Indian Cultural Values

1. Understand Nature and world as sacred, filled with Gods and the divine.

2. All creations had souls of their own.

3. Humans are not unique, but are part of a larger eternal whole—Nature or “Mother Earth.”

4. Individuals should learn from the world and make contact with its creatures.

5. Earth is sacred and must be protected and worshipped.

6. Time is not linear and not a commodity. Time is a natural process in which living things fulfill their god-given or natural destiny. Time is cyclical.

7. Value community over the individual; Individuals exist as part of larger community.

8. Individual interests are fused with the larger community: What is good for the community is good for the individual.


10. Subsistence Economy; Land was shared by the tribe and provided just enough for everyone. Don't produce larger surplus.

11. Satisfied with subsistence and tribal life, not restless and eager for individual wealth.

12. Tribe and community held together by rituals, storytelling, and ceremonies.

14. Recognize and accept cultural and social differences between peoples.