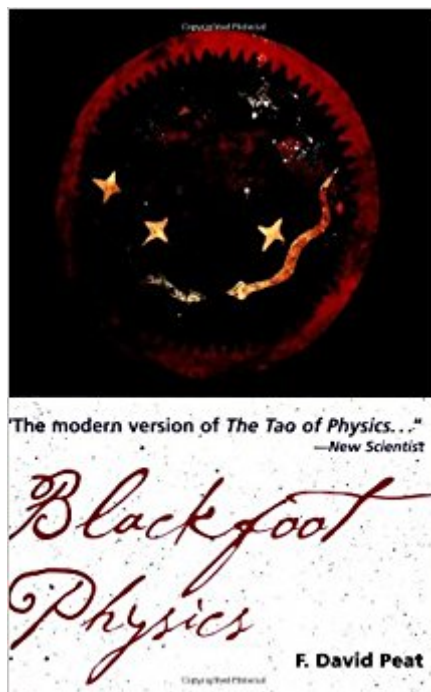


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# Blackfoot Physics



## Synopsis

One summer in the 1980s, theoretical physicist F. David Peat went to a Blackfoot Sun Dance ceremony. Having spent all of his life steeped in and influenced by linear Western science, he was entranced by the Native American worldview and, through dialogue circles between scientists and native elders, he began to explore it in greater depth. *Blackfoot Physics* is the account of his discoveries. In an edifying synthesis of anthropology, history, metaphysics, cosmology, and quantum theory, Peat compares the medicines, the myths, the languages--the entire perceptions of reality of the Western and indigenous peoples. What becomes apparent is the amazing resemblance between indigenous teachings and some of the insights that are emerging from modern science, a congruence that is as enlightening about the physical universe as it is about the circular evolution of humanity's understanding. Through Peat's insightful observations, he extends our understanding of ourselves, our understanding of the universe, and how the two intersect in a meaningful vision of human life in relation to a greater reality.

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F. David Peat holds a Ph.D. in theoretical physics and is deeply interested in the relationships between science, creativity, art, and culture. He worked with the late quantum physicist David Bohm and is the author of many books on science and our relation to the world including *The Blackwinged Night*, *Synchronicity*, and *Science, Order, and Creativity* (with David Bohm).

One of my ancestors, Charlie Dawson, was a blackfoot. I found this book very interesting. I can relate with alternative belief systems, as well. It is well written and fun to read.

In this unique book, Peat draws some intriguing comparisons between traditional Native American cosmologies and the cosmos as seen by contemporary physicists. This is complicated material but Peat presents it in a reader-friendly manner that is both informative and entertaining. Once again, there is nothing new under the sun, and the Blackfoot tribe's worldview meshes with that offered by relativity theory and quantum mechanics.

This book is very helpful, in that it shows the differences of time evaluation. A correlation of events as seen through western euro training, the views of a scientist, beginning to understand that there is value to an indigenous world view. And so the unfolding of this tale is more than just the words on the page, but also the implications of definition. A very informative book. Thoroughly enjoying it.

A+

Highly recommend this book to all who want to look at the earth with holistic vision. Got it in time as promised and loving the book! Everyone should buy it, read it and put it into practice!

Not a native perspective.

I have only read chapters seven and eight for now because I am using them for my History of Native American Mathematics research paper. This book is so interesting that I forget to mark what I want for my paper and just continue reading. This is the BEST book I have ever read so far. I love F. David Peat's elegant writing style and usage of quotes. His scientific explanations are very thought provoking, but not extremely advanced and tiresome. I will definitely be finishing this one!

Excellent book that opens the reader's mind to a world view that is often felt but rarely spoken of with such an articulate voice.

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