

# Traditional Ecological Knowledge

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A science rooted in our relationship with creation and based on living in peace and harmony with the natural world.

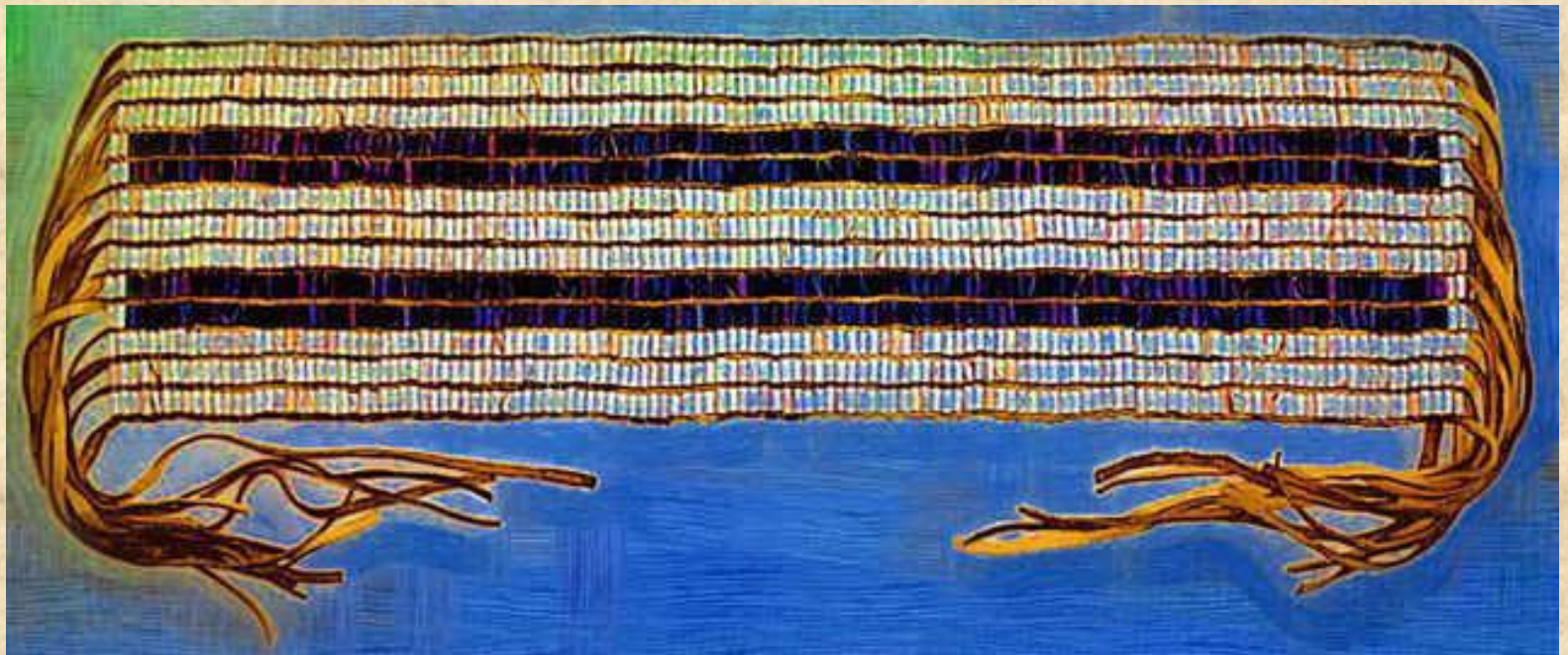


# The Words that Come Before All Else





# SYMBOLIZING THE SPIRIT OF THE RELATIONSHIP - TWO ROW WAMPUM TREATY BELT



# Applying the Two Row Wampum

## Environmental Issue

## Resolution

Federal and State  
Superfund Sites

\$500 million clean-ups

\$20 million settlement

Natural Resource  
Damages

\$750 million fund

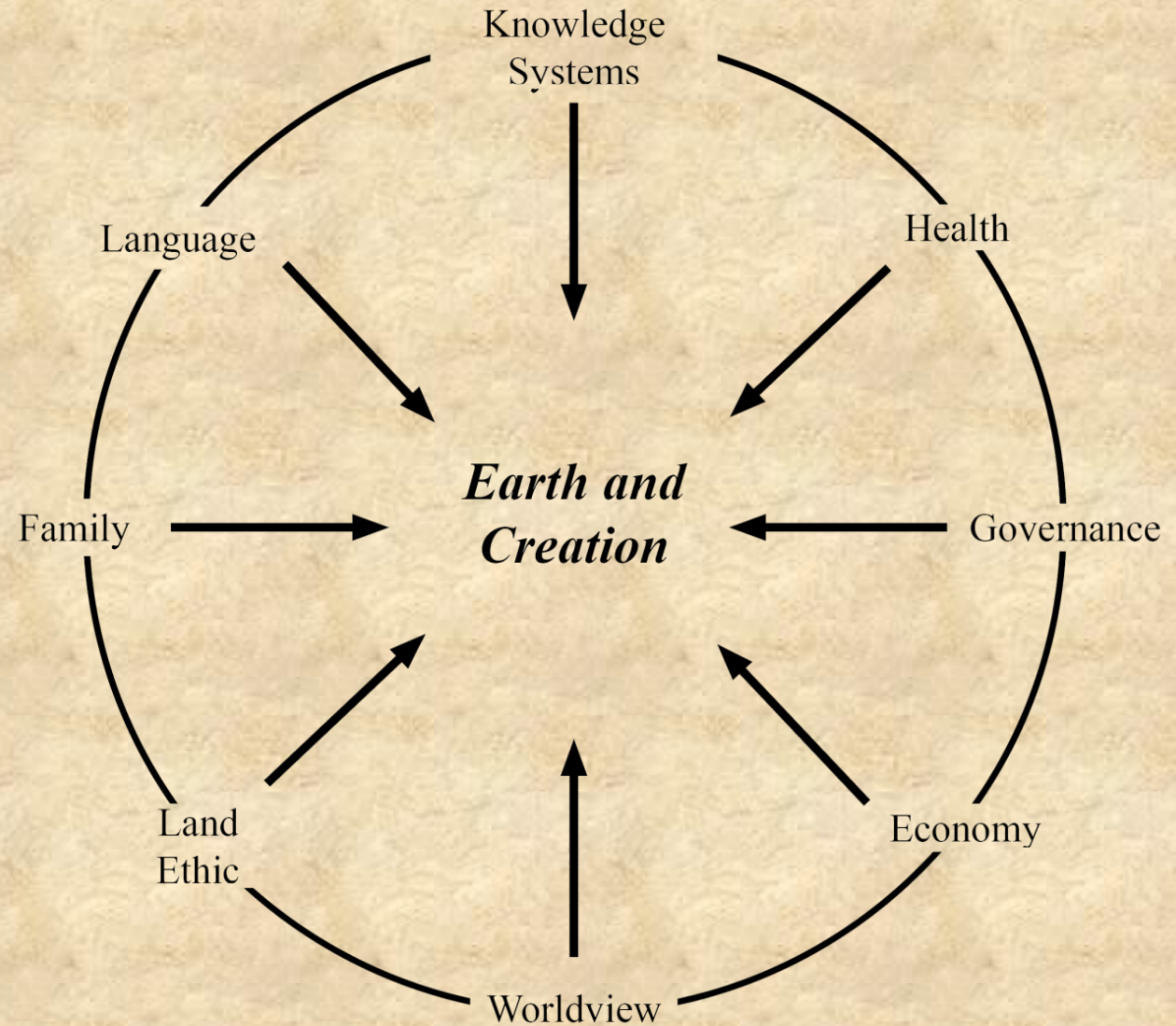
Breakup of General  
Motors



# Understanding the Role of Culture

- No one definition of it.
- Important to building relationships.
- No right or wrong answer to it.
- Depends on the purpose of the relationship.
- Common traits serve as a guide in understanding it.

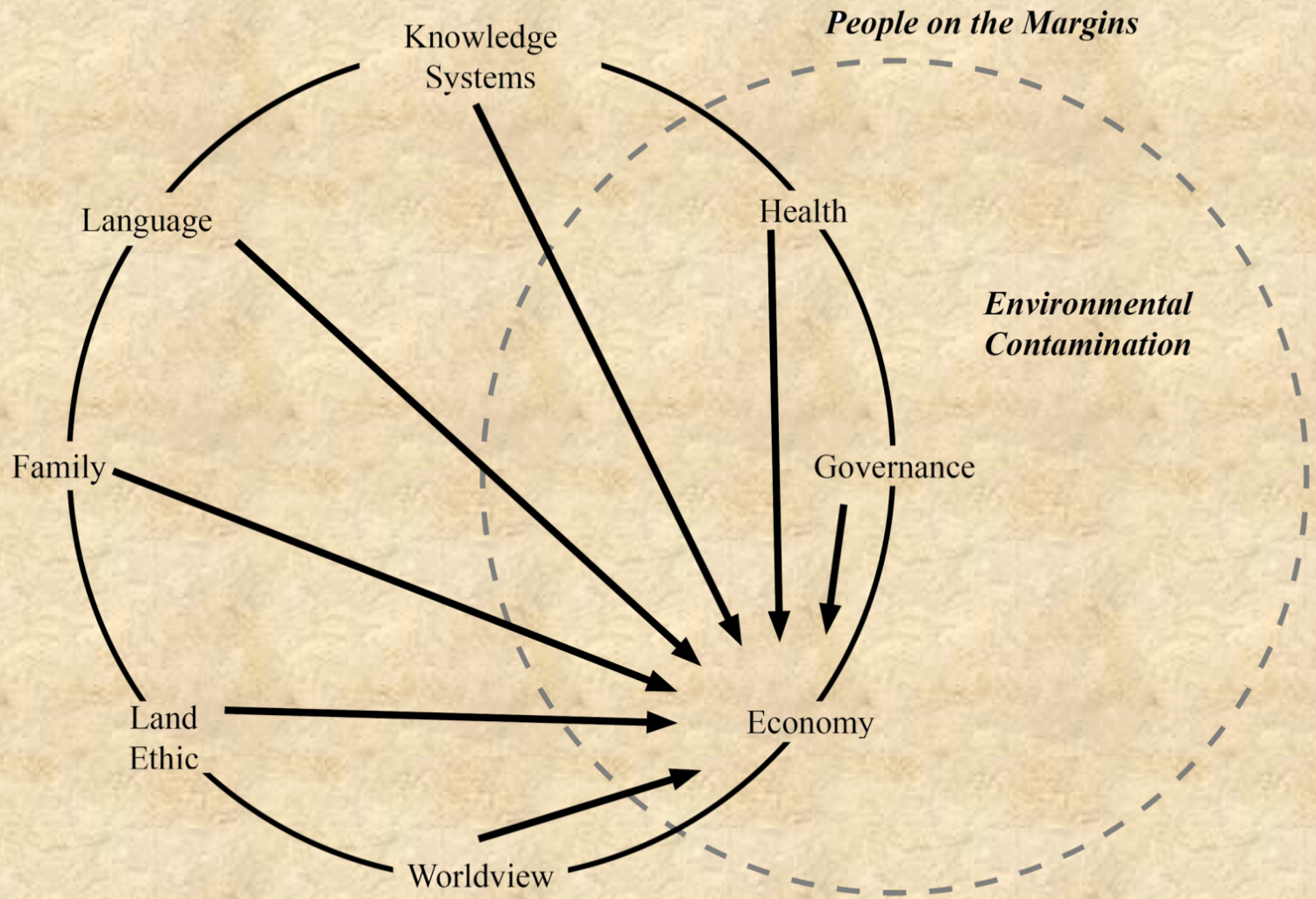
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# Paradigm Shift

- Larger Society (Ship) is out of balance with the Natural World
- It puts smaller more earth-based societies “on the margin”
- Smaller societies are disenfranchised and bear the brunt of environmental impacts
- Aboriginal Peoples are one of those smaller societies





# The Future

- Paradigm shift back to a more balanced relationship with the Natural World.
- If we don't change, the natural world changes despite us, that is what climate change is about.
- Nation States must change their relationship with Aboriginal Peoples.
- They must breathe life into UNDRIP.



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