
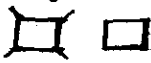




World Spider is no longer clear but the connection is still indicated in the name *Oktoni Taoké'ska* for the Earth symbol. This symbol is sometimes found on Sioux tips in this form:



The dots in one half of the figure being red in the other blue. This shape is elongated and probably ought to be drawn thus: , being a symbol of the earth, which in some forms is drawn thus: .

The elongated form has probably been adopted to distinguish it from the old Indian star: .

The figure adjoining the Earth symbol on the Berlin tip:  was called by one Sioux Indian "Oktoni", apparently not because this is the

generally accepted form or image of that mythical being but merely because it was right next to the Earth symbol.

Evidently the figure, ^{or idea} of the "World Spider" is very old in America (see the above mentioned engraving on shell from a mound) and there may be Old World parallels. Among the Sioux the Oktoni is a crafty, mostly malevolent being and mischief-maker whose connection with the world spider is no longer clear.