

# How Shamans Dream the World into Being: An Exploration of Shamanic Practices and Their Impact on Reality

Shamans have been around for centuries, practicing their unique blend of spirituality, healing, and divination. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in shamanism, as people seek new ways to connect with their spirituality and the natural world.

One of the most fascinating aspects of shamanism is the practice of dreaming. Shamans believe that dreams are a portal to other realms, where they can communicate with spirits, receive guidance, and heal the sick.



## Courageous Dreaming: How Shamans Dream the World into Being by Alberto Villoldo

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In his book, How Shamans Dream the World into Being, anthropologist Michael Harner explores the role of dreaming in shamanic practices. Harner argues that dreams are not simply random mental events, but rather a way for shamans to access a deeper reality.

## **Shamanic Dreaming Practices**

Harner's book is based on his own experiences as a shamanic practitioner. He has spent years studying and practicing shamanism, and has witnessed firsthand the power of dreams in shamanic healing and divination.

In *How Shamans Dream the World into Being*, Harner provides a detailed overview of shamanic dreaming practices. He explains how shamans prepare for dreams, how they interpret their dreams, and how they use dreams to heal themselves and others.

Shamans typically prepare for dreams by entering a trance state. This can be done through drumming, chanting, or dancing. Once in a trance state, the shaman is able to access the dream world.

Shamans often use dreams to diagnose and heal illnesses. They may also use dreams to communicate with spirits, receive guidance, or find lost objects.

## **The Role of Dreaming in Shamanic Cosmology**

Harner also discusses the role of dreaming in shamanic cosmology. He argues that dreams are a way for shamans to access the spirit world, and that the spirit world is a real and important part of reality.

Shamans believe that the spirit world is inhabited by a variety of beings, including animals, plants, and spirits of the dead. Shamans can interact with these beings in their dreams, and can learn from them and receive their help.

Harner argues that the spirit world is not separate from the physical world, but rather exists alongside it. He believes that dreams are a way for us to bridge the gap between these two worlds.

*How Shamans Dream the World into Being* is a fascinating and informative book that provides a unique glimpse into the world of shamanism. Harner's writing is clear and engaging, and he provides a wealth of information on shamanic dreaming practices.

Whether you're a seasoned shamanic practitioner or simply curious about this ancient tradition, *How Shamans Dream the World into Being* is a must-read.



Michael Harner is an anthropologist and author who has spent years studying and practicing shamanism. He is the founder of the Foundation for Shamanic Studies, a non-profit organization that supports the study and practice of shamanism.

How Shamans Dream the World into Being was published in 1980 and has since become a classic work on shamanism. The book has been translated

into more than 20 languages and has sold over a million copies worldwide.

If you're interested in learning more about shamanism, I encourage you to read *How Shamans Dream the World into Being*. It's a fascinating and informative book that will give you a new understanding of this ancient tradition.



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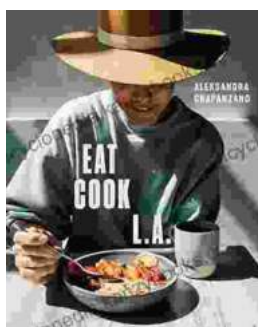
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