

Welcome to the
Extraordinary Soul
Mystery
School



Module 9



Module 9

History and How We Study Wheels

Items needed for this module:

- 5 stones laid out in a wheel
- Module 9 Handout



Lay out rocks
Connect, Call in Sacred Space



Open to
Receive



If you leave here, with nothing else this weekend, I want you to know that Gaia is your Mother and she loves you. She has a personality, a "face," and a Spirit that is guided by a Heart filled with more love than you can imagine. She has provided us with everything we need to live, grow, learn and become on this planet and be fully Higher Self/Spirit directed or self-directed as we choose. As we are coming to know, the Medicine Wheel is where all this information is housed.



Story Time – The Twelve Magical Worlds



HOW WE STUDY WHEELS

Let's now look at how we will study the basic teaching wheels. In the Native American world, wheels or circles have been used since the ancient times as tools for teaching the ways of the universe. Nothing is seen as linear for the idea of a linear existence is considered to be an illusion. There is no "beginning" or "end". There is simply a change of reference points. Birth into physical existence is not the beginning of life (for spirit is eternally alive), but it is a different perception point through which spirit experiences its aliveness. It is simply movement in the wheel of life. SwiftDeer tells the story that when a "white man" wanted to say someone was crazy they would take their index finger up by their ear and rotate vertical circles by their ear. This indicated someone who thought in circles or wheels had gone loco, went in circles, or was crazy. When the "red man" wanted to say someone was crazy they would take their index finger and draw a straight line across their eyes. Thus indicating that a person who thought in a straight linear fashion was crazy.

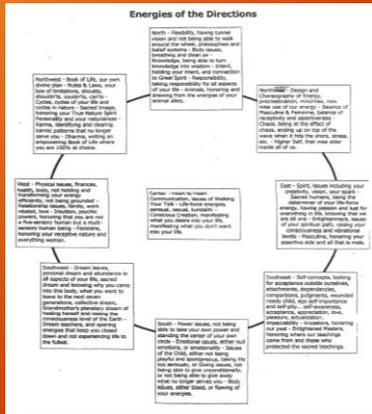
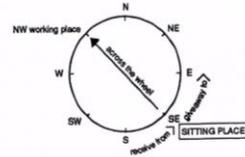


Learning of the universe through wheels offers a way to perceive how one form of life is completely interconnected with all other life: flowing, changing and reaching out to touch all forms of all things with beauty. All the wheels of the Sweet Medicine Sun Dance Path spin and interconnect with one another in this way. Each position on the wheel corresponds to one of the four cardinal directions: South, North, West, East - or one of the four non-cardinal directions: Southeast, Southwest, Northwest and Northeast. Furthermore, there are specific qualities and characteristics that exist for each direction. Thus, no matter which wheel is being used, the subject matter is placed in a particular direction because it contains the corresponding properties. For example, on some wheels in the West, you have the earth element. West is also the physical body, strength, power and stability. One can quickly see that these energies all work with and carry within themselves similar properties. And so the wheel goes. Even properties that have seemingly nothing to do with each other, when overlaid, allow you to make amazing connections into deeper understanding. Those of us who were taught to think in linear terms will find studying wheels a particular challenge! However, it is also fun.

On any medicine wheel, the cardinal directions will hold the energy of a circle and the non cardinals will move energy in and out of the circle.

When you are studying a particular aspect of a wheel or trying to gain understanding of something, you first determine where it is located on the wheel. That direction is called its "sitting place". Directly across from it is the "working place". This means you are gaining an opposite perspective of what you are studying, -you "work" with the information.

Figure 2:



Gratitude & Closure Ground

