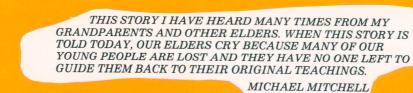
THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING, BUT WHEN THEIR LITTLE GIRL WAS EIGHT YEARS OLD, SHE BECAME VERY SICK. SHE STAYED IN BED FOR A LONG TIME. HER HEALTH DID NOT IMPROVE ANY AND ONE DAY THE CREATOR TOOK HER LIFE BACK. HER PARENTS WERE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE CREATOR WHY HE TOOK THEIR THEY WEPT AND ASKED THE CREATOR WHY HE TOOK THEIR ONLY POSSESSION.

DAUGHTER, SHE REAPPEARED AND DELIVERED A MESSAGE FROM THE CREATOR. SHE TOLD HER PARENTS THAT SHE MET A MAN ON HER LONG JOURNEY WHO ASKED HER WHAT HER INDIAN NAME WAS. "WHAT IS YOUR INDIAN SONG?" HE ASKED. HE ASKED HER IF SHE KNEW HOW TO SPEAK HER INDIAN LANGUAGE, AND IF SHE KNEW HER SACRED LAWS. SHE TOLD HIM THAT HER PARENTS NEVER TAUGHT HER ANY OF HER INDIAN CULTURE.





THE LITTLE GIRL BROUGHT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WHICH TELLS US NOT TO STRAY FROM THE ORIGINAL TEACHINGS. SHE SAID, "I WILL LEAVE YOU NOW, FOR THE CREATOR HAS TAKEN ME HOME. HE HAS ACCEPTED ME BECAUSE IT IS NOT THE FAULT OF THE YOUNG ONES IF THE PARENTS DO NOT TEACH THEM OF THE CREATOR'S LAWS. TELL OUR PEOPLE IF WE ARE TO LIVE AS A PEOPLE, THEN IT ${\it IS~OUR~CREATOR'S~SACRED~LAWS~THAT~WE~MUST~CARRY~IN}$ ORDER FOR OUR NATION TO SURVIVE.







WHICH WE ARE TO USE DURING OUR LIFE-CYCLE.