

Native Language, A Perspective Value

In the same, awareness of one's language and its usage is also very important part of one's being, because it completes a person's life in all aspects of function and communiqué. A theory in perspective that indicates innateness to speaking a tongue that is spiritually alive; a language that has spirit within its existence in identifying with our grandparents' belief that we have a past and a future. The theory is spelled out in many of our traditional traits that relate to spirituality as in the following: Haashch'ééłti'í whom initiated the sacred language acknowledged it respective of the four sacred directions as Yoołgaii Saad, Dootł'izhii Saad, Diichiłi Saad and Bááshzhinii Saad, and more generally defined as Tádidiín Saad / Corn Pollen Language. That, every word spoken encompasses 'diyín' k'ehgo saad bee ha'oodzí'; furthermore, acknowledging the word 'Tsodizin' which literally spells and means 'Tsoo' Diyín' in Sacred Tongue. This is reflective of every aspect and perspective to the Diné Way of Life. In summary, we can truly admit that we have strayed from our Mother Tongue, where acculturation and assimilation of a second language has and is taking its toll in acquisition almost in every household and families within the Diné public. Whereas, an indigenous people can divert and become adversary of their being and language, but they cannot change their state of origin. This is why the "grassroots" in our grandparents whom are left within our population are saying, "Ádeisooh'nah, nihizaadęę beiisoonaah. Adihídlí, t'áadoo t'áá adzaagóó yáníłti'í, saad bee yáníłti'ígíí hazhó'ó baantsínikees dóó baa'ákonínizingo bee yáníłti'. Haalá, saad éi ni'iíh at'é, nitsodizin át'é, ne'iina' át'é." A retrospect, especially to many culturally and traditionally uninformed young people whom in disrespect and naive, utter words of negativity and demise in use of the native tongue in many ways; cultural deprivation; demeaning and wasting themselves as strays, and runaways, through substance abuse, alcoholism and suicidal attempts, and many demising and ridding of their unborn children through abortions and abuse.