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"Then I was standing on the highest mountain of them all, and around and about me was the whole hoop of the world... I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of all things in the spirit and the shapes of all shapes as they must live together like one being. And I saw that the Sacred Hoop of my people was one of many hoops that made one circle, wide as daylight and as starlight and in the centre grew one almighty flowering tree to shelter all the children of one Mother and one Father, and I saw that it was holy."

(From the vision of Nicholas Black Elk Lakota Holy Man: 1863 - 1950)



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From the Editor

Welcome to Hoop issue 132, I hope you enjoy the read.

This issue we focus quite a lot on soul loss and soul retrieval, which is an important bedrock of shamanism, and also on spirit possession, another important aspect of the traditions.

I hope you are managing to 'keep body and soul' together in these often challenging times, and that the contents of this issue will help in that process in some meaningful way.

Cultures change, all things change, just look at how Siberian shamans adapted the saints and Jesus on their own terms - a subject we explore in this issue. We live in changing times and change is the only constant. May the changes be ones of beauty.

Blessings to all Beings
Nicholas Breeze Wood

