

The Indian must overlook misinterpretations on his lifestyle and not, by tribal courtesy, call anyone a liar. The civilized translation of the lifespan of the Time Serpent dealing with the Earth is 3,000 years, the Indian accepts the figure 3,000 only, so TIME does- have a lifespan.

In these translations, the civilized discovered that the GREAT SERPENT that extended to the end of our solar system, was to be separated every 3,000 years and to know what this represented in time, it was to be divided by 15 years and 1/12 of an atom. They concluded that each Serpent within the Great Serpent lasted 198.89507 years. WHY DID THE CIVILIZED CALLED THESE DURATIONS YEARS?

In the breakdown of the 15 and 1/12 of an atom, their parts totaled 181 unknown parts. Civilized thinking and calendar time had to be associated with what was known at the time, being the Julian and Gregorian Calendars 181 parts had to be days, which would be around $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Julian or the Gregorian year. Because it was assumed these Ancients had no sciences and a 362 day year wasn't bad for a dumb race of people. These same scholars will admit that no literary trail to any Ancient language had been broken so the spoken language cannot be matched to the written language which alone makes impossible the unknown expression that has been translated as years. It was explained that it was a duration of time. An exact time.

As a small boy on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Indian Reservation, traditional teachers taught me the basics, to the Time Serpent, the two Wind Serpents, the Clan Equations, and the Winter Count. It really isn't the winter count, it just got named that because of the season when these calculations are sometimes done traditional. It is more like an expression, if the English language had a word for all beginnings that had a beginning, it would be the beginning count. For the sake of a name, let us call the 1/12 of an atom- Y minutes because it is a precise amount of time in minutes down to 100,000th part of a minute.

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