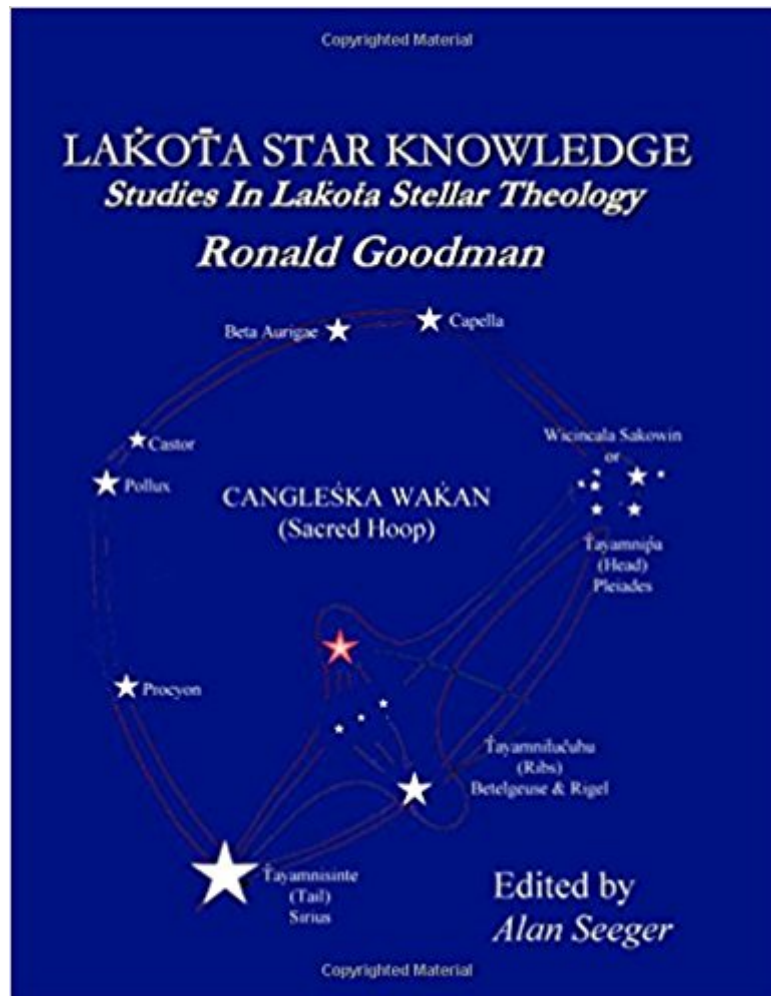




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Lakota Star Knowledge: Studies In Lakota Stellar Theology



Synopsis

Throughout the Americas, Native North American groups throughout the hemisphere have been avid watchers of the sky and have carefully noted the cyclic patterns of the Sun and Moon, the stars, and planets. In earlier years, they had to heed the teachings of celestial events in order to survive. One of the primary impediments to interpreting sky-related traditions is today's general lack of observational experience. Even many professional astronomers have little experience with naked eye observations. Yet naked eye observation allows one to construct a highly accurate calendar using the ordered patterns and motions of the celestial bodies. Native American groups also watched the motions of the planets, as well as other appearances including comets, meteor showers, and lunar and solar eclipses, in order to guide their lives. This book is concerned with regular celestial events that provided sacred order to the Lakota. The following pages summarize the primary stellar and solar features a naked eye observer would be able to follow and relate these observations to observational practices of Native North Americans.

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Its a good book but only 60pg and missing a lot of the ancient ideas of lakota astronomy. Paying too much would be a disappointment while a new bigger improved version would be most welcome. As much of this knowledge as possible should be preserved!

Lakota Star Knowledge is a valuable source for continuing the traditional ways of the Lakota People. While the written form of learning is a pale comparison to traditional oral teaching, Lakota Star Knowledge is an excellent source of knowledge. Lakota Star Knowledge is a detailed text which

relates the link between the movements of the ancestors through the Black Hills and the path of the stars in the sky as seen from Paha Sapa. Once again I would recommend this fine source of knowledge for the serious student of tradition. Kevin Thomas Author of *A Common Man* (Ikce Wicasa) *Modern Lakota Spirituality and Practice: Words and Wisdom from Sidney Keith and Melvin Miner*

The information in this book came from Lakota people so it appears to me that the content is more authentic than it would be if the book was written about Lakota people without their input. I found it very informative, and I am very glad to have it!

For anyone interested in Native American Culture, this book is a must in order to understand how the Native American Indian travelled from place to place through the year with changing seasons and Star Ways. Also, like the ancient Greeks and other ancient people, a lot of the American Indian Legends and Stories are written in the Stars. A genuinely interesting read.

Excellent book and information. I have long waited for this book and information. As Day Keeper for my nation of people Cherokee. It is excellent knowledge to see how we are all connected.

Detailed information on the Lakota relationship with the stars and how their lives and ceremony were influenced by the star nation. So much explained so clearly, making the timing of major annual events on the land to correlate with the movement of the stars. I wish I had this book 20 years ago, as my understanding is greatly heightened. I now understand "as on earth as in the sky".

Amazing knowledge from the elders. A must read for anyone with any need or want to understand Lakota spirituality.

I am honored to have this book.

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