Two-Spirits: A Lasting Legacy

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Canada’s Apology to LGBTQ2 Canadians

November 28, 2017
House of Commons, Ottawa

“For suppressing two-spirit Indigenous values and beliefs, we are sorry.”

Prime Minister Trudeau
Apology text most likely to be excluded by mainstream media

“Since arriving on these shores, settlers to this land brought with them foreign standards of right and wrong – of acceptable and unacceptable behavior. Suitable and unsuitable partnerships.

They brought rigid gender norms – norms that manifested in homophobia and transphobia. Norms that saw the near-destruction of Indigenous LGBTQ and two-spirit identities.

People who were once revered for their identities found themselves shamed for who they were. They were rejected and left vulnerable to violence.”
Indigenous Cultural Imperative:

Every child has a purpose, a role, a destiny, and possesses a divine gift.

This philosophy applies to LGBTQI/Two-Spirit people who also come from the spiritual world.

To negatively interfere with the life journey of Two-Spirit people is a social and cultural taboo among Indigenous peoples around the world.
Our Ancestral Grandmothers
We’wah
Lacombe’s ladder, 1874
DIVERSITY OF SEX / GENDER ROLES

MALE ............ FEMALE
SPERM ............ OVUM
SUN ............ MOON

Ultra Male ............... Parental Male ............ Two-Spirited Male
Heterosexual (Straight)
Warrior, Soldier

Heterosexual (Straight)
Father

Homosexual, (Gay)
Bisexual, Transgender

Two-Spirited Female ............ Parental Female ............ Ultra Female
Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender
Heterosexual (Straight)
Mother

Heterosexual (Straight)
Godless Model

Design & Concept by Albert McLeod, 1997
DIVERSITY OF SEX / GENDER ROLES

Ultra Male
Heterosexual (Straight)
Warrior
Soldier
Adam

Ultra Female
Heterosexual (Straight)
Goddess
Model
Eve

Design & Concept by Albert McLeod, 1997
Murdered and Missing Women & Girls

Renee Bloomfield
Born 1976 - July 14, 2003
Murder suspected on Highway 8

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Divas Boulanger
Born 1976 – Died Sept. 28, 2004
Murdered
Manitoba
Manitou Exists Here
2SGATH18
Sandy Sauljeaux Spiritual Centre
Beausejour, Manitoba

August 3-6, 2018

31st Annual International Two-Spirit Gathering
hosted by Two-Spirited People of Manitoba Inc.
and Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc.

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“The strength of a culture is not defined by what it can repel, but by what it can absorb.”

Roger Roulette, 2007

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