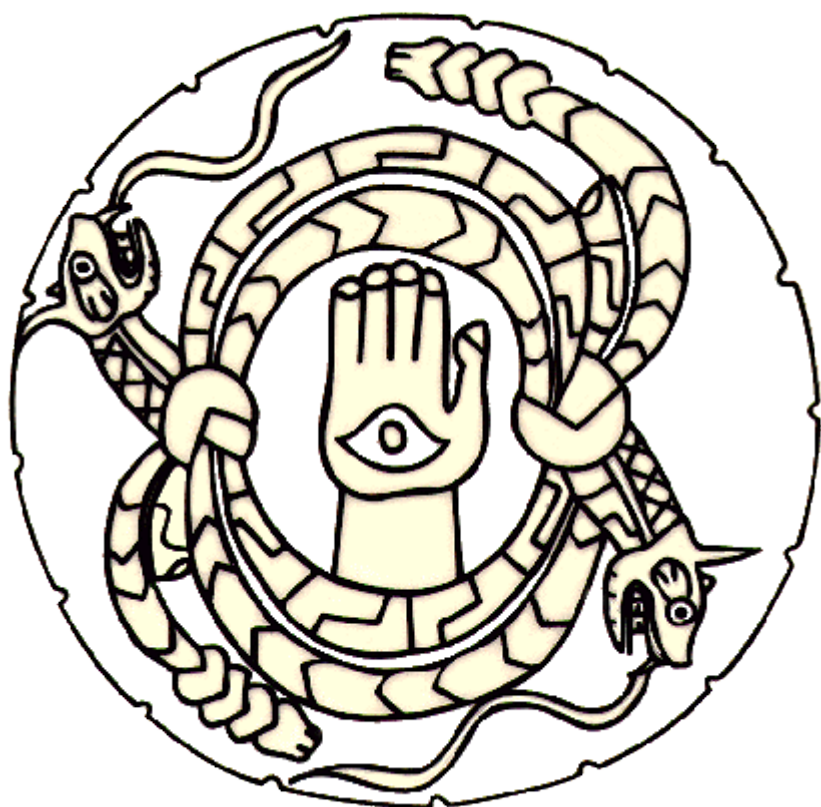


THE EYE IN THE HAND SYMBOL



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The symbol of the eye in the hand was understood by early Native Americans, and has been seen in other parts of the world. The meaning of it has been interpreted differently in different cultures. The above disc was found in Central Alabama where the early Natives had built a series of mounds forming a complex of about 300 acres protected by a palisade on three sides and a river on the 4th side.

Here is one interpretation of the meaning: *The Eye-in-Hand Icon manifests the interactive bond between two essential human functions: sensing and observation of the eye, and doing and acting of the hand. Together, these two abilities represent the most effective symbol of the ideals of human existence, omniscience (all-knowing) and omnipotence (all-powerful) expressed in a very simple two-part icon: The Eye In The Hand.*

Some, of Native descent, often wear as a pendant this symbol of The Eye In The Hand for protection and for seeking greater spiritual insight.

Another interpretation of The Eye IN The Hand, is that it represents our spiritual nature (the eye) and our physical nature (the hand).

Some consider that the eye represents the "Eye Of Creator" as it watches over and protects and unites with the human race, represented by the hand.



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