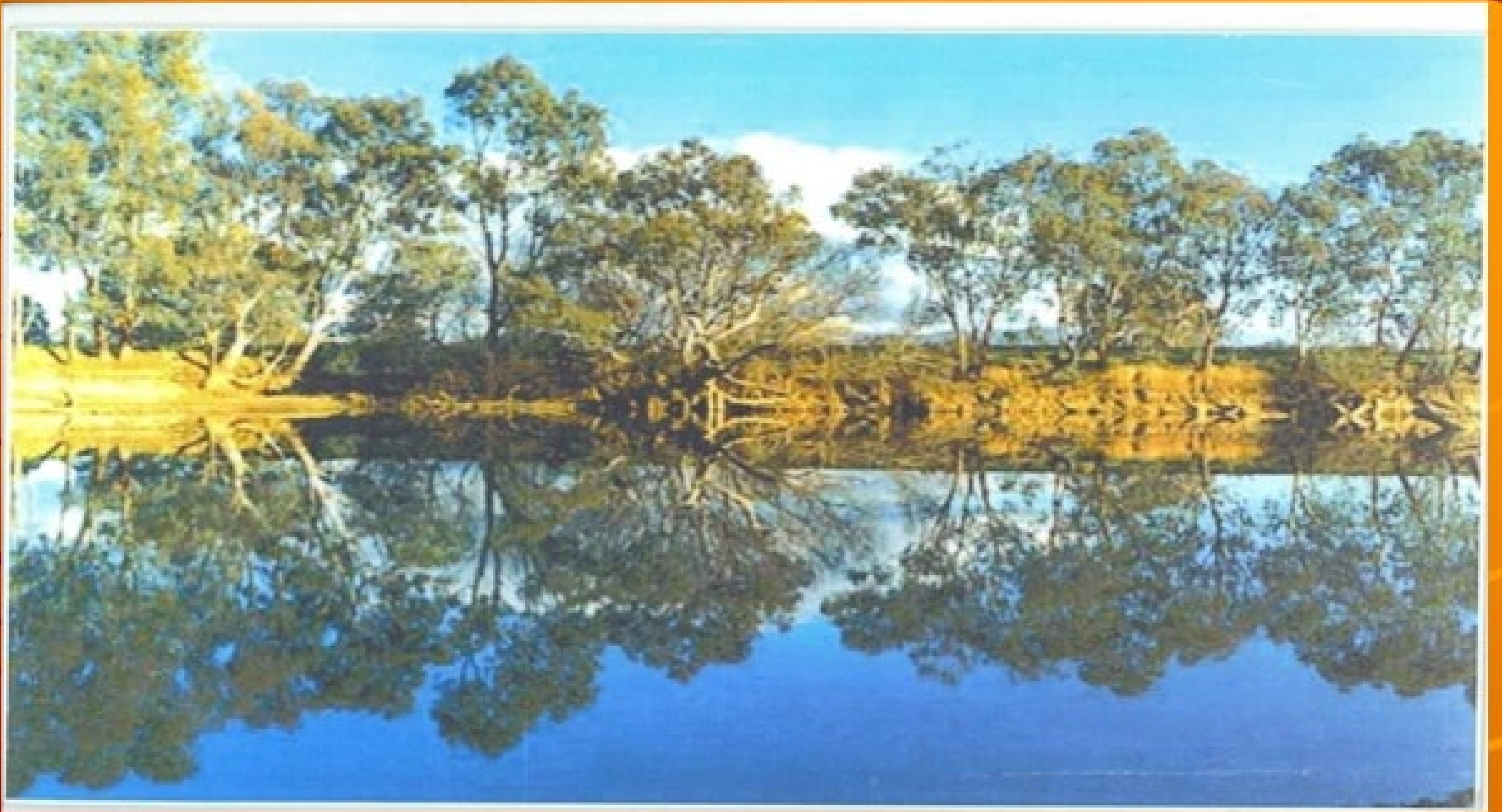


*Unfinished Business: Men's Business*











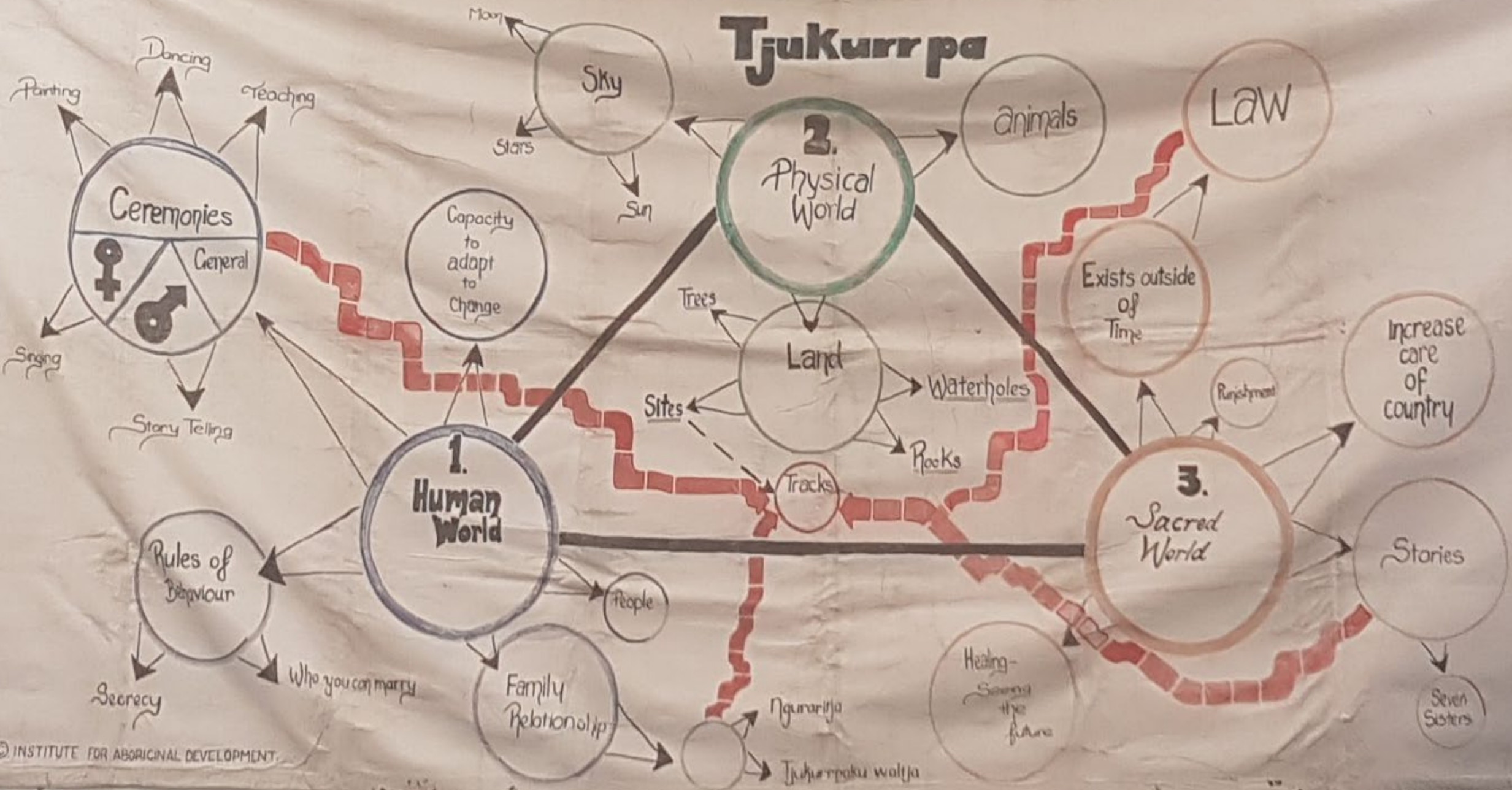
# Pre-Contact - pre 1700's

Aboriginal Traditions and Lifestyles





# Tjukurrpa



# *Tjukurrpa* – Aboriginal Systems

## Women's Roles:

- Nurture & Caring
- Hunters
- Biologists – Plants & Medicines
- Smoking ceremonies
- Cook
- Back bone of families, Household and communities
- Story Tellers
- Artists
- They are our opposite
- Balance
- Marriage counsellors – who can marry and who we can't

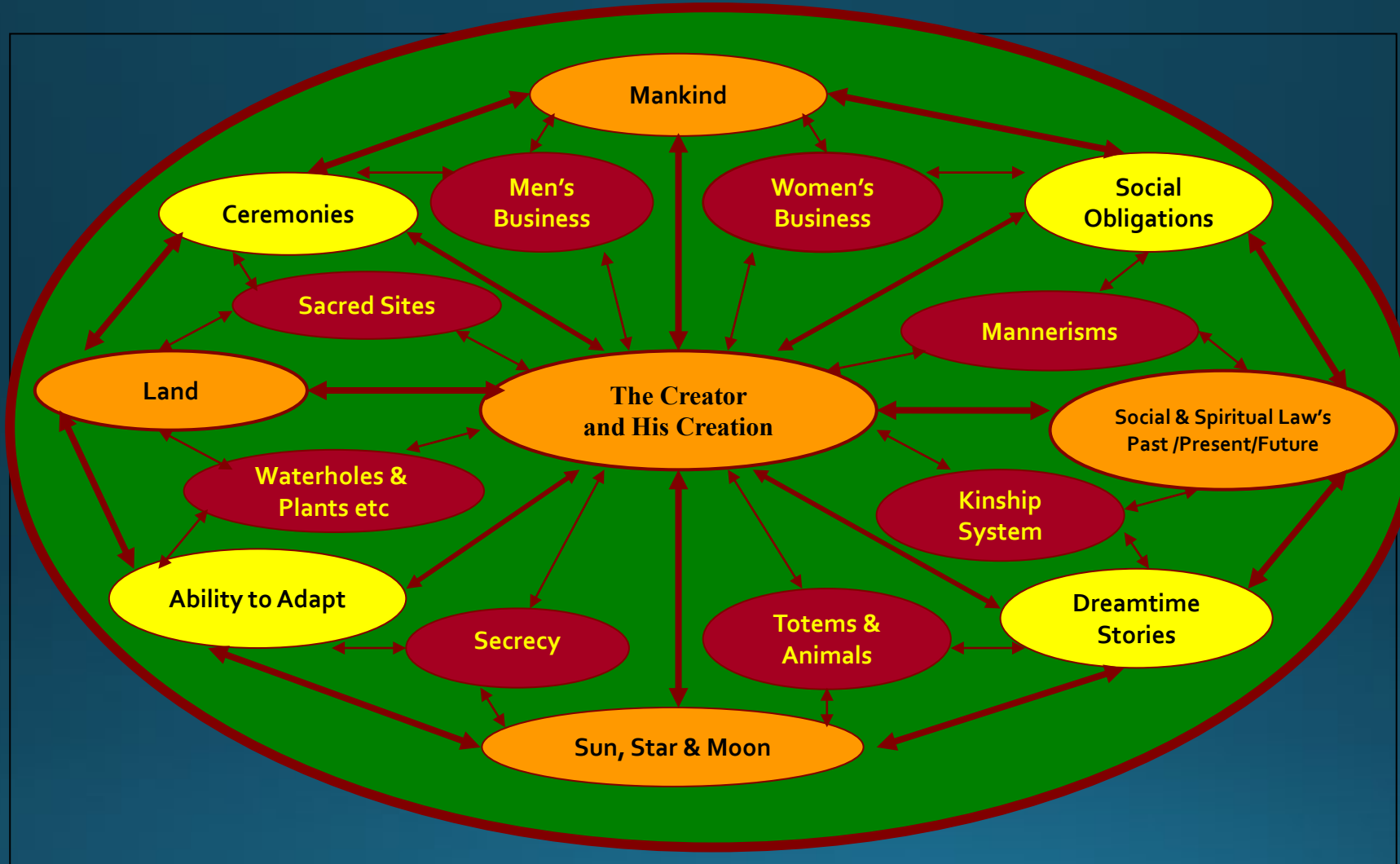
## Men's Roles:

- Nurture & Careers
- Law makers – right & wrong
- Teachers – knowledge & visionary
- Link our children to their past
- Shape the character of our children
- Providers
- Hunters & Gatherers
- Lead and show the way

## Mother & Father Roles:

- Love unconditionally
- To be a source
- Make families feel safe and secure
- Care and is there for them
- Wealth (Knowledge, financial & experience)
- Guidance

# Aboriginal spirituality





**WUMURRINPA KUTJUNGKA  
KULIKUWA WANGKA –  
COMING TOGETHER TO  
LISTEN, 2009**

Lindsay Gimme Rose Tjakamarra  
(b. 1978)

**Language Group:** Kukatja and Walmajarri  
**Medium:** Acrylic on board, 75 x 60 cm

Not all men ('u') are happy or well. Some have a spirit within them that is angry (red 'u' and footprints). It is hot and wild. They are not looking after their health. When they come together (large 'U') they sort it out. They sit down, listen to the old people and become healed of their anger. They think of their families and their children. But some men stay cranky and walk away, *Kartiya* (non Aboriginal, white 'u') and *Puntu* (Aboriginal, brown 'u'). They think about grog and going to town. They turn away. They do not want to come together with other men. However, many do come together. They like being with other men and finding ways to talk and share. Their anger can be healed. There are also *Kartiya* (non Aboriginal) men who are angry. They do not listen to the people and should go away.





**TJUKAKARRINYU, 2003**

Jimmy Tchooga Tjapangarti  
(b. 1951)

**Language Group:** Warlpiri and Ngarti

**Medium:** Acrylic on board, 45 x 60 cm

An older man is sitting around a fire with his sons (upper image), and the other young men he has 'grown up'. He has pride in his sons and has taught them about men's Law. They sit with him in men's Law (lower image). Through him, the ancestral Dreaming or *Tjukurrpa* has been passed down to them. He is proud of his sons, knowing they will pass on the Law to the next generations. When the old people pass away, these men will take over.



Late - *Senator Neville  
Bonner*

“As parents, uncles, cousins or brothers, we (Indigenous males) must take responsibility for the future of our young people. . . emphasis is placed on sporting personalities, but the best role model a son (or daughter) can have is a patient caring father. The attitude towards life of the son (or daughter) will mirror that of the father, which is the way things used to be done before white settlement. . . I am convinced there is absolutely no reason why a system that worked so well in the past cannot work today”



# REVERSING OPPRESSION

- FATHERS
- FAMILY
- HOUSEHOLD
- COMMUNITY
- NATION

