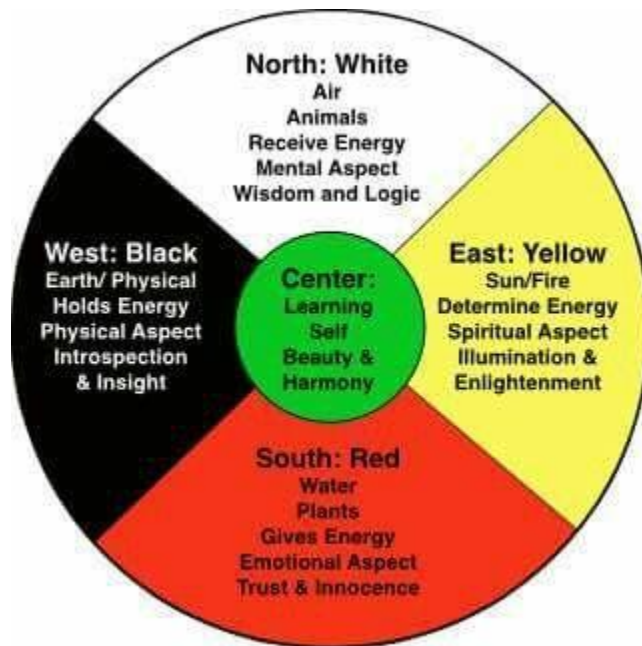


THE EIGHTH FIRE PROPHECY



The Seventh Fire (the seven generations of conflict) comes from a prophecy that the Anishinaabe have been retelling for generations. The Seventh Fire tells a story of humanity, unity, the materialization, and disruption of that through colonization. It moves through reclamation and a time of choice where we can choose our own destruction or we can choose regeneration; not just for ourselves but also for the Earth and relationships,

This Eighth Fire launches a golden age leading to Peace on Earth and is rooted in the Anishinaabe Peoples prophecy of the Seven Fires. We might refer to this as the

“reconciliation period.’ According to the prophecy, it is at this time that the New People will emerge and come to a fork in the road. One road will lead to Materialism and Destruction affecting almost all living creatures. The other road will lead to a Spiritual Way upon which the Native People will be standing. This path will lead to the lighting of the 8th fire, a period of eternal peace, harmony and a "New Earth" where the destruction of the past will be healed.

In the prophecy, the people decide to take neither road, but instead to turn back, to remember and reclaim the wisdom of those who came before them. They will retrace their steps to find what was left by the trail. Their steps will take them to the Elders who they will ask to guide them on their journey. According to this prophecy, urban and rural, mixed-raced, and Native people will rediscover dormant traditional knowledge and practices, create new lifeways, and begin to weave together a new culture of modern indigeneity.