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So what is the truth of a Hopi? The return of the Bahana didn't work out quite that way. The Hopi resisted enculturation, sometimes through armed resistance, at other times through nonviolent resistance (as when they hide the children from the policeman coming to take them to the boarding schools). However, all the while they apparently kept their good natured belief that someday their ironic 'theory' of the inherent goodness of the whites would work out. (*Quote from sacred-texts.com*)

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Pliny Earle Goddard (1869 - 1928)

An ethnologist and linguist of American Indian languages. (*Quote from (Quote from (Quote from (Quote from (Quote from (Quote from wikisource.org))))))*)

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