



# Duwegi?ebi (Who are we?)

VERSION 2.0

## I?abi Wanorozi Yohad (Language has Spirit)

### Alexis

Name given to **Aranazhi / Nabe Gduzahan**.

Cited by Oblates of the Immaculate Mary, Lac St Anne Mission (1840).

**Treaty Government Name** "Chief Alexis" Cited by M.G. Dickinson Commissioner (1877). in the [Adhesion of the Articles of Treaty 6](#) Also cited in Behind the Name. Greek origin meaning "helper" or "defender".

### Tribe

Cited in the Oxford dictionary. A social division in a traditional society consisting of families or communities linked by social, economic, religious, or blood ties, with a [common culture and dialect, typically having a recognized leader.](#)

### Sioux

Cited in the Oxford dictionary. Origin: North American French, from *Nadouwesioux* from Ojibwa (Ottawa dialect) *nātowēssiwak*, by substitution of the French plural ending -x for the Ojibwa plural -ak. "[Nadouwesou](#)" which means "adders" or "little snakes" in the Ojibwa/Chippewa language. This term as shorten to [Sioux](#) by the French.

### Stoney / Wood Stoney

Cited in the Oxford dictionary. A member of a Siouan people inhabiting the Canadian province of Alberta. [Origin](#): Mid 19th century. From stone + -y, probably after Cree *asinī*-stone, as the first element of *asinīpwāt*.

### Siouan

Cited in the Oxford dictionary. [A family of languages](#) spoken by the Sioux and related peoples, including Crow, Dakota, Hidatsa, Lakota, Mandan, Omaha, and Yankton. Linguistic classification: One of the world's primary language families.

### People / Peoples

Cited in the Oxford dictionary. The men, women, and children of a particular nation, community, or ethnic group. 'the native [peoples](#) of Canada'

### Nation

Cited in the Oxford dictionary. A large body of people united by [common](#) descent, history, culture, or language, inhabiting a particular country or territory.

### Native

Cited in the Oxford dictionary. A person born in a specified place or associated with a place by birth, whether subsequently resident there or not. Of the indigenous [inhabitants](#) of a place.

### Nakota

Cited in Wikipedia. The term [Nakota](#) (or Nakoda or Nakona) is the endonym used by those native peoples of North America who usually go by the name of Assiniboine (or Hohe), in the United States, and of Stoney, in Canada. (In each of the dialects, *nakota*, *dakota* and *Lakota*, 'Nakota' means "friend" or "ally".)

### Indigenous

Cited in Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada: [Indigenous peoples](#) is a collective name for the original peoples of North America and their descendants. Often, 'Aboriginal peoples' is also used.

### Xaam Wicashdabi

"People of the Land"

### Xada mne Wicashdabi

Relating to the People of Alexis, of the Lake Shore

### Shiyaa Wicashdabi

Relating to the Alexis and Aginas families. Definition Water Bird (diver).

### Pahashna Wicashdabi

Relating to the People of Alexis, from Hill Plain Area.

### Naduwi Wicashdabi

Relating to the Cardinal Family. "Two shaved sides on their head, "Mohawk."

### Mnekudi Wicashdabi

1800's – People at the area by the point. 1900's – People at the area by the bridge.

### Kashdé Ogabdabin

"Last one left alive." (Kootenay)

### Iyaxe Wicashdabi

Relating to the mountains, where the People go to fast and find medicines.

### Cadabin Wicashdabi

Relating to the Alexis Family. Describing a chip of wood. Term is also used as 'wood cutters.'

### Waká Mne Wicashdabi

Relating to the People of Alexis, from God's Lake.

### Ihanktonwana

Cited in [Yankton Sioux Tribe Language](#) (Marty, South Dakota). People of the End Village.



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### Aranazhi

"Stands On Top or Stands On Top the Earth." (Also, Stands Alone.) Chief who took Treaty No. 6 for his People.

### Isga

(1) "Iya" (tip of the mountain) and "sga" (white) = White Stone [Ancient interpretation illustrating the use of white stones.]

### Isgabi

Shortened version of Isga I?abi. Stoney Language speakers.

### Iya

Rock or Stone [Ancient word - the old people used the word rock or stone.]

### Nakoda

Spirit, also used as Friend, ally.

### Nakoda Isga

Relating to the People of Alexis, Stoney's. The hunting tribe, the ones who travel all over and know the land and the animals.

### Nakoda Wicashdabi

Relating to the People of Alexis, Isgabi.

### Otabi Wicashdabi

Relating to the People of Alexis, raised here on the reserve (measured land).

### Indian (1877)

Cited in [Articles](#) of Treaty 6: Whereas the [Indians](#) inhabiting the said country. Her Most Gracious Majesty, of the one part, and the said Indians of the other.

### Indian Band

Cited from the [Indian Act](#): Indian means a person who pursuant to this Act is registered as an Indian or is entitled to be registered as an Indian. (2) The expression band, with reference to a reserve or surrendered lands, means the band for whose use and benefit the reserve or the surrendered lands were set apart.

### Akanas

Family name given to Aranazhi / Nabe Gduzahan.

Cited by Oblates of the Immaculate Mary, Lac St Anne Mission (1840).

Last Name relating to the [Aranazhi](#) family: Alexis Akanas (Alexis), Baptiste Akanas (Pwat/Potts), Michel Akanas (Aginas), Paul Akanas (Paul) and other descendants.

### Asini / Asini Powat(tuk) [Plural]

Cited by Cree Elder, Marvin Littlechild, 2019. Definition: Cree word meaning Stone Man because he cooked rocks or "resides by mountains."

### Asini Skaw Powat(tuk)

Cited by Cree Elder, Marvin Littlechild, 2019. Definition: Cree word meaning: [Plural] Stone area people. Stoney Nakota.

### Asnipwatt

Cited by Sunchild First Nation Elder, 2019. Definition: "Stoney People."

### Aboriginal (1982)

Cited in the Constitution: (b) any rights or freedoms that may be acquired by the [aboriginal](#) peoples of Canada by way of land claims settlement.

### Assiniboine (1700's)

Cited in the Canadian Encyclopedia. The [Assiniboine](#) (also known as Nakoda Oyadebi) are an Indigenous people in Canada. Traditionally occupying the Plains. Cited in Oxford dictionary. [Assiniboine](#) Late 17th century from Canadian French, from Ojibwa *assin:pwa:n* 'stone Sioux', from *assin* 'stone' + *pwa:n* 'Sioux'.

### First Nation

Cited in the Indian Act. [First Nation](#) has the meaning assigned by the definition band in subsection 2(1) of the Indian Act.

### Buffalo Nation

Cited by CWIS. On the Northern Plains, the people of the Great Sioux Nation came to call themselves the Pte Oyate, or [Buffalo Nation](#). Creation stories have it that the buffalo used its nose to form the human from a humble clump of mud.