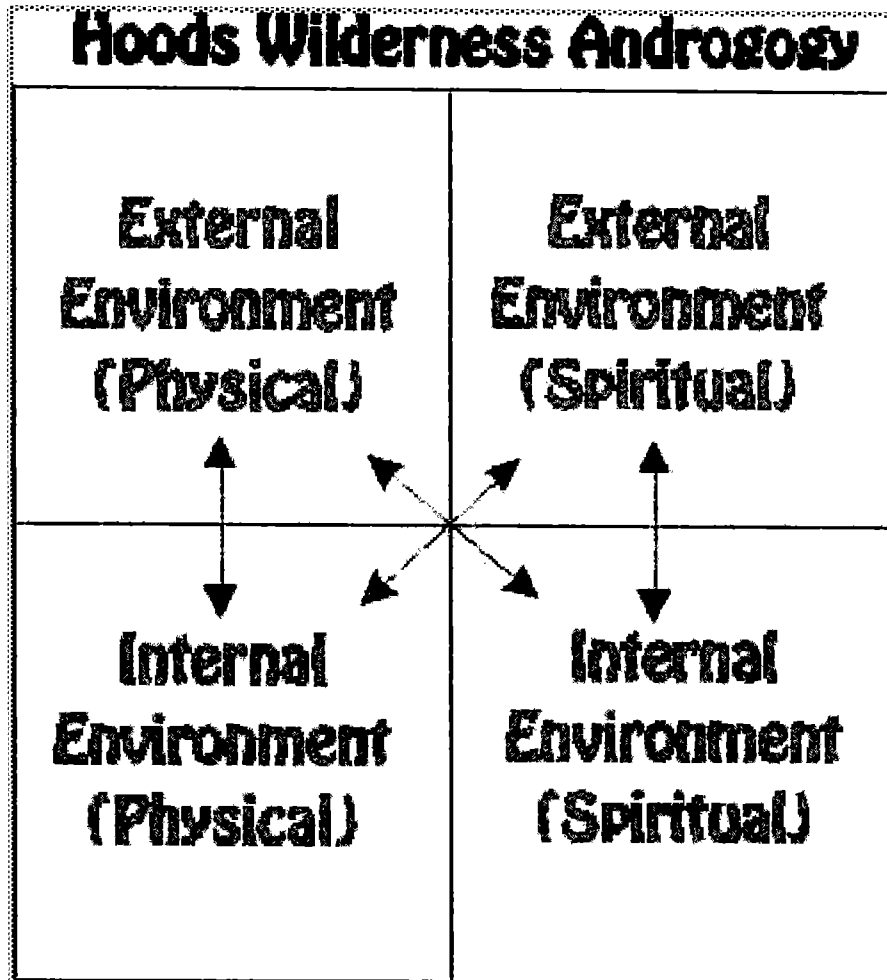


Androgogy; The act, process, or art of imparting knowledge and skill to adults.

What follows is an *extremely* condensed explanation of the Hood androgogy.

The Hoods **Androgological Window** looks something like this:



The *Hoods Woods* androgogy of wilderness teaching is based on four environmental influences active in every being. These four influences interact with one another to determine how successfully we will be able to face survival challenges in *any* environment.

The goal of *Hoods Woods* training is to clear up all four panes of the window until we plainly see the internal and external influences acting on us. We then know what is needed for any survival situation and how to achieve a real survival capability.

EACH of these panes must be understood and respected with equal enthusiasm just as the tools to deal with each pane must be well understood.

What do the panes mean? Let's take a look.....

External environmental (physical)

All understandings related to making a shelter, or knowing that a certain type of cloud formation is likely to bring rain, firestarting, trapping, edible plants recognition and usage, tool making etc.. This pane involves the *hard skills* of survival learning.

Internal environment (physical)

Explains the *internal physical* issues of survival, caloric needs, shelter needs, repercussions of unmet needs, 1st Aid etc. The Internal environment is the "self" needs of our bodies.

The Internal Environment (spiritual)

Deals with concepts like hope, fear, and faith in a spirituality of ANY kind including our own *personal spiritual* beliefs. This pane also deals with our confidence, our "PMA" (Positive Mental Attitude) and with our feelings of adequacy.

The External Environment (spiritual)

Warns us that spiritual issues exist, *outside of our own*. It deals with concepts like those familiar to the Native Americans and others who know that our reality is laced with consciousness' beyond ours and that respect for those consciousness' is an integral part of life. Sometimes this part can get sorta "spooky".....

The Goal, the art

Our goal, *our art of teaching*, at Hoods Woods is to develop an understanding of the four panes of the window and then, through this understanding, help you to develop skills to deal with the needs presented by each pane.

I want to hear about BUGS....