

**THE PHILOSOPHICAL ASPECTS OF CULTURAL DIFFERENCE** DEVELOPED BY EDWIN J. NICHOLS, PH.D.

| ETHNIC GROUPS<br>ETHNIC<br>WORLDVIEW  | AXIOLOGY  | EPISTEMOLOGY   |  |   | LOGIC  | PROCESS   |
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|   |   | APPLIED  | PEDAGOGY   | METHODOLOGY   |  |   |
| <b>EUROPEAN</b><br><b>EURO-AMERICAN</b>                                     | <b>Member-Object</b><br>The highest value lies in the object or the acquisition of the object | <b>One knows through Counting and Measuring</b>  | <b>Parts to Whole</b>  | <b>Linear and Sequential</b><br><i>-Assembly line-</i>                            | <b>Dichotomous</b><br><i>Either/Or</i><br><i>-Newtonian theory-</i>  | All sets are repeatable and reproducible<br><i>-Technology-</i>   |
| <b>AFRICAN</b><br><b>AFRICAN AMERICAN</b><br><b>LATINO/A</b><br><b>ARAB</b> | <b>Member-Member</b><br>The highest value lies in the relationships between persons           | <b>One knows through Symbolic Imagery and Rhythm (function)</b><br><i>-Gladwell Blink-</i>   | <b>Whole Holistic Thinking</b><br><i>-The BIG picture-</i>                             | <b>Critical Path analysis</b><br><i>-Cut to the chase-</i>                        | <b>Diunital</b><br><i>Union of opposites</i><br><b>Difrasismo</b><br><i>-Aztec thought-</i><br><b>The In Between</b><br><i>Ibn 'Arabi</i><br><i>-Quantum theory-</i> | All sets are interrelated through human and spiritual networks<br><i>-Black church-</i>                         |
| <b>ASIAN</b><br><b>ASIAN AMERICAN</b><br><b>POLYNESIAN</b>                  | <b>Member-Group</b><br>The highest value lies in the cohesiveness of the group                | <b>One knows through Transcendental Striving</b><br><br><i>-Tree the forest-</i>             | <b>Whole and parts are seen simultaneously</b><br><i>-To read a Chinese word-</i>      | <b>Cyclical and Repetitive</b><br><i>-Stroke order in writing a Chinese word-</i> | <b>Nyaya</b><br><i>-The objective world is conceived independent of thought and mind-</i><br><i>-Chaos theory-</i>   | All sets are independently interrelated in the harmony of the universe<br><i>-Keiretsu-</i>                     |
| <b>NATIVE AMERICAN</b>  | <b>Member-Great Spirit</b><br>The highest value lies in oneness with the Great Spirit         | <b>One knows through Reflection and Spiritual Receptivity</b><br><i>-Purification rites-</i> | <b>Whole is seen in cyclic movement</b><br><i>-Seasons-</i><br><i>-Medicine Wheel-</i> | <b>Environmentally experiential reflection</b><br><i>-Rites of Passage-</i>       | <b>Great Mystery</b><br><i>-A set of 4 and a set of 3 form the whole-</i><br><i>-Super string theory-</i>  | All sets are interrelated through the elements, plant, animal, and spiritual networks<br><i>-White Buffalo-</i> |