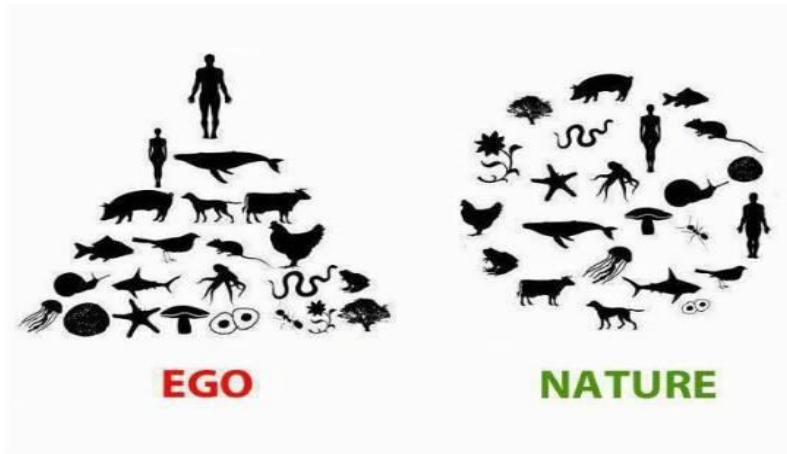


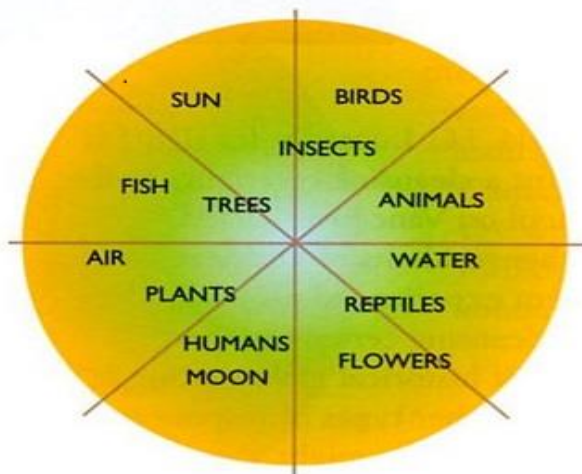
Indigenous and Western Worldviews



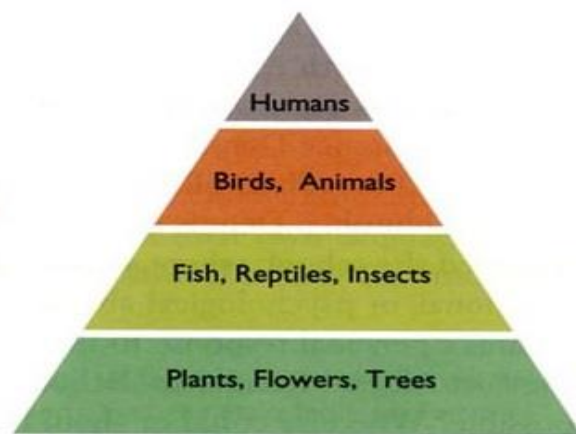
Indigenous Worldview	Western/European Worldview
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritually based society. System based on belief and spiritual world. • There can be many truths; truths are dependent upon individual experiences. • Everything & everyone is related. People, objects and the environment are all connected. Law, kinship and spirituality reinforce this connectedness. • The land is sacred and usually given by a creator or supreme being. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific, skeptical, fact-based. Requiring proof as a basis of belief. • There is only one truth, based on science or Western style law. • Society is divided, ordered, hierarchical (ie. age, gender, nuclear family); becoming more so. • The land and its resources should be available for development and extraction for the benefit of humans.

- Time is non-linear, cyclical in nature. Time is measured in cyclical events, for example the seasons of the year.
- Feeling comfortable is measured by the quality of your relationships with people.
- Human beings are not the most important in the world.
- Amassing wealth is important for the good of the community

- Time is linear (ie point a to point b) and future oriented. The framework of months, years, days etc reinforces the linear structure.
- Feeling comfortable is related to how successful you feel you have been in achieving your goals.
- Human beings are most important in the world.
- Amassing wealth is for personal gain



Aboriginal World View



European World View