

about with reverence and love for what was left behind in the spirit world, and of fear and respect for what was found above, on earth and in the sky. So it came to reality long ago that all life came forth from the womb of the earth, said the Council.

With them came the Spirit, and the Spirit guided the ancient people through all sorts of arduous tasks of everyday life. Age after age the Spirit, the guardian and leader of the Pueblo Indians, took the ancient people across this great continent southward, until they came to settle temporarily in the places of today's National Parks and National Monuments. Everything they planted was harvested and was eaten along the route. Maybe to preserve the human race from total annihilation of any attack which may befall them, the Spirit caused the people to migrate in groups in separate directions from these places of historic settlements. He continued to guide each group on their trek until he brought them to a region where they can readily be safe and begin their tribal settlement.

So said the Council. This was how it came about that the ancestral people of San Felipe Pueblo were guided into the region of the valley of Rio del Norte where they were eventually settled for sometime by the Spirit on the west bank of the Rio Grande River atop the black mesa north of the present San Felipe Pueblo. Their first settlement was in the proximity northeast of the present main bridge over the Rio Grande River and southwest of te-me-teh, a lonely hill standing on the northeast side of where the railroad track transverses the Tonque arroyo. Because of the imminent dangers of disasters they were gradually moved west across the Rio Grande River and to the top of the black mesa. Here as well as on the east side, and throughout the entire region of pueblo settlement, the Spirit began to give final instructions to the people. They were reminded of the past trials and dangers they had endured; the sorrows and joys they experienced together; the unity they showed each other at working and living together in a community, and the necessity of planting and farming crops for survival. The ancient people remembered these experiences well and began to show great concern. Now the Spirit was telling of another plan, he pointed out indigenous plants that grew wild and abundantly which the people can use as food; teaching the people to respect and obey the laws of nature and the orders of its chief, the Cacique. The Cacique, said the Spirit, will guide you henceforth, and as the head of the tribe he will be concerned with your spiritual lives as well as with your government when the need for it arises. With these revelations, the Spirit empowered the Cacique with spiritual properties and with jurisdictional powers by which to make laws and govern his people. Hitherto, said the Spirit, it is the only way you and your children can live and give protection to each other. Thus, the plan was revealed to the ancient people and it was truly a way of life and living.

However, the people were not without dangers. They were warned of the dangers to come as more people inhabit the new continent. Here again, the Spirit reminded her people of their past experiences of building dwelling places in fortress style. "This you must do," said the Spirit. Then before secluding, the Spirit promised the people protection from the dangers of war when the time was near. Perhaps then sometimes between the first and the second settlement in the region of Rio del Norte marks the beginning of the famous legend of the Pueblo people about the twin boys known to them as Masewi and Oyoyewi. They were the young gods of war who protected their people by killing their enemies, and when not at war, they attended to prayers asking the Great Spirit to grant them courage and valor with which to guide their people towards peaceful settlement. Some Councilmen remember the twins as more than gods of war, they were also more or less explorers of the nature, constantly seeking out better land for cultivation and for permanent settlement. This is true in the case of San Felipe people where they gave credit to the twin boys for having made the final move of the ancestral people from the top of the black mesa to the present location of the Pueblo down in the valley of Rio del Norte as the Spanish had named the Rio Grande River.

From the time the Spirit had secluded, the people have lived everafter under the guidance of the Cacique, and obeyed his orders for they all knew he was empowered by the Spirit. Everything went according to the prophesy of the Great Spirit. Wars were encountered courageously under the leadership of Masewi and Oyoyewi, and the preparation for better livelihood were made under the leadership of the Cacique. However, as the population increased and civilization took roots many problems begin to burden the Cacique. Naturally, more and more this took the attention of the Cacique away from his primary duties of devotion to prayers for spiritual livelihood of his people. Constant