



### The Black World – First World

**Ni'hodilhít** = means there was not a world yet, only endless darkness existed. There was no light, water, air, or surface and in the heavens was the beginning.

The First World of a time long ago, Black World, was small and much like a floating island in a sea of water mist gaseous substance formed. In this world only the air spirits and holy people lived. It had four corners each corner had varied mist colors that ruptured.

- Folding Dawn EAST Hayookkáál Biyázhí Morning
- Folding Sky Blue SOUTH Ni'hodeethiizh Biyázhí Afternoon
- Folding Twilight Yellow WEST Nihootsoii Biyázhi Evening
- Folding Darkness NORTH Chahalhxeel Biyázhí – Night

#### Ni'hodilhít

Dark mist, moisture and light gathered and formed clouds. This became the divine Níłch'í Diyin, Yah'alnii'neeyání a mysterious power is characterized to be of Crystal Spirit and the Holy Wind. One forming a female and male character power is referred to Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhó. With this power a surface formed. White shell, turquoise, abalone shell and obsidian formed the surface. Next, words were heard, and languages were identified. Various Gems became the language.

#### Yah'alnii'neeyání

Created four elements because he was lonely: 1. Adinídíin Sunlight, 2. T'ó water, 3. Níłch'í Wind, 4. Tádídíin Corn Pollen

- He spoke to the spirit of white shell = created light (East Direction)
- He spoke to the spirit of turquoise = created moisture (South Direction)

- He spoke to the spirit of Obsidian + Pollen = became dirt substance placed in the (North Direction).
- He spoke to the spirit of abalone = created 4 types of wind (Western Direction). Later he placed the wind in all 4 directions  
East = White Wind), (South = Blue Wind), (West = Yellow Wind), (North = Black Wind).

#### 1. Yah'ahnii'neeyání

- He brought forth House of Dawn, and put life and light into it and placed it within the (Eastern Direction)  
Hayool káil At'ééd dóó Hayool káil Ashkii = were identified and given earth surface people. Their purpose was to provide directions to the lives of people by which to travel.
- House of Dawn = placed the light Crystal by which the earth surface beings would develop the ability to process thinking Nitsáhákees

#### 2. Yah'ahnii'neeyání

- He brought forth House of Blue Twilight, and placed them in the Sothern Direction. Nihodeet'iish At'ééd dóó Nihodeet'iish Ashkii ó created for life and living for earth surface people to develop knowledge by which to construct plans for living from one generation to the next, known as Nahat'á álya'

#### 3. Yah'ahnii'neeyání

- He brought forth Yellow Evening Twilight, (Western Direction) Nahootsooi At'ééd dóó Nahootsooi Ashkii ó and put together áhó'ni for social development and family and unity in the house.

#### 4. Yah'ahnii'neeyání

- He brought forth Folding Darkness (North Direction) Chahaleel At'ééd dóó Chahaleel Ashkii = created for life, home and rest. He also placed development of awareness and protection.

#### Yah'ahnii'neeyání

- Created é type of moisture substances, the éqmoisture substance make up the éqseasons.

1. Nílchí łagai (White)
2. Nílchí doolizh (Blue)
3. Nílchí litso (Yellow)
4. Nílchí diłhił (Black)

#### Four Seasons

1. Dąągo (Spring)
2. Shíłgo (Summer)
3. A'ak'eego (Fall)
4. Haigo (Winter)

#### Yah'ahnii'neeyání

- Created é Spiritual ones from the same power from which he himself came from.

1. Haashch'éeyááłti'í (The First Talking God, assigned to oversee the activities of the Eastern Direction)
2. Haashch'ééwaan (The Spirt for Home, assigned to oversee activities in the Western Direction)
3. Bee'ohchíídí (The Spirt of Growth, assigned to oversee activities in the Southern Direction)
4. Haashch'ééhzhíní (The Spirit of Darkness, assigned to oversee activities in the Northern Direction)

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Yah'ahnii'neeyání

- His 4 helpers that he created, and the winds and the 4 elements all came together to construct a design for CREATION. They used their powers to create

1. Father Sky = Shitaa' Yádilhił, , He was assigned to oversee all activities and control the functions of the upper creation.
2. Mother Earth = Nahasdzáán Shimá, Was created to control the balance of the creation.

(The two constantly coordinate, cooperate, collaborate and communicated through the elements of their being everyday).

### **Atsé Hastiin**

First man and First Women, were the first pair of SPIRITS = First People.

1. First Man = Created at Hayookkáá[ Bee Hooghan (House of Dawn/East), he was given elements of Crystal Light, Air, Water and Pollen. The Spiritual ones dressed him in white coverings and gave him a perfect ear of white corn, (dawn and darkness were his moccasins), (dark clouds and rain made his hair), (Sunrays made his hair string to tie his hair at the base of the neck into a ponytail). The Spiritual ones gave him his language, name, shadow and identity. They placed a bow guard on his left wrist and identified him as a leader, protector, provider, nurturer, and a father. A Medicine pouch was given to him to provide him with spiritual and emotional strengths.

- The Spiritual ones placed a ZIGZAG Lightening, STRAIGHT Lightening, SUNRAYS and RAINBOW beams in his pouch and was identified as the caretaker of the sacred Crystal Fire.

- Tsé ghádi'nítíníí łgai k= Hastiin and Tsé ghádi'nítíníí łgai Asdzáá = Crystal Fire provide strength, clear positive thinking. East directional is to promote positive thinking, awakening of the mind, body, soul and spirit for earth surface children.

### **Atsé Asdzáá**

2. First Woman = Created at Nihootsooi Bee Hooghan (House of Evening Twilight/West), was given light, air, water and pollen. The Spiritual ones dressed her with blue and yellow coverings and gave her a perfect ear of Yellow Corn. (Blue and Yellow twilight made her moccasins), (Black storm clouds and female rain made her hair), she was given sunrays to tie her hair bun. White world required possession of strong-self control mentally, physically and spiritually. Therefore, she gathered her hair that represented her thoughts, attitude and perceptions.

- The Spiritual ones made a sash belt made of abalone resemblance of sunbeam and wrapped it around her middle waist.

- She is identified as the caretaker the Turquoise Fire, Dóó Tł'ishii Kó'Hastiin dóó Tł'izhii Kó'Asdzáá = Turquoise Fire represents knowledge to be gained as part of all the growing process.

- Roles and Responsibilities = depict everlasting life, growth, unity, strength and love for earth surface people. She displays leadership in the home, clan society and community for all females and children.

### **Ni'hodilhxil**

In the black world first man and first women found each other by the power of their fires. On the fourth day and final night they found each other. They understood that it was meant for them to be together. They both lived together in the east. They displayed minimal connection among one another, the Holy Spirits recognized this and created feelings within them to share a connection of Love that would keep them together. The arrangement between them became the understanding for marriage.

## **Atsé Ashkii**

First Boy was created at the center of Dawn and Heaven. First man and First Women placed a white covering on the ground and a piece of turquoise, an ear of white corn and the sacred elements on it. They covered it with Black Mist and winds from the 4 directions then sang sacred songs and prayers to create the first male youth. He represents youthful learning, inquisitive mind, physical strength and emotional discipline.

## **Atsé At'ééd**

First Girl was made at the center of Evening Twilight and Heaven. First Man and First Women placed yellow coverings on the ground and placed a white shell, a perfect ear of yellow corn and four sacred elements on it. They covered it with Blue Mist, winds from the 4 directions then sang sacred songs, uttering prayers to create the first female youth. She represents youthful learning, creative mind, and social and emotional discipline.

## **Má'ii**

The Spiritual ones designed the living world to be imperfect and full of challenges to adjust to the ever-changing world. Coyote is a spiritual guardian/messenger for the people and serves many purposes in the creation story.

Coyote was formed in the water, he told first man and first women that he knew all that was under the water and all that was in the sky

## **Insect Beings**

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- Were considered amorphous beings, without a clearly defined shape or form, having no definition, shapeless. They Existed in this world because they recognized the value of making and carrying out plans with the approval of one another. It is said they knew witchcraft and knew how to shoot evil and harm others.
  - 1. Wasp People (Na'azózi Dine'é)
  - 2. Bee People (Tsí'ná dine'é)
  - 3. Black Ant People (Wólázhiní)
  - 4. Ant People (Wóláchíí' Dine'é)
  - 5. Yellow Ant People (Wóláchííltsooí Dine'é)
  - 6. Beetle People (Níłtságo' Dine'é)
  - 7. Dragon Fly People (Tániil'ái Dine'é)
  - 8. Bat People (Jaa'abaní Dine'é)
  - 9. Spider Man (Na'ashjé'ii Hastiijn)
  - 10. Spider Woman (Na'ashjéii' Asdzáá)
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## **Amorphous Beings**

Started quarreling with each other in the first world. They began to disagree among themselves, so the entire population emerged upward into Blue World through an opening in the East Direction.