

HOW FROM ONE MANY WERE BORN

At the times
of the beginning
there was no Earth and no beings.
Only Ksaw Wala, the Great Spirit,
the floating shadow of possibilities,
was in existence.

This spirit was at times male
and at times female.
Thus it reproduced
and gave birth to many spiritual beings.

Hence these were born:

Ekthe, the Awareness of Space
the Thunder
TiweYase, the One that Named the Earth
Weetahn, the One that Stops Illnesses on Time
Klum, the Chief Spirit of Nature
Daati, the Spirit of Brotherhood
Si, the Spirit of Changes
Tay, the Sun
Ate, the Moon
And Weha, the Wind, the Chief Spirit of Nature.

These are the older children of Ksaw Wala,
the Great Spirit.

They continued reproducing
giving birth to plants, animals, minerals,
and also to one very special child,
which was called Nasa, human being.

All these spiritual beings,

older and younger alike,
lived together.

They spoke one language,
but mastered many skills,
and had a deep knowledge of plentiful things.
They became story tellers and craftsmen,
as well as shamans, advisors, musicians and farmers.

And this is how from the One,
many had germinated into the World.

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