

## CREATION

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them mixing with the animals he made. He drove them back to the shore and forced them to recross the water.

Thoronhiawakon followed them to his brother's island and continued to drive as many of them as he saw to a mountain cave. Once they were all inside, he placed a rock against the cave opening and said, "Finally, I've trapped my brother's creations. I wonder what Kahnia will do when he realizes that I have shut his animals away?"

With this task complete, Thoronhiawakon recrossed the water for home. He was satisfied that he had taken care of the problem for the time being.

As he was walking along the path to his lodge, he thought to himself, "I think it's possible that the human being I made is not made well enough. I watch him roam about and he seems to be lonesome. So, perhaps, it might be a good idea to create another human being. That way, there will be a pair."

At a clearing near his lodge, he began to make another human being, a female. He made her from the earth and when he finished, he said, "It's probably a good idea that I make them alike. I want the female to be able to move like I do. Then, he took a portion of his own life and placed it in her body. He also took a portion of his mind and laced it in her head. He took some of his blood and put it in her body. Then he took a portion of his power of sight and put it in her head and a portion of his power to talk and put it in her throat. Finally, he put his breath into her body and she came to life<sup>20</sup>.

Thoronhiawakon told her, "Listen, I want you to stand." The female human being then got up on her feet and stood. He

then said to her, "I have finished making you, as well as all the other living things on earth that you see. Since you are the youngest creation you must give thanks for the gifts and wisdom of the life around you, for it will make you happy<sup>21</sup>." Then he called the male being to come and meet the female he had just created.

When the man being arrived he stared at the female in surprise because she looked a lot like him. Thoronhiawakon told them, "I made both your bodies and I now want you both to live together. He told the male human being that he had created, "I made you stronger than your partner so that you can hunt and protect your family. I expect that you will continue to travel around the earth. Both of you will have to work to maintain peaceful minds. Respect and care for your partner."

He turned to the female and said, "Your male partner will hunt and protect you and your children. You have a special gift since you will be able to carry new life in your body. Your job will be to prepare food for your partner so that he can fulfill his responsibilities to you. If you follow this you both will have a peaceful mind."

Thoronhiawakon explained that this would be their future as well as the future for generations to come. Humans would grow up, marry one person, have children of their own. Death would be the only event that would separate people. He told them, "My rules will continue as long as the earth exists<sup>22</sup>."

In the meantime, across the water, Kahnia noticed that all the fierce animals that he created were not around. He wandered around his island searching for their presence, but to no avail. He climbed upon mountain tops and

scanned the valleys. He roamed the forests searching for his beloved creatures. He just couldn't find them.

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>16</sup>The right-handed twin was trying to correct how he was being treated by his grandmother. She blamed him for the death of her daughter, their mother. She kept him outside the lodge at mealtime and fed him scraps. This custom of calling everyone in to eat together was what Thoronhiawakon was proposing. Food is meant for everyone and all should have equal right to it. No one should hoard their food. This is reinforced in the Kariwio teachings about a woman who puts away food when she has company. Some mothers will feed only their children and not the rest. The Creator's feelings are hurt by this since his grandmother treated him like this. Another woman next door always called all the children playing outside and washed their faces and fed them. This woman would feed her company as soon as they arrived. In the Creator's eyes, this woman performed a great deed.

<sup>17</sup>After the grandmother threw ashes on the roasting corn, he proclaims that it was a terrible thing for her to do. It now has become our custom to wash our corn with ashes. This supposedly kills the spirit of the corn. This incident created another tradition that implies that people living on earth will use ashes in their corn.

<sup>18</sup>When the grandmother threw ashes on the fruit (apples), the fruit became spotted. Today, when a person goes out to the woods and finds wild apple trees, they notice dark gray or black spots on the fruit. We have to spray our apple orchards today to counter the effects of the grandmother.

<sup>19</sup>The peach stone game decides what will remain. In our ceremonies, the peach stone game at the maple, seed, harvest ceremonies is played with the men against the women because of the time when Thoronhiawakon played against his grandmother. This created a tradition within our traditional ceremonies or a reenactment of his victory and shows us that we own nothing - it is all for the coming generations.

<sup>20</sup>Wasakotenniseron, he gave her a part of his spirit. Some elders mention that he repeatedly yelled a certain way three times, after which, she awoke. Certain ceremonial songs have this recall before the singer begins. This is done also

before any tobacco burning begins - three yells then the invocation begins.

<sup>21</sup>The Thanksgiving Address is given to the first woman so she can give her blessings to all creation around her. This was the first instruction given by the Creator. Recitation of the Thanksgiving Address brings a person and the Creator peace of mind. This is the reason the ceremonies belong to everyone,

not just the titleholders.

<sup>22</sup>The unification of the man and woman brings caring, sharing and respect towards each other as well as future generations. Kanoronhwatshera shall always be between partners. If this is followed, both shall live a good life. The Kariwio teachings provide elaborate details again to reaffirm these instructions.

## Grandmother Moon

*My Grandmother Moon watches me while I play in the fields at night,  
She tells me stories while I lay on the soft long grass,  
She talks to me in my sleep while I dream about her,  
My Grandmother Moon is my mother while I am alone,  
Since I was a baby she took care of me and when I am alone and lost she would guide me home,  
My Grandmother Moon is not just a moon she is my grandmother.*

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