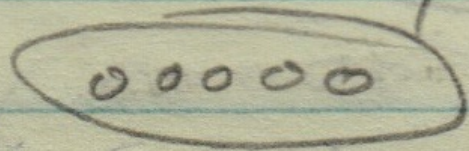
 staying a counter-clockwise
circle dance keeps Bear dancing the same way.

Counter-clockwise spiral also means up or
ascending — connection between earth (people)

& Great Bear in the sky who controls the
seasons...



Cow Creek told me a story, what
happened at one of their Pow Wows. They were
dancing a circle dance, going the usual
pan-Indian direction: clockwise. Then
an old blind woman asked if she could

lead the next dance, everyone agreed. But when she started the dance, she went the opposite way: counter-clockwise. A few Cow Creeks protested, but the old woman said that counter-clockwise was the old way, the direction the Indians used to dance in the Old Time. She said she was very old & she knew — she could remember dancing that direction herself when she was a little girl. She told the protesting Indians that if they knew anything they ought to know which way to dance. So they threw a shawl over the old woman's shoulders & followed her lead.

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