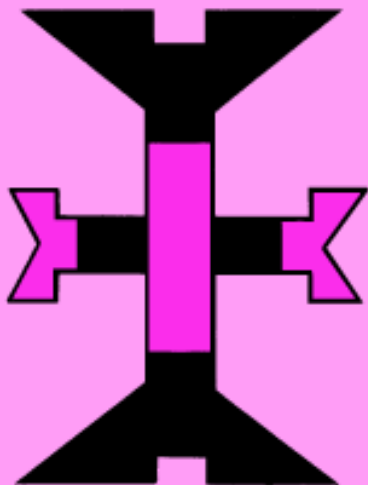


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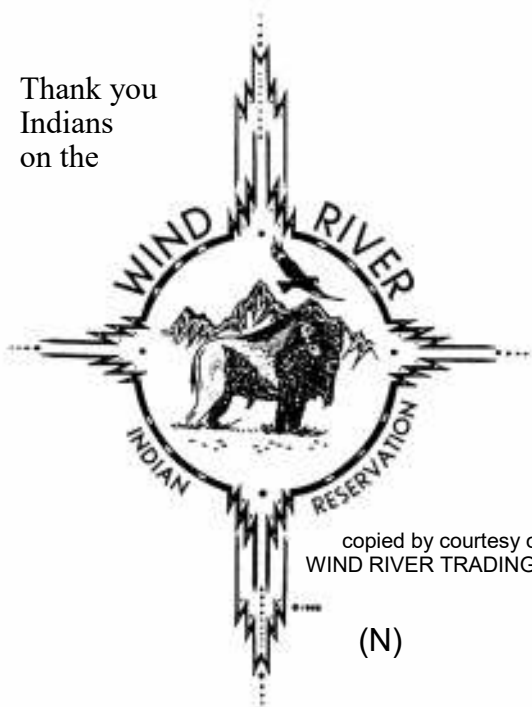
Dedication

This book is dedicated to
all red souls! May they
find ETERNAL PEACE!



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... for letting me present this cause at your Pow Wows and Summer Camps. Because you shared your knowledge with me, this booklet could be compiled. May it be a blessing to all of you!

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Can anyone discover a cross in the Wind River seal, assuring us of God's love for people living in all four directions of the wind? Will your answer satisfy His love?!

A Thrilling Discovery and A Warning

When I was training with OAC Germany, the founder of that work, Rev. Keith Rudkin, introduced us to a book entitled *The Discovery of Genesis in the Chinese Language* (see the examples on pg. 16 & 28). I realized that preaching from old cultures was interesting to all ages. Also, being a picture language, those characters came in handy on the Sketchboard, the main visual aid in use by OAC evangelists. With it one can create curiosity and keep interest all the way through a presentation.

In 1987 I came into contact with North American Indians and discovered that most of the tribes possess a Sign and Symbol Language. Knowing that some of their ancestors originally immigrated from Asia (accepted theory today – Catlin mentions an Indian prayer stick with Chinese looking letters), I started looking for the Gospel Message in Indian art and symbols.

Sometimes a stroke was added to the symbol to show the Biblical meaning (see pg. 8 and others). But often there is a direct connection to the Word of God (e.g., The Eagle Cross).

When I started to use those symbols to explain the Gospel, Indians (and others) started to be excited about it. Suddenly they themselves would discover hidden biblical meaning in their art, for example, the Oneida tribe's tribal seal shows, besides other elements, a tree and a pipe. The arrangement is such that the Gospel can be clearly seen:

- Cross called Tree in I Peter 2:24
- Pipe symbolizing the Peace Pact that Jesus bought for us on the tree!
- The pipe is also smoked to strengthen friendships.
- Friendship with our creator starts at the cross!



The question arises; “Did the Indians have a remnant of Biblical Truth before the white man arrived?” Having discovered many symbols with Christian content I dare say, “Yes!” Also Indian legends often correspond with biblical truth. (Ask in your library for the book *Indian Stories, Myths and Legends*.) Certain ceremonies also portray biblical thinking. For example, the poles in the sundance lodges of the Arapaho and Shoshoni are “Y” shaped, symbolizing the Trinity. Unfortunately the facts of biblical history were mixed up with other religious practices.

To underline this “Remnant Theory” I mainly worked with old symbols. Of course, new symbols with Christian content were

created after the white man's arrival, like this simple cross, describing a Christian.



The following letters behind the title of each message informs you about the age of the symbol used:

- (O) = old (used before civilization reached the Indian)
- (N) = new (created after civilization reached the Indian)
- (KS) = my own creation (symbol of another culture)

I do thank the Indians of the Windriver and Jicarilla Apache Reservations for explaining and sharing their customs and symbols with me. Their thinking is different than ours which we notice in the different meanings they attribute to colors (see color key pg. 3).

If desired, one can put different colors to the same symbol, adding more meaning to it. I allow myself this freedom especially when the original colors are lost. Some symbols could only be preserved by black and white printing, except for original sandpaintings and articles.

When I started using sandpaintings, some Christians warned me: "Do you not know, that those sandpaintings are used in occult ceremonies?" The truth is, that a certain type of sandpainting was (is) used by the Navajos trying to heal illnesses. In the process the sandpainting is destroyed in the hope it will destroy the illness at the same time. Today most sandpaintings are created for decoration, the original meaning being lost quite often to the Indians themselves.

It is also true that everything can be used for good or evil. Just think of the rainbow and the New Age Movement. Would it therefore no more be possible to preach the message of Noah? Surely not! I trust you and your audience will become as excited as I am in discovering the Gospel in Indian Art.

Note that there are three kinds of symbolism:

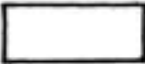
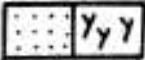



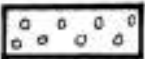

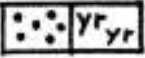
- A) For Communication (as a language – meaning well-secured)
- B) For Ceremonies (meaning known to medicine man and chosen people)
- C) For Decoration (meaning commonly or individually interpreted)

Don't be surprised, therefore, if an Indian puts another meaning to one of the symbols used in this booklet. (Especially the Arapaho ones mainly belong to sector C.)

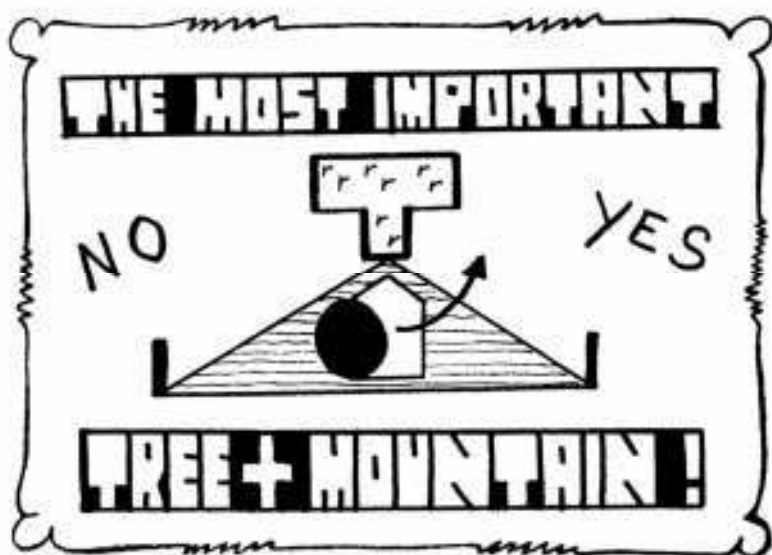
(Biblical basis for Visual Aids: 1 Cor. 9:22, Jesus and prophets using objects)

Color Key

Some of the symbols would be in full color. Using this color code you can discover the beauty in some of the messages. Simple symbols which were used on the ground or on a rock had no color and come over black and white anyway.

KEY	COLOR	INDIAN MEANING	OTHER MEANINGS	
			Positive	Negative
	WHITE	Wisdom & Long Life (White hair = old age) (sand/snow)	Purity Righteousness	
	YELLOW	Day & Sun (light)	Glory (light) Sun (day)	Coward (chicken)
	GREEN	Growth & Youth (vegetation)	Growth	Money, Envy
	RED	Human Race (blood) (day) (earth/rocks)	Love & Blood	Warning Emergency Temper (sin)
	BLUE (LIGHT)	Sky (happiness)	Royalty Peace (sky)	Sadness
	BROWN	Earth (sacred) (color rarely used)		Dirt
	BLACK	Happiness (Black hair of youth) (War/victory)	Night	Death
	ORANGE	Sunset/Sunrise	Sunset/Sunrise	

(mountain green or black)



1. The Most Important Tree and Mountain

(O) (Arapaho)

Often there exist several symbols for the same meaning. Of course we'd choose the one lending itself best to communicate the Gospel.



Observing the other symbols you might find other thrilling messages! (e.g. adding to this symbol another square, herewith symbolizing the text Pontius Pilate had written over the head of Jesus: "King of the Jews.")

Do it in color so one sees the addition, yet you developed a nice cross to preach from!)

The message can also be varied, if you put other symbols on the mount, e.g. the Eagle Cross!

All these symbols mean: **"Trees on mountain"**

(Arapaho)



For this message I chose the last one, because the opening in the mountain lends itself to symbolize the tomb. Have the writings half prepared and leave just one stroke to finish the second tree.

Opening:



Does anyone of you know, what this Indian Symbol means? If someone does, congratulate him, if not explain: TREES ON MOUNTAIN.

IMPORTANT

I am sure you agree that trees are very IMPORTANT (fill in this word!) for all breathing creatures! They produce most of the oxygen for all of us. Also they provide energy, for example, to heat our houses.

MOUNTAIN

Also MOUNTAINS are important. Rivers start up there and their water is indispensable for all growing beings! Our beautiful mountains were created through the flood, a judgment of God! Yet He was thinking of how pleasant they would be to look at for future generations. He proves to be concerned about our well-being even in his chastisements!

TREE



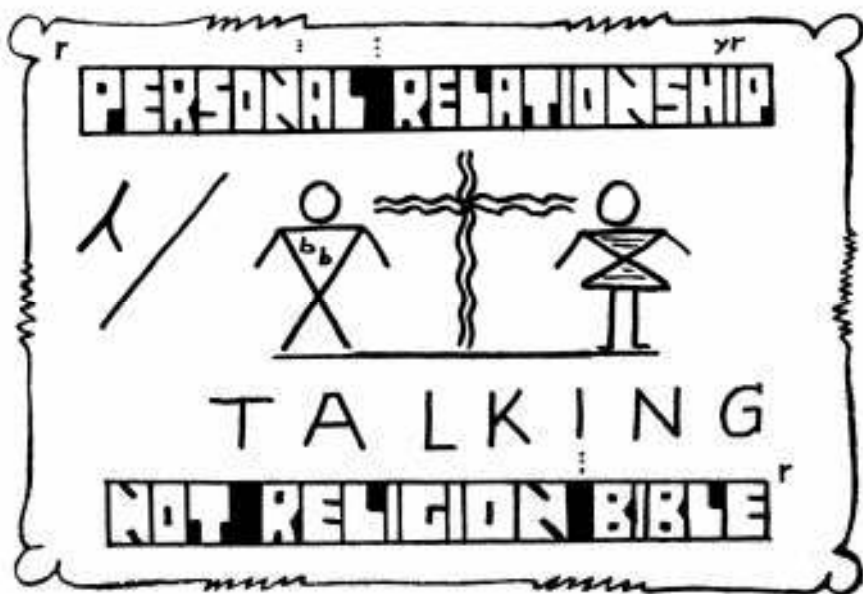
1 Peter 2:24
(Roman
cross)

Let me introduce to you the best known TREE and MOUNTAIN in the world! If I paint this Indian Symbol for tree on our mountain, the sight is perfect! Here God proved his concern for our soul not only in time, but for Eternity! Jesus Christ hung on that tree taking the punishment for all our wrongdoing and rebellion (sins and sin). Yet it is a free offer, which you can refuse (NO) like one of the criminals did. Christ could not help this one, but to the murderer who acknowledged Jesus as Son of God (YES) he promised Paradise! Still today this is THE MOST important mountain where even you will have to decide personally whether to accept or refuse Christ's love and salvation!

NO
YES
THE MOST





You can be sure Christ keeps His promise. He is RISEN = ALIVE! and can and will save!

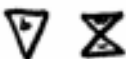


2. Talking (O) (All Tribes)

Preparation: Everything half ready!

Ladder lettering: Surface: red, orange 

Positive writing: 

People just the surface: 

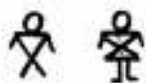
Opening:



The Chinese have a saying: “one picture says more than 1000 words!” Chinese character language and Indian symbols prove this point! A person in Chinese, for example, consists just of the body and two legs. Isn't it true, that humans every so often live “headless?”

PERSON

I was thrilled to find the same truth represented with those Indian symbols (headless bodies). Only if I add the HEAD we can see a PERSON. With the head we think (or should) before we talk. Let's



RELIGION
RELATIONSHIP

give them legs and arms as well, so now we have a nice LADY and a MAN. In the original symbol two men were used. I purposely painted a lady, because the Gospel concerns both sexes, small and big (add in two horizontal waved lines). Just look at the two persons and those lines. Can you tell me what this symbol means? Yes, "TALKING = communication!" Of course, we can communicate trash or important messages. Our words can be bad or good. It mainly depends on how much we love and admire the person we talk to! Adding this bottom line makes those persons BROTHER and SISTER. Yet even those often quarrel ... why is it that we humans cannot be peaceful with one another? It is because we prefer to observe and enforce traditions, RELIGION, rather than cherish RELATIONSHIPS. I don't mean that everything is wrong in religion, but if someone does not meet our own standards we fight him. The Bible says: "The letter kills and the spirit gives life!" (2 Cor. 3:16)

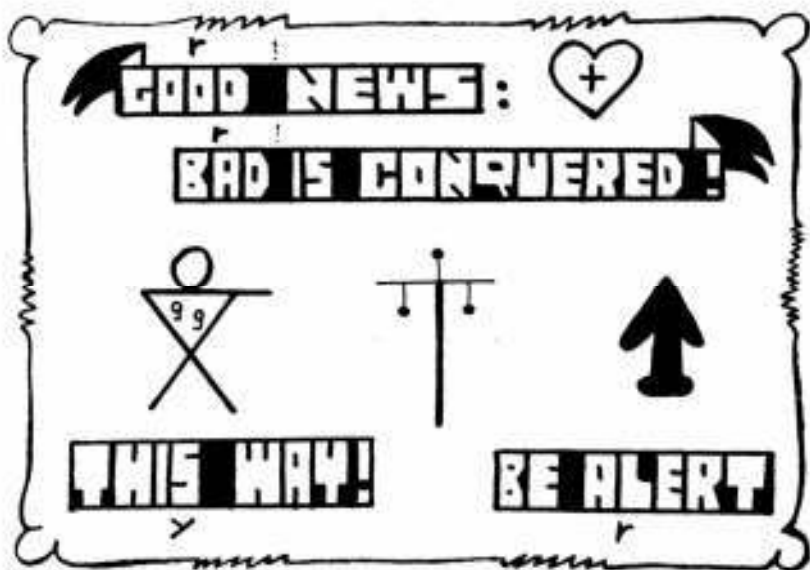


BIBLE

But none of us is perfect. Especially married people realize this. After all, they are together with the chosen person they love, yet they can scream at each other. How could we prevent this? There is only one way – listen to what the Creator says to us. You say, "but how does God talk to me?" Look, now the Cross stands between the two persons. Jesus Christ is God's living Word, just as the BIBLE is God's written word, witnessing about Jesus and His mission! The last words of Christ were "It is fulfilled!" (*Tetelestai* in Greek, which means: The invoice is paid!) He accomplished His mission and paid for our disobedience!

AL

Thank Him today for this and start your PERSONAL relationship with your Creator! He forgives you and makes you able to say the word "Sorry!"

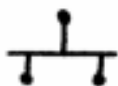


3. Good News: Bad Is Conquered (O) *(Sioux and Ojibway)*

Good News:

Dear friends, today we have truly GOOD NEWS to announce! Wouldn't you rejoice if humanity would be able to live in peace. Imagine how it would be, if you would hear only clean and nice words around you. It would be great!

BAD



The reality is, that no person has the power to hold back bad words. In certain circumstances they just tumble forth even if we regret them later. Modern psychology wants people to believe that BAD environment makes bad people. But daily experience proves Jesus is right when He says: "Out of the heart proceed evil (bad) thoughts!" (Matt. 15:19). To put this in modern symbolism, I paint the negation sign into a heart (which is also a symbol of modern Indians!). The old Indian sign for "bad" looks like this. If we could stop bad thoughts and bad words the result would be peace! And this is what you will experience if you let Jesus take control in your heart!



The following story from the Old Testament instructs us how to deal with bad words: The people of Israel murmured against Moses and God. Therefore the Lord sent serpents among them. Whoever was bitten died. The people regretted their rebellion, and Moses, after praying, received the following instructions from God: A symbolic BRASS SERPENT, representing evil, was to be put on a wooden pole. Whoever looked upon the lifted serpent stayed alive, even if he was bitten (Num. 21:5-8; John 3:14-16).

IS
CON-
QUERED



(KS)

Let's put the Indian sign for bad upon a pole. Isn't it striking, that it becomes a cross? Yet this is the place where God truly CONQUERED all evil? Satan (the serpent) and death lost authority over humanity through Christ's death and resurrection! But like the people of Israel, you'll only live by Jesus' power, if you look at Him in all circumstances! Know the cross in your heart, not only as a historical symbol!

THIS WAY



ALERT



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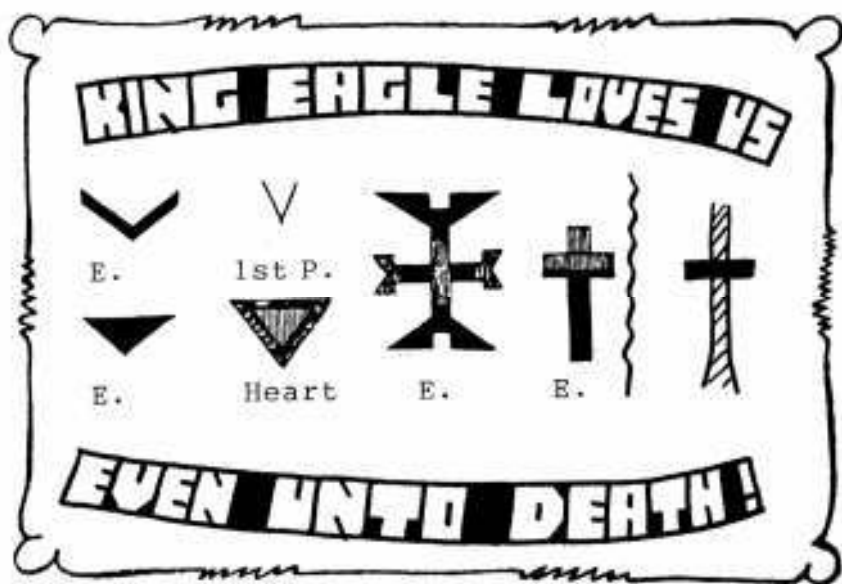
Accept the advice of this Indian. His gesture means: THIS WAY. Bring all *evil* in your life to the cross! If you are honest, God will forgive you, because Jesus was already punished in your place. Then stay ALERT, for the old serpent (*devil*) will still try to make you say bad words. As soon as an evil thought crosses your mind, look upon the cross and trust Christ's power to think, talk and act according to His will and Glory. This way you will BE the person God wants you to be!

Then share your conquering experience with others. All of us need to hear and accept the good news: Bad is conquered, there is peace in *Christ*!



(KS)

Did you give God a positive answer, considering His plan of salvation? Then Christ lives in your heart and you can let Him control your life. It will be best for you!



4. King Eagle (O) (Arapaho)

Biblical Meaning: In Ezekiel and Revelation we find the four living creatures described. They are a vision of Holiness and can be attributed to God the Father or the Son. They show the character of the Godhead by the character of the pictured animals, which are:

LION	<i>The king of the animals upon the face of the earth.</i>
EAGLE	<i>The king of the animals in the air.</i>
FACE	Illustrating the Son of Man / Son of God.
OX	Illustrating the Messiah as <i>Servant</i> .

KING We see that they all fit Jesus Christ. The EAGLE is mentioned in Revelation 4:7 and Ezekiel 1:10. Being the King of the Air he also assumes power over the Spirit world! That eagle does mean KING, we can derive from Ezekiel 17 as well, where two worldly kings are symbolized with eagles.

EAGLE

From Hosea 8:1 it is clear that eagle also means judge. The Old and New Testaments tell us that God will put all judgment under the authority of His Son Jesus Christ! Indians also believe the Eagle to be their mediator, bringing their prayers up to God!

EAGLE =
greatest gift
of Creator!



Knowing all this, we should realize that the symbol of an eagle is a perfect one to describe the person and function of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Now look at all those Arapaho symbols on our sketchboard. Four of them mean eagle. Two of them just show the wings; however, we find related symbols with a deeper meaning!



The thin downward arrow symbolizes the FIRST HUMAN BEINGS (Adam and Eve). Because of their disobedience God sent the last, spiritual, Adam (1 Cor. 15:45ff), who is the first (Rev. 22:13)! He took the punishment, which the heart (red and green triangle) reminds us of (John 3:16), God's LOVE in action!



LOVE



(see cover)

This complicated cross was developed to have a more decorative symbol for eagle. It was often used in embroidery, but is it by accident that the painted parts are RED? Once red identified the whole Indian race, but generally, as all human beings do have *red blood*, it can stand for everybody. Also, it does remind us that *Jesus Christ* as the *Messiah* of the world shed his blood on the cross (Is. 53 and 40:31).



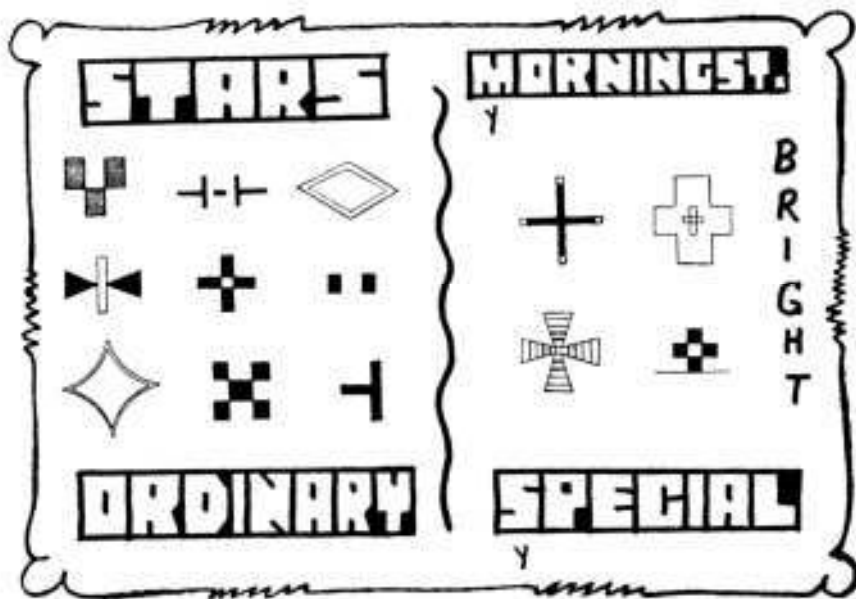
SNI



LIFE



All this is very exciting and shows a remnant of Biblical truth in Indian art. Astonishingly enough, this simple CROSS also means “eagle”! yet it is clear – the cross stands for God's plan of salvation. The king sacrificing his own life for his people: This is the unique story of *Jesus Christ* alone! Yet many don't believe this truth. It needs a revelation from above. To experience the saving power of this Supernatural Instruction you have to trust it with your whole life. (paint the stroke of “life” over the SNI sign = the cross!) There God's prophecies were fulfilled! There you can start to serve the most *just and loving king*! He'll never let you down, for King Eagle loves us EVEN UNTO DEATH!



5. Stars and Morning Star (O)(Arapaho)

The Indian languages, as all languages, are in the constant process of changing. Especially after the white man arrived new words needed to be created, for example cow in the Shoshone sign language means "white man's buffalo."

The Arapaho developed different symbols to describe the same thing. Kroeger, in his book *The Arapaho* (p. 143), describes this as "individuality in the interpretation given to the decorative designs." Best preserved are symbols with religious meaning. They have been used and still are used in dances.

When it comes to symbols for STARS there is a big variety. It seems illogical to me that some of these symbols should mean star (no rays). Only two out of nine in the book *Arapaho* resemble a cross. God created the stars and knows their names (Ps. 147:4)! In Job 38:7 angels are described as *morning stars*. God created *ordinary* angels and angels in charge, like *Michael*, *Gabriel* or *Lucifer*. Of Lucifer we know that he fell (Is. 14:120 and many angels fell with him. They became the *enemies* of God and *His chosen People*. Ever since that time *heavenly armies* have been fighting and it is very interesting that the *Victor* over the rebellious

BRIGHT



ones is the BRIGHT, *Shining Morning Star*. This special Morning Star is Jesus Christ Himself! (See in the last book of the Bible, Rev. 22:16).

Is it by chance that the symbols meaning morning star resemble a cross or are one? Out of 17 symbols in the book only two do not have the shape of a cross. All the represented crosses were quickly identified as morning star by the modern Arapaho!

It is at the cross that *Christ* overcame the *Devil*, *sin* and *death*. Everybody trusting this victory receives eternal life and will be protected from the enemy. Even if God allows troubles in our lives we will know for sure that they cannot destroy us, but are used by God to prepare us for eternity. (see Is. 25:8, 9; 1 Cor. 15:26; 2 Tim. 1:10)

SPECIAL



Here we have a SPECIAL morning star. It stands on the HORIZON. This reminds me of *Jesus Christ coming back again*! Listen, all kings of this world will pass away, but our King cometh! (Gustav Heinemann, Germany) The Bible encourages us: "Do not be afraid of the ones who can only kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Mt. 10:28).



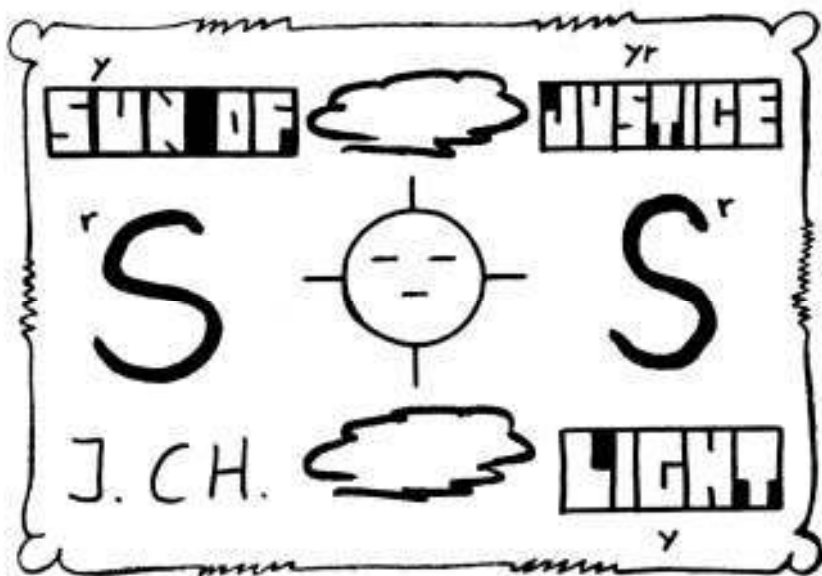
MS with rays

Whom do you listen to, worship, obey? Let your life be guided and protected by the bright and shining Morning Star, Jesus Christ. His star was on the horizon when He was born in Bethlehem, and the people following it were not mislead or disappointed. Christ never forsakes anyone – you can trust Him! (Ps. 8 shows His Glory and Power! Read it!)

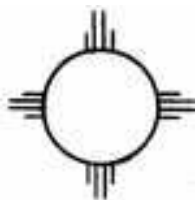
Other MS

MS =
Morningstar





6. Sun of Justice and SOS (O) (All Tribes)



(O & N)

There are different symbols for the sun. Most of them are a circle with rays. Several symbols like the one chosen, send their rays in the four directions of the wind (N, S, E, W). The State flag sun of New Mexico (the Zia symbol for happiness and perfect friendship among united cultures) shows this sun in a more decorative manner. Use it if you want.

SUN OF

J. CH.

JUSTICE

Of course once more we can detect the cross, the way the rays are arranged. This reminds me of more than just the SUN. In Malachi 4:2, the *Sun of Righteousness* is promised to those who fear God's name! In Revelation 21:23 we see *the Lamb* (JESUS CHRIST) being the Light of the heavenly Jerusalem. Also, from Revelation 1:13-18 it is clear that *Christ* is the Sun of JUSTICE (countenance like the sun and a two edged sword out of the mouth which after Heb. 4:12 is used for judging). John 3:20, 21 and Ephesians 5:12-14 teach us that all secret deeds will have to be uncovered by the light.

What kind of feelings will you have on that great

day? If you have never accepted God's peace offer – your guilt paid by Christ on the cross – you will feel very scared! Then it will be too late. But now you still can turn back to God and get right with Him. Then you will have joy on that day!



Sun stands
for O or a
cloud

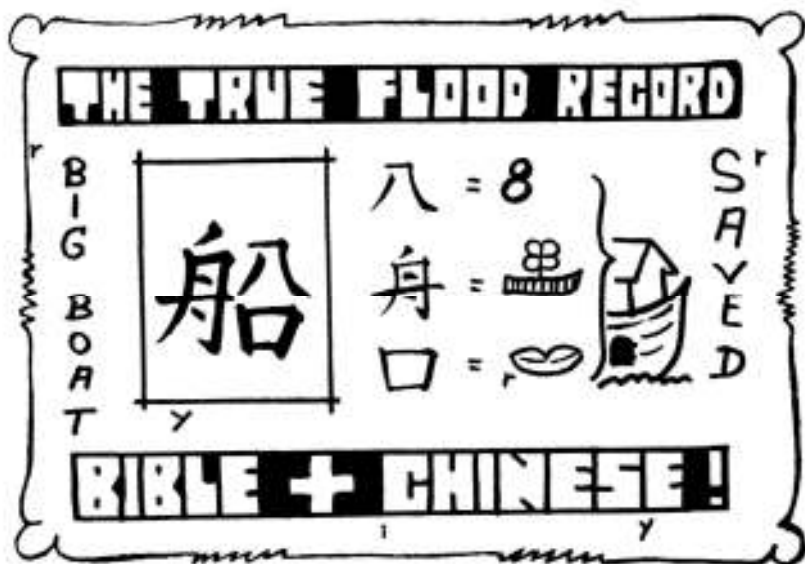
The shortest prayer is SOS! I don't know, who had this one first, the Indians or the white man. By three clouds an Indian in distress would ask for help. By the three letters SOS “modern” people do just the same. SOS stands for “Save Our Soul!” But it matters whom you ask to do this. If you are drowning in a river 1000 miles from home, it is no use to cry for Mom or Dad. You'll cry to the nearest one who can hear and hope he'll pull you out. God promised that He is always near to you (see Acts 17:27)! If you cry out to Him over your wretched life full of sin, He will save you by the grace of Christ!



LIGHT

This is the only way to have *peace* with the only true God! He is triune – may I suggest that the one who created our sun-symbol had a notion of this truth? He used three strokes, either to symbolize God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost or just to create a face for the sun. But even this can point to Jesus Christ, as in Revelation 1:13 where in the following verses He is described as the sun, he also is shown as one like unto the Son of Man!

Happily our Creator understands all languages! It will not matter whether you are going to use smoke signals or just thoughts. What matters is your honesty! Then Christ's promise (John 8:12) will be yours: “I am the light of the world, he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the LIGHT of life!” (Use Flash-pen for counseling - see order form on page 40).



7. The True Flood Record *(Chinese)*

Presenting an Indian symbol, Gospel message, someone (not an Indian) objected that there would be nothing in common about Indian religion and the Bible religion. But happily we do not want to prove religion, but show that man's soul somehow knows that it must get right with his creator! (see 2. Relationship, Not Religion)

We are in the “business” of searching in *History* (which is His Story = God's story with mankind) for evidence of God's dealing. This, of course, is best found in Bible Land Archaeology, as God made sure the world would know how He dealt with the Israelites. Yet also other nations were and are involved in this! (e.g., God also says he loves Egypt! Is. 19:25 Blessings for Egypt and Assyria!)

Then it is also true that we all have the same forefather, not only Adam, but mainly Noah and his sons! In all cultures of the world we do find a FLOOD RECORD. Yet there are many contradictions. I found out that the old Chinese record is in the best accord with the BIBLE! George Catlin in his book *North American Indians* describes the Mandan ceremony (p. 151) of Mee

BIBLE

-nee-ro-ka-ha-sha = settling of the waters! In their tradition only one survived the flood - then humanity would have been extinct! Also many tribes want to have the mountain, where the "Big Canoe" landed. This shows, how much the Indians mixed up biblical truth with their fear of the spiritual world and their ceremonies of appeasing the spirits. Let me, therefore, use those CHINESE symbols (Ancestors of some Indian tribes in Alaska and Northern America) to prove the point of biblical knowledge in an old civilization, even much older than the Indian one! (see C. H. Kang and E. R. Nelson's book: *The Discovery of Genesis*)

CHINESE

BIG BOAT

舟
八
口

Why does this Chinese character mean BIG BOAT? It consists of several characters meaning:

= SANPAN = a small boat or vessel

= The figure 8

= A mouth = person

Eight people in a small boat does not make it a big boat, unless you know who those people are! It was, of course, Noah and his wife, his three sons with their wives = eight! This cannot be a coincidence! It reflects the biblical truth!

THE
SAVED



TRUE

THE story is used in the New Testament (2 Pet. 2:5; Luke 17:26) as a warning for us! Only those who entered the ark were SAVED after the flesh! Only those who will trust *Jesus Christ* will be saved after the Spirit! Remember, once God locked the door of the ark it was too late. Get right with God today!

Our example and other findings in Israel, for example, the Dead Sea Scrolls, prove the Bible TRUE. You will never be disappointed if you trust it!



8. God Proved His Love Twice (O) (Navajo)

In this sandpainting the *whole universe* is represented! From the explanation below, which the trader gives to the mainly tourist customer, it is not 100% clear whether the “moon shaped face” is the one above or below. I have used this painting many times the way I explain it here also to Navajo Indians, for example, in Kayenta. So far they all agreed to the *gospel discovery* in it.

Corn Blessing

Center bars show the rays from the sun which makes the corn grow. The moon shaped face represents the Great God Spirit from whom all blessings flow. Plants on both sides is corn growing toward the light. Clouds which represent the rain which is necessary for all things to grow.

This picture is made of sands collected from the deserts and mountains of the Southwestern United States.

cloud?



This is also a nice illustration of Isaiah 55:10-11.

"Rainbow Way" Ltd.
Albuquerque, NM USA



G. S.
God

The three half-circles could mean *cloud*, if we would add some rain lines. Yet like this, showing the lightning arrows, I dare identify them as the GREAT SPIRIT. (Good Spirit / Almighty One!) The Bible tells us several times, that God's voice is like *thunder* (Job 40:9; Rev. 4:5). Yes, from God's throne flows *lightning and thundering* – He truly is the *Almighty*! Why then is this Great Sprit, who is above all other spirits, symbolized with three half circles. Isn't there the knowledge of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit hidden?!



From God the light comes down, hits the earth and enables the corn to grow. The sun and rain are gifts from God to all people, whether good or bad. This proves God's love for us! Also realize that all creation has to give back the glory to the Creator (corn growing back toward light).

(brown or black)



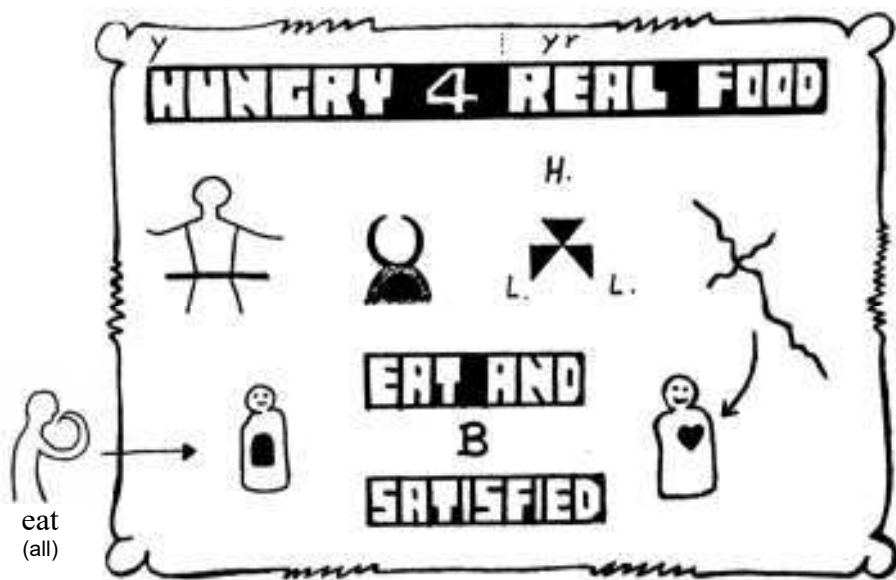
SAVING



UNIVERSAL

Sometimes, the Indians told me, the Creator forgot about us. We lost everything to the white man and still are in a terrible situation. But, I suggest, the Indians forgot about God! For only one stroke is missing in this sandpainting and not only the material creation is represented but also God's plan of salvation! See, here at the cross of Jesus Christ, God remembers everybody. But why did God allow the Indian fate? This question is hard to answer, yet, if we study God's history book, the Bible, we find, that He always punished nations, if they worshipped other gods than Himself! (Israel included!) About the Indians we know that they fear the evil spirit more than the Good Spirit! But when God punishes, He does it with SAVING thoughts! If His UNIVERSAL love cannot bring us to the point to worship Him (Rom. 1:20) then His dealing with our conscience should! (Rom 2:1ff) So we can truly say: God proved His love twice! Even if it means hardship to find it! (John 12:24 ... “a grain of wheat has to die in the ground to yield fruit!”)

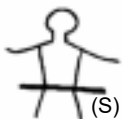
2x!



9. Hungry for Real Food (O) *(Sioux and Arapaho)*

(S) = An old Sioux symbol (A) = An old Arapaho symbol
(All) = symbol used by all tribes (KS) = my creation

HUNGRY This symbol means HUNGRY! Sign language and the symbols often resemble each other. To express hunger with a sign you hold your right arm over your belly and move back and forth. It is a feeling the old Indians often had, especially after the white man changed his living conditions. Being desperate a person does anything for (4) FOOD!



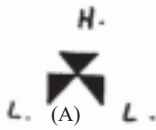
4 FOOD



BUFFALO

The BUFFALO was not only needed for his meat, but also to produce hides for moccasins, teepees and clothing. Even the droppings were used as “firewood.” No wonder the Indians started fighting the white intruders. They were directly responsible for the extinction of the buffalo.

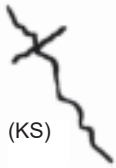
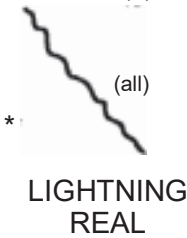
Regarding any such hard situation I would like you to hear Jesus' own words: “Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto



you: for him hath God the Father sealed” (John 6:27).



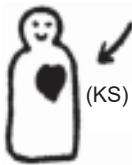
This statement does not talk about our belly, but about “feeding” our heart! This symbol shows the heart and the lungs. Breathing is something we do auto-matically. Prayer (having fellowship with our Creator) should be just as natural! But how can we have this pure link if there is stealing, lying and, in some instances, even murder in our lives through the struggle of survival. You can go on telling everyone and yourself, “But I was forced to do it, or I would have had nothing to eat.” Remember, judgment day is approaching, as fast as this LIGHTNING! Then you will confess with trembling, and even agree with God, that you deserve hell.



If you realize that having an empty heart is even more serious than having an empty belly, then you are hungry for REAL, spiritual food. Jesus Christ can offer this food to you, because He took the punishment for you on the cross! He will judge those who prefer to hide their sins! (John 5:26, 27)

* judgment accomplished

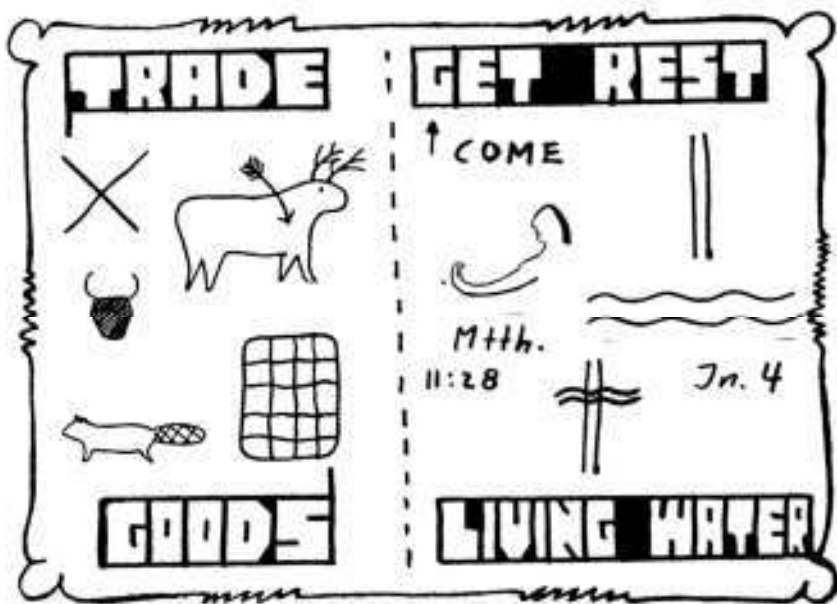
And He will offer *eternal life* to those who regret and repent! Just listen to His promise in John 6:35: “I am the *bread of life*, he that cometh unto me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst!”



AND B
SATISFIED

But, you may ask, how can you “eat” Jesus? It is by opening your heart! Ask Him to come in, which He will do by the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Your HUNGER 4 justice, love and peace will then BE SATISFIED! His Spirit will confirm to your spirit that now you have peace with your Creator and eternal life! (Rom. 8:16) In your new relationship with Him you'll call Him Father and quench your spiritual thirst and hunger for His word regularly! Then share this real food with others! Every soul (heart), no matter by what skin color covered, longs for this!

* Note: Lightning is understood as judgment, especially if someone is hit. God hit His Son on the cross!



10. The Best Trade (O) (Plains Indians)



GOODS

This symbol stands for TRADE. No my dear listener, it was not the gunpowder which won the war. Many unscrupulous, egoistic hunters are responsible for many Indian lives. "How," you may ask, "can trading GOODS kill?"



George Catlin in his book relates an incident that occurred among the Sioux. A herd of buffalo arrived close to the trading post. Within a few hours the Indians presented 1,400 buffalo tongues to the traders in exchange for a few gallons of whiskey (p. 259)!



This was a very bad trade, not only because of the alcohol, but also because the precious buffalo hides, bones and meat were not used. Even more importantly, because the Indians acted out a slow suicide! No more buffalo meant starving to death! The desire for alcohol engaged some Indians in the extinction of their own game! Therefore: Be careful in trading goods! Even more careful you need to be, when people come and promise *peace for your soul*

(Isaiah 9:6) by following their ideas. I know only of one person who can give peace: The *Prince of Peace* – *Jesus Christ*. He also has a trade for you, the best you can imagine! Because the trade symbol resembles a cross the following statement of Jesus came to my mind: “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST” (Matt. 11:28).



REST

Mtth. 11:28

This is a very special trade, for Jesus does not ask money or goods in exchange, also no exercises or good works. All He wants is your trust, your life. Then He will give you His *rest and peace*!

JN. 4



To the woman at the well (John 4) Jesus said, if she would know God, she would ask Him and He would give her LIVING WATER. Those two lines stand for a *river*. How can you receive this *peace and living water*? Let's combine the two lines of *rest and river* and we have the place where Jesus traded this for all humans. We do not have to pay, because He paid! His last words were *tetelestai*, which meant in Greek: “paid in full!”

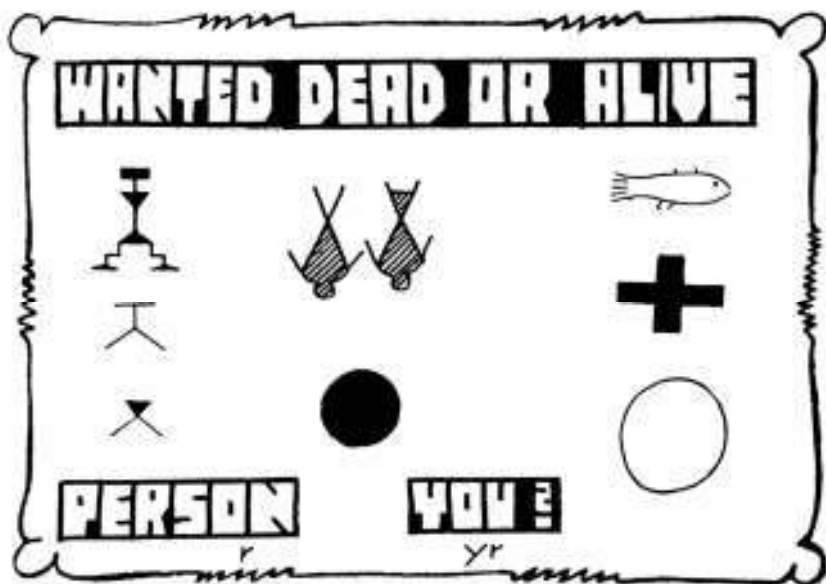
I cannot understand why many people turn this offer down. Imagine, He wants to take the burden(s) from you and give you joy instead. But we humans find it humiliating if we need help. Let's look at the life of a young European who tried to go through life without the help of his Creator. He had so many things to do (trades) that he had no time for God. This also is a slow suicide – for it is the enemy of God who keeps you busy. He knows, if he'd give you just a minute of peace, you'd come to your senses and ask for real values. Realize, the shepherd you choose for this time, will be the one for eternity! I do prefer the *Good Shepherd*, Jesus Christ, who helps me carry my load. What about you?



COME
GET



COME to the *cross*, *agree* with God in the best trade, leaving there your sinful life and GETting His *rest and living water*! He will never cheat you!!



11. Wanted, Dead Or Alive (O) (Arapaho and Plains Indians)



All these symbols mean PERSON. We can discover a *heart and the legs*. One of them does show a square for a head. Two don't even show a head! It reminded me of Jesus' words: "... I have come that ye may have *life more abundantly*" (John 10:10)! You see, all of us are existent, but Christ says, that we really are dead! We need Him to have the *real meaning to life*!

I don't know, whether those Arapaho artists had a notion about this truth, when they created their headless figures. (See also message two for other headless persons!)



The same state of life is also described by the Bible as *living in darkness*. This dark spot represents death. To symbolize dead people, the Plain Indians just inverted the symbol. (Any living being turned on the head would symbolize it is dead!) Ephesians 2:1 and other scriptures declare all humans as being "DEAD in trespasses." If we prefer darkness to light, we cannot

DEAD

enjoy the gift of life from God. He intended it to be lived in honesty and purity, in a close relationship with Himself. Sin however always cuts this relationship and puts us into spiritual death, even if we are physically alive. (Gen 2:17, Rom 6:23).



John 8:12

Now I am very happy that the Arapaho also used this cross symbol for describing a PERSON. If you take up the cross and follow Jesus, as He asks us to do, He will give you this *real life*! Besides the stroke of life there exists this white (or yellow) circle for life! Yes, trusting Christ you will no more walk in darkness, but have the never-ending light of life!

ALIVE



Then you will be truly ALIVE! The early Christians used the symbol of a simple fish as a sign. If you are alive in Christ, you will have the power to swim upstream and get to the source, God Himself! If you do not want to be connected to Christ, spiritual power will be lacking in your life. You will just swim along with all the evil habits of this world and remain dead in your sin. Some think that it does not matter how they live. Don't be a fool! (If you want you can use the story of the fool in conjunction with this sketchboard message!) If you have broken the law, you are WANTED and you will have to pay for the damage or sit in prison. Maybe you were always clever enough to avoid being arrested, but be sure, no one can avoid God! You are wanted by Him as well, but He prefers to have you alive in Christ rather than dead in sin. The choice is yours! Only cross persons will be able to really enjoy eternity!

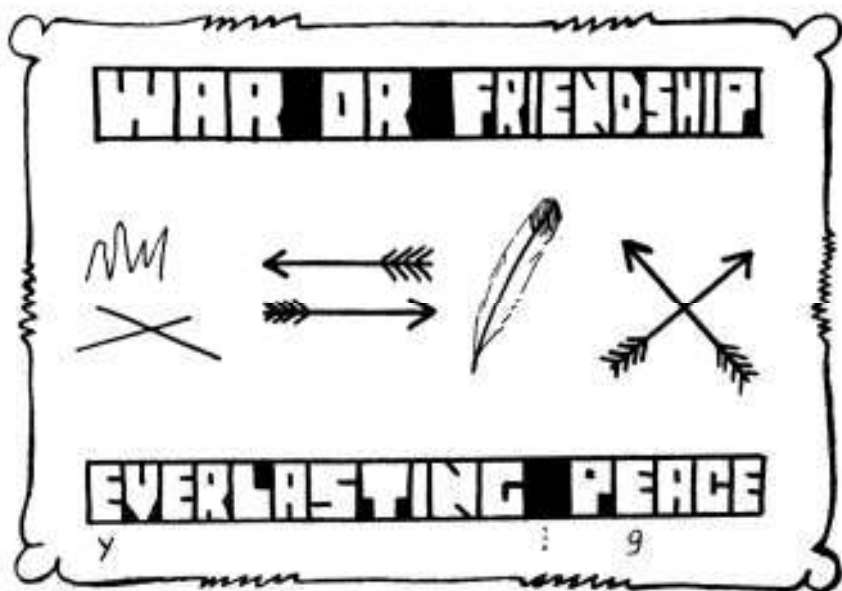


WANTED

YOU?

If YOU are in doubt whether you are such a person, read the Gospel of John and Romans chapters 1, 3, and 6!

PS: The Fool Story can be ordered at the OAC online store by visiting www.oacusa.org



12. War or Peace (O) (All Tribes)

It is true that many Indians are rather superstitious and fearful. Even today, some fear the sites where their dead are buried. (A young Arapaho called it a spooky place). In their religion they constantly have to appease the good and evil spirits. Yet this awareness of spiritual power somehow prepared them for the first Christian missionaries.

Let's take the example of Mr. Spalding who went to share the Good News of the Son of the Great Spirit with the Nez Perce tribe around 1810. The chief and many of them believed and wanted to live a peaceful life with the other tribes. They loved to hear these stories at the campfire! (The wood crossed in this sign is a nice coincident!) Soon however they found out that not all white people loved Jesus; many denied Him! So around 1850 the Nez Perce decided that they could live their faith without the white man teaching them.



WAR

WAR, for some Indian tribes, was the only way of survival. For example the Blackfoot who were one of the last tribes to get into the possession of the Elkdog, the horse. They did not stand a chance



against any other tribe and needed to raid the Crows to get this wonderful animal! So we find two reasons for the constant war parties: (1) survival, and (2) power and prestige. The more feathers in your hair for brave deeds, the higher your reputation in the tribe.



Those two arrows stand for war. Men shoot at each other. In modern society this is done with words, guns, or tanks. Most of the Indian tribes refused Christianity after the Civil War. To them it looked very illogical, that the white people who have been talking about the necessity of peace between the Indian tribes, now made war themselves. Yes, Christ's message is shared with words and confirmed with deeds! (How is my example today? Lord, help!)



FRIENDSHIP

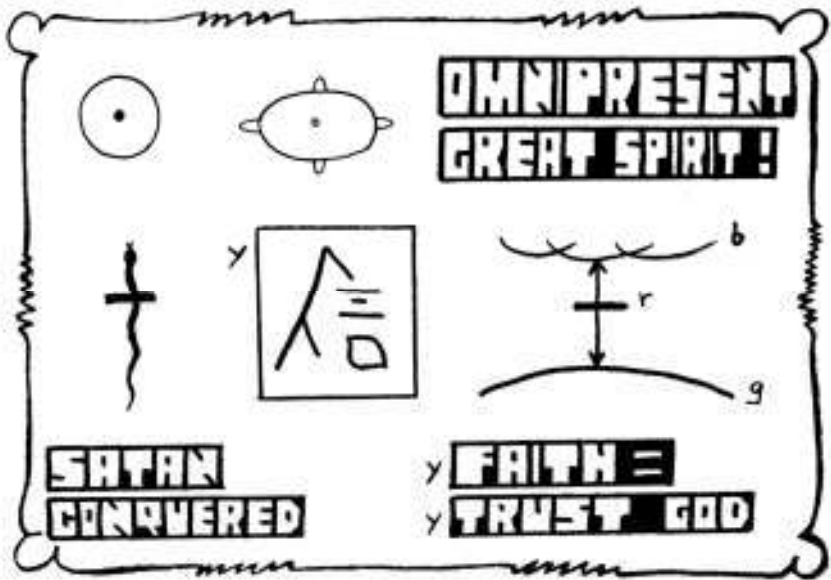
The FRIENDSHIP symbol is two crossed arrows. At the **CROSSED ARROWS** the enemies give up hunting each other – they make **PEACE**. (Confirmed by smoking the pipe. See introduction). At the *cross of Golgotha* God is offering His FRIENDSHIP to all humans. There your “hunt” (search) for worldly feathers (prestige and power) is over; your soul finds real peace and rest!

The buried tomahawk could not ensure a lasting peace!



EVERLASTING
PEACE

The question remained, how long would this peace last? Tribes in New Guinea had the custom of the *Peace Child*. The chief of the tribe who wanted to make peace had to offer his oldest son to the other tribe who adopted him (see film of Don Richardson, a Prairie Bible College graduate, Canada). As long as this son lived there would be peace! This is what God did in sending His Son to the cross. Happily Christ is risen and will live eternally, therefore His peace also is an eternal one! Wouldn't you like to be a *friend of God*, like Abraham was called? (Is 41:8) He is the best friend you could ever have! Or do you prefer to be at war with your Creator?

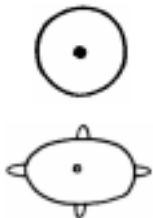


13. The Omnipresent Great Spirit (O) (Plains Indians)

From the book *Arapaho* we learn, that to this tribe, the figure 4 is the most sacred one. Even a circle can be represented by a "square," to show that 4 is in it. Thus for 5 a circle and a dot is used. Another sacred number is 7. In the Bible 7 is the figure of God.

The cross also (p. 413) can be the equivalent of a "circle," as it contains the number 4. Four, of course, denotes the four directions of the wind. John 3:8 compares the wind with God's Spirit!

The first symbol means spirit. (It is used for man's or a supernatural spirit). For the GREAT SPIRIT, who in all tribes was the *Good Spirit*, this special symbol was used. It shows clearly the cross! Giving the four directions of the wind nicely, indicates that this Great Spirit was *Everywhere* at the same time. I guess, this is an accurate description of the OMNIPRESENT Creator God. The Bible declares God to be "a Spirit and those who worship Him must do this in spirit and in truth!" (John 4:24)



Great Spirit
Everywhere
(with circle of
life inside)


If this knowledge was common to all Indians and even older cultures, why then do humans prefer



SATAN

lies? The snake, Satan, the Father of lies is behind this! He is the bad spirit and automatically controls all human beings, if they do not want to worship the Great Spirit. Only the Great Spirit could protect you from the evil influence of the evil one! How does this work? Let me explain this with a Chinese symbol:



This means MAN. So here we have a man leaning on something. 



This means a MOUTH.



Those three strokes stand for HEAVEN, EARTH AND SOMETHING FLOATING IN BETWEEN. Can you guess, what this is? Yes, WORDS, proceeding out of the mouth float between Heaven and Earth.

FAITH
TRUST



Our man (person) actually leans on the words of someone else. This translated into English is simply FAITH! I like this illustration – it shows, that true faith is TRUST in someone's message. Do you trust God's Word? By His powerful word He created the universe. By the same word He conquered the evil one! (Paint the word stroke over the snake!)

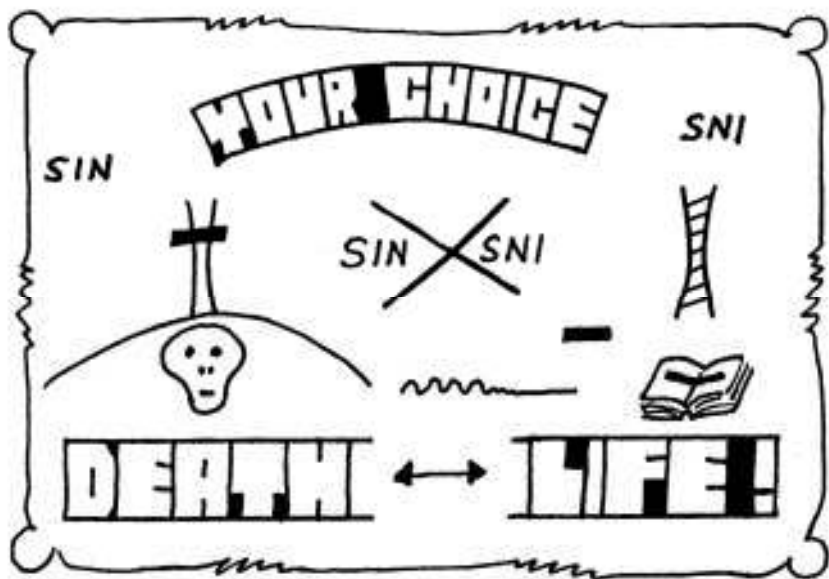
GOD

All you have to do is TRUST GOD for this victory at the cross. Submit to Jesus as your Savior and Master. If you are serious and honest, the Holy Spirit (third person of the triune God) will dwell in you. This is not just an idea; it is a fact which God Himself will testify to your heart and mind. Romans 8:16 declares: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God!" (Read the whole chapter 8). The choice

CONQUERED

is yours, do you prefer to remain a child of the CONQUERED evil Spirit, or do you want to be a child of the *Good Spirit*? Jesus is God's *living word* sent into the world, to save us and bring us back up to God after death. The Bible, God's *written word* confirms this. *Christ* is the Truth and *only way* back to *Heaven*! (John 14:6)





14. Your Choice (O & N) (Plains Indians)



This cross means trade! You can trade anything you want and usually you try to get a better trade than the person trading with you ...



This symbol means Supernatural Instruction (SNI). It means that the Great Spirit is revealing something to you. I have placed the symbol of the Bible, God's Word, underneath the SNI, for this is where God has revealed to all mankind His standards, the origin and goal of our lives. But unfortunately we are looking elsewhere. This wrong search on our own is not SNI, but SIN! Whenever we think we can do it without HIM, we are sinning and SIN leads to destruction! To prove that this affects everybody I will portray all of you spectators in such a way that you will be able to recognize yourself! (All faces in one portrait!) Do you think this is possible at all? It is a hard thing to do, so please be all quiet so I can concentrate! (Paint the skull.) You don't recognize yourself?? Well, I did not say that I will paint you in the present! This is how we all will look in the future,



after life! SIN ultimately leads to DEATH for everyone! (Rom 3:23 & 6:23)



Happily this is not the end of the message! God made it possible for us to trade SIN for SNI!

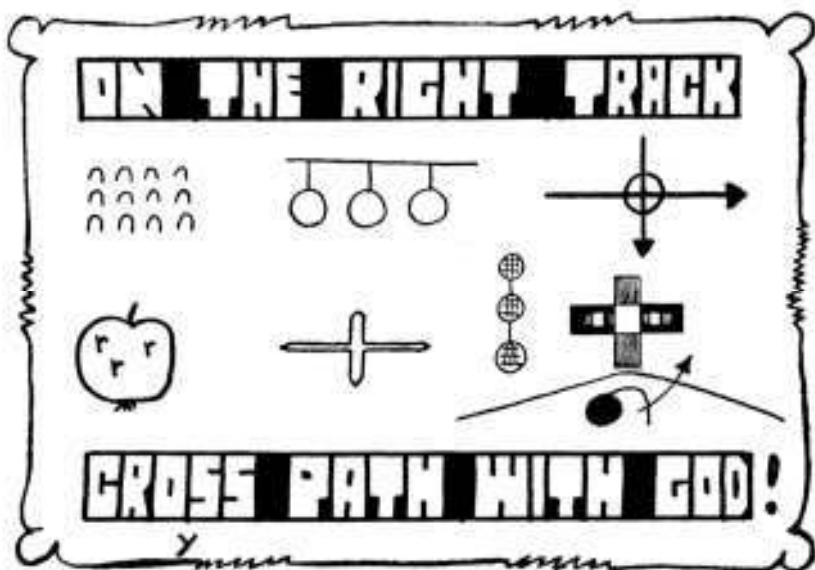


This simple stroke means LIFE! On a heart monitor, however, the wavy line means life! Once it looks straight But no matter whether we take the Indian or White man's meaning for this stroke, if we place it over the SNI symbol we create a cross. Surely from the cross of Jesus LIFE was flowing! God's simple Supernatural Instruction to you today is: "Trust Jesus' death on the cross for the forgiveness of your SIN and He will trade (give you) Eternal Life for Death!"

(This principle is mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 10:39 & 16:25. Look it up!)



(I also like to place the "Life Stroke" over God's Word! Surely it is the Word of Life!)



15. On the Right Track (O) (Plains Indians and Arapaho)

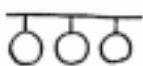
I hope, dear reader, that you have realized that I am not after religion. Every culture or religion has good points and bad points, truth and error. We are after the truth! Jesus promises: "The truth will set you free!" (John 8:32) No matter in what culture you have been raised, you need the truth to live a life of sense! How can you find the truth? God, the Father of truth, made it simple and *personalized* the matter in His Son! (John 14:6, 8:36) It is pretty hard to trace an idea, but much simpler to track living beings! This symbol stands for HORSE TRACKS. Horses are clever, shy, and fast animals. If you want to catch one you have to be serious in your pursuit. From time to time you will read the tracks on the ground to be sure where to go!



TRACK

In Jeremiah 29:13 God promises, that if you are serious in seeking Him with all your heart, you will find Him! The track to follow is the Bible, God's book. You might say, "But there are other holy books." But I answer that none of the others were found as accurate by science, archaeology (history) and other faculties. There is no better TRACK to follow if you want to find God! The *Jews* are convinced about the Old Testament claims. They study this book and by its help "rebuilt" modern Israel. For example, they planted the same plants as King Solomon did centuries ago, and, sure enough, they

grow in half desert. Therefore, Jesus challenged the Jews in His day: “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me!”

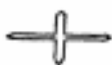


Three Years

For three years Jesus had been teaching, and for about 33 years living, among men. At the end, when He was on trial before the worldly judge Pilate, no fault could be found in Him. To me this is not surprising; after all He said He is the *Truth* – and He proved it!



Unfortunately, people are seeking fulfillment in life only on the HORIZONTAL level. They forget about God or do not want Him. They realize if they would be serious about God, they would have to turn from their wicked ways. Feeling guilty is not a nice experience. So they try to ignore God and His plan of salvation. Yet they do seek supernatural signs. In doing so they almost blame God for their unbelief, pretending if they would have experienced a miracle they would believe. Happily, God is seeking men Himself. Christ came down to help us! There at the cross the path of God and humanity meets.



red = blood

Those Indian symbols stand for CROSSING PATHS. The excuse, “God would be far away,” does not count! There on Golgotha He crossed paths with all of us. Generations before, this happening was foretold through the prophets. Then one generation could observe God among them. We today can read about Him, and His Sprit will help us to understand. No matter when or where you live(d), it is by faith (trust) in God's Word that you will cross path with your Creator and get saved. When the Jews asked for a sign, Jesus said, none other will be given than the one for Jonah. For three days and nights he was in the belly of the fish and as long shall the Son of man be in the heart of the earth.



3 nights
(days)

You see, the Devil hoped to get rid of *Jesus*, and influenced the people to demand His death, even though He was innocent! But the cross was not the end! Christ conquered sin up there – then was laid into the tomb. But death could not keep the Son of God back – it was also overcome by Christ! The fact of the resurrection is the most blessed hope of all Christians! Our God is not



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28:11-15

dead; He is alive! There you have your miracle, the soldiers guarding the tomb saw the great light and fell over like dead. Yet they took money from the spiritual authorities and spread the lie – that the disciples had stolen the body of Christ. It would have been no problem for the mighty Pharisees to arrest all those disciples and produce the body of Jesus. But they made no attempt, for they knew the soldiers spoke the truth. Yet they preferred to be ignorant and keep their jobs of influence. How sad!

ON THE
RIGHT

May I ask you today, are you ON THE RIGHT track? An Indian told me, leave us in peace with the Bible, the Indian Way is the only right way ... well then, continue in fear of the evil spirits ... continue in the cruel ceremonies! In Europe people told me, humanism would be the only way. But it is humans who war against each other and destroy God's creation! I find the Bible to be true when it declares the wickedness of our hearts, but also offers the remedy for it - Christ's blood. *Only God's way is the right way!* He crossed our path in history on Golgotha. Today He wants to cross your path in your personal life. His love is tracking you down ever since you were born!! Stop and think, how often He has proved His mercy in your life! Won't you CROSS PATHS WITH GOD?! Then you will be truly free, no more a slave of sin. I know, you worry about your family and friends – “What would they say?”

CROSS
PATH



WITH
GOD

Mt. 10:28

Listen to the advice of Jesus himself: “Fear not them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” Everyone has to accept God's salvation personally. Your courage to trust Christ might well encourage your friends and family to do the same. If not, be an example and never stop praying for them. If they call you an APPLE, be proud. For by the blood (red on the outside) of Christ did you receive God's justice (white on the inside!) It is the only way of hope!



Now it is your turn to develop Indian Messages!

Help the Indians Need Today

Having traveled to several reservations, I was often sad and shocked about the living conditions of today's Indians! After having stolen the land over 100 years ago, today an even more serious crime is being committed. By distributing money, the self-esteem of the Indian is kept down. "Why do I have to work, if I get paid for doing nothing?" And, "Why should I not drink; I have such a lot of time available?" asks the Indian!

The Indian way to treat a loser was much better. They allowed the survivors to intermarry in the winner's tribe. Even though emotionally, this was a hard thing to do, it is a social way! Within two generations the wounds could heal!

The reservation system, however, keeps those wounds open, furnishing additional reasons for hate, especially where the Indians have no self- government. The Indians need to be incorporated into modern society as truly free and equal people. The old days cannot be brought back – but the present day's mistakes could be stopped and corrected!

Since trust between the two races understandingly cannot be found in general, the Gospel is needed! Only when the oppressor humbles himself and asks for forgiveness of all past infractions, can a new relationship start. The Gospel of Jesus Christ can bring this change about. On the reservations where biblical gospel churches were established, Red and White became true friends, knowing that they are equal in God's sight. (Equally precious, but also equally apt to do wrong and in need of God's grace!) May this booklet help many more such friendships, based on God's unconditional love, to be generated.

As a sign of honesty, the white government could compensate the descendants of the survivors of the Wounded Knee Massacre! (See Resource List, page 37). This time, let's raise the White Truce Flag in honesty, respect, and concern!

Then let's stop distributing money to individuals, but use it to create jobs, wherever an Indian would like to work. Also the money could ensure equal educational opportunities.

Lets also admit that on the spiritual level lies have been circulated (see tract on page 36). Let's start to live according to God's truth which is valid for "all tribes"! Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ cures the wounded and broken heart like nothing else does.

3 Lies

ABOUT SALVATION

1. "SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST IS THE WHITE MAN'S RELIGION."

That is a lie, first of all because JESUS WAS NOT A WHITE MAN! Native Jewish people from the country of Israel are a brown-skinned people with very distinctive features. They are hardly "white people," being classed by scholars as a Semitic people as are the Arabs. The Apostles and all the men used by God to record His Words in the Bible were all non-white natives of the Middle-East, as were all the members of the first church.

It is true that many white people have received Christ, finding salvation and a new life in Him, but so also have many native North American Indians. Salvation is available to all — Indians and non-Indians alike.

2. "YOU CANNOT BE SAVED AND STILL BE A "REAL" INDIAN."

Watch out for this lie! It would rob you of most of the things you possess in order to make you a "real Indian"! What it says is that you cannot be a "real Indian" unless you live and believe like our ancestors. (I have traveled on many Indian Reserves in North America and have never yet seen even ONE Indian living as our ancestors did.)

As soon as the white man arrived on these shores, our ancestors began to take ideas, inventions and articles from him. Some things were helpful and good, such as horses, hunting rifles and the truth about God. Other things our ancestors learned from the whites were evil, such as drinking, scalping, and cursing the God who created all things. The important thing to remember is that receiving these things from the white man did not make our ancestors any less Indian.

Neither will receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior make you any less Indian. In fact, a truly born-again (saved) Indian will be a better Indian — better able to live

as a free person — free from drinking alcohol, using drugs and other hateful sins which make slaves of people and ruin their lives.

3. "BY BEING A GOOD INDIAN YOU WILL GO TO HEAVEN."

This lie has been told not only to native North American Indians, but to people all over the world. Salvation (the kind of real Christianity the Bible talks about) is not to be gained by good works. The Bible says "For by grace *we are saved through faith; and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast.*" (Eph. 2:8-9) No person, Indian or non-Indian can ever be saved or enter Heaven by their good life.

Salvation is not by being good, but is in the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone! Jesus Himself said "I am the way, the truth and the life: *no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*" (Jn. 14:6)

My friend, aren't you torn from your sins and from trying to be good? Trusting in Jesus Christ who allowed Himself to be nailed to a tree to pay for all your sins. "God... *more commendeth all men every where to repent.*" (Acts 17:30) Will you repent? Will you turn from your sin, your ideas, your self-effort, to Him?

"Whether to there salvation in any other, for there is none *other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*" (Acts 4:12) "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." (Isa. 55:6)

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