Implications for Health of BC
First Nations Reincarnation Belief

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I got Introduced to Reincarnation by the Beaver or Duneza
Many Years Ago

Sam & my son Aballi
1967
When Sam & Jean St Pierre of Prophet River BC adopted me & my husband back in 1964

& taught me so much about rebirth

Who the new babies were come back from

Jean & Sam St. Pierre & my son Aballi in 1967
They taught me how to treat a baby as a respected Elder come back

Sam & Jean St Pierre & my son Aballi
Ataklutz (he laughs) Ridington & my God-son
Bobby St. Pierre
And the importance of treating all life forms so they would want to come back
So I began to learn from these deeply spiritual people

& used my PhD thesis on "The Beaver Indian Prophet Dance and Related Movements among North American Indians"

to see if other First Nations also experienced and talked about reincarnation of people and other life forms

And found they did.

Picture: Charlie Vahey, the Dunne-za Prophet, His Wife Anachuan & my son Aballi 1968
I met Dr. Stevenson in 1984 in Vancouver

When he was looking for someone to continue his studies of reincarnation with BC First Nations

Ian Stevenson (1918-02-07) is the Pioneer of Reincarnation Studies

Hired as Chair of Psychiatry at the University of Virginia, specializing on psychosomatic illness, he later founded the Division of Personality Studies
& went on to use his careful case by case study of reincarnation among the Beaver & Gitxsan in 1984
Old and New Connections

The Beaver told me
About a whole bunch of people I had known who had come back, including my Beaver Indian dad Sam St. Pierre (18 months old he climbed up into my lap!)

The Gitxsan I was meeting for the first time ~ in one week they told me about 25 impressive examples of Elders come back as babies (See Mills 1988a)
the Gitksan and Witsuwit’en asked me to work for the *Delgamuukw* Land Claims Court Case from 1985-88

& I got a SSHRC Post-Doc to Study Reincarnation of the Gitxsan & Witsuwit’en at the same time (1985-87) ....

They said “the two are deeply interconnected ~ we come back life-time after life-time –do both” ....
So I worked on rebirth & land claims with Witsuwit’en too from 1985 on and continue to learn about new come-backs
Has a Chapter on Pierced Ear Birthmarks Among the Gitxsan

Figure 2. Birthmark resembling a scar on Alan Webster’s right ear. (Photograph Antonia Mills)

Figure 3. Congenital marks on the back of Alan Webster’s left ear. (Photograph Antonia Mills)

Figure 4. Congenital marks on the back of Alan Webster’s right ear. (Photograph Antonia Mills)
I got further mentored in Rebirth by being hired by Dr. Stevenson from 1986-1994

He is author of 18 books (8 on reserve for the FNST 409 course) including:

*Birthmarks & Birth Defects related to cases (3 books)
*Cases in different countries (4 books)
*Children Who Remember Previous Lives
*European Cases
Implications for Health (First Nations & all)

- Aversions and Attractions
- Phobias and Philias
- Birthmarks and Birth Defects

Occasional Health Issues related to who they were before
One Gitxsan Example with a Birthmark
With many features:

- Announcing Dream
- Birthmark
- Precocity
- Recognitions
- Special Knowledge
Nathan pointed out his birthmark

* To us as soon as we arrived, without saying a word

*Over & over again as a baby when pre-verbal – part of his precocity
Nathan’s Birthmark

Noticed at birth

*Relates to Near Fatal Wound on Chest of Mark Peters Sr., Nathan’s Great-grandfather, From fall from a Railway Car he was Loading
Nathan Case: Special Knowledge:

How to Survive a Bear Attack
So Nathan Intent on Teaching/Protecting His Son- cum-Grandfather
Nathan Case:
How You Know When an Ancestor Has Come Back

- **Precocity** ~ of pointing out Birthmark, & in his

- **Recognitions:**
  - * Of Fishing Sites
  - * Of Smokehouse
  - * Of His Boots
  - * Of Helicopters
Not Knowledge Nathan’s Grandfather Needed

His Head Chief Name Means “Half Bear Half Human that doesn’t hibernate”

But Mark Jr. Was Taught by his father who was Head Chief of his House
Other Gitxsan Cases Regarding Health

- Many cases in this house
- Eldest brother of current Head Chief
- The Late Head Chief
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The Late Head Chief

X-rays showed back injury

Came at age the PP was injured

PP became healer at that age

Head Chief shifted to being Director of Healing Lodge – Wilp Si‘ Satxw - Community Healing Centre, aka House of Purification
NW BC First Nations peoples note that past life memories intertwine lifetime after lifetime & on & on….

Grace has had amazing experiences.

She sees peoples past lives.

She has had an impressive past life herself ........
Many people have deja-vu experiences: “I have been here before…”

Or Phobias for “no reason”

&/or instantaneous likes & dislikes of people meeting them the first time
Some References to my Publications on Reincarnation


Some More References to my Publications on Reincarnation


