

A Natural Interacting Connection Between Mother and Child

In accordance to the aforementioned, Diné beings are connected to the Universe, from the open vastness in Father Sky to the depths and the surface of Mother Earth. In spirituality, they are part of creation in forms of its natural and living species. When a mother is nursing her child, the essence of Mother Earth and Father Sky is being fed to a child, like an interacting soul connection between a mother and a child. Such characteristic connections were so close in their relations long ago, that it was said that a mother and child coordinated their communication through cosmological forms and orders. They used to refer to this kind of spiritual awareness and connection as a natural synchronized contact and behavior in a ‘universal time’ manner. It is told, that in this manner, the Stars serve as guides and helpers in ways that each strand of hair on a person’s head is connected to the celestial order within the universe in a spiritual manner. This is why Stargazers use their spiritual connection through Tséghá’ di’ nídinii / clear quartz to find mental and physical faults and flaws in ones’ life, when an unbalancing occurs and becomes necessary for retribution and harmonious restoration. This is also why the complication in the counting of Stars in a portion of the Universe is like trying to count the number of strands on any part of a person’s head. It is the Stars that are naturally in contact and always feeding the child, because they are spiritually connected to their hair strands, according to myths and legends related in folklores. Grandparents stressed the importance in maintaining good hair care, and proper disposal of loose and fallen hair strands; a teaching which required man and woman to tie and wear Tsiiyééł / chignon style hair buns, because of the celestial connection to the mind and thought processes. A reason why grandparents and parents teach their children why ‘Tsiiyééł’ / chignon buns were important and sacred; a relative metaphoric reason why the power of strength was in Sampson’s hair in Sampson of the Bible, is as in the importance of storing knowledge in ‘Tsiiyééł’ to the Diné People. The only time men untied their chignon and wore them loosely and openly were during times of disharmony, conflicts and during certain ceremonial rites. People, parents in general are taught not to hit or slap children on the head for any disciplinary reason, or at any time, due to the sacredness of the hair and the mind; that any form of such hitting, slapping and jolting can distort and unbalance a child’s developing mind.