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the foundational work on shamanism now available as a princeton classics
paperback shamanism is an essential work on the study of this mysterious
and fascinating phenomenon the founder of the modern study of the history
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of human history moving from the shamanic traditions of siberia and central
asia where shamanism was first observed to north and south america
indonesia tibet china and beyond in this authoritative survey eliade
illuminates the magico religious life of societies that give primacy of place to
the figure of the shaman at once magician and medicine man healer and
miracle doer priest mystic and poet synthesizing the approaches of
psychology sociology and ethnology shamanism remains the reference book
of choice for those interested in this practice

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takes the first unbiased look at the risks and the benefits of this unique drug
including the science of how it works its promise as a treatment for depression
post traumatic stress disorders and other mental illnesses and how to
minimize the risks of use

this book brings the wisdom of the ancient healing practice of shamanism
together with the insights of contemporary psychology to provide an
integrated approach to the treatment of traumatic symptoms soulfulness has

two historic shamanic roots mayan and native american psychology a psychology of self as expressed in the many aspects of the medicine wheel the wheel of health and wholeness and the shamanic journey and soul retrieval as practiced in traditional societies throughout the world notably the tungus tribes of siberia this book presents the ancient wisdom of shamanic theory and practice in a form which is fit for use within the mainstream of twenty first century psychotherapeutic endeavour including an extensive explanation of shamanic psychology and a practical description of the ceremonies of the shamanic journey and soul retrieval

shamanism can be defined as the practice of initiated shamans who are distinguished by their mastery of a range of altered states of consciousness shamanism arises from the actions the shaman takes in non ordinary reality and the results of those actions in ordinary reality it is not a religion yet it demands spiritual discipline and personal sacrifice from the mature shaman who seeks the highest stages of mystical development

dreaming is the cognitive state uniquely experienced by humans and integral to our creativity the survival characteristic that allows for the rapid change and innovation that defines our species and provides the basis for our art philosophy science and humanity yet there is little empiric or scientific evidence supporting the generally accepted dream based theories of neuroconsciousness dream science examines the cognitive science of dreaming and offers an evidence based view of the phenomenon today such evidence based breakthroughs in the field of dream science are altering our understanding of consciousness different forms of dreaming consciousness occur throughout sleep and dreamlike states extend into wake each dream state is developed on a framework of memories emotions representational images and electrophysiology amenable to studies utilizing emerging and

evolving technology dream science discusses basic insights into the scientific study of dreaming including the limits to traditional freudian based dream theory and the more modern evidence based science it also includes coverage of the processes of memory and parasomnias the sleep disturbance diagnoses related to dreaming this comprehensive book is a scientific exploration of the mind brain interface and a look into the future of dream science provides a more evidence based approach than any other work on the market single source of integrated information on all aspects of dream science makes this a critical time saving reference for researchers and clinicians authored by one of the leaders in the field of dream research

explores the schools of solomonic magic around the world and works such as the greater and lesser keys of solomon the king and the hygromancy of solomon examines solomon s magical possessions including his famous ring that gave him command over animals weather demons genies and djinns as well as his amulets remedies exorcisms and charms looks at the extensive presence of solomon in folklore around the world including in armenia malaysia russia bulgaria morocco india and egypt looking at the solomonic magical tradition and solomon s profound influence on esoteric traditions around the world claude lecousteux reveals king solomon not only as one of the great kings of prehistory but also as the ancient world s foremost magician and magus examining the primary sources on solomon such as the bible the koran and the writings of flavius josephus the author explores solomon s judgments his explorations his literary and scientific works including an herbal and his constructions beyond the eponymous temple such as the copper city in andalus built by the djinns and the baths of sulayman he also looks at solomon s magical possessions such as his famous ring and the philosopher s stone the author examines the supernatural powers granted to solomon by his ring which he received from the angel

gabriel including command over animals weather and demons and explores in detail solomon s power over genies and djinns following the esoteric threads hidden within the primary sources on solomon lecousteux reveals the work of solomon the magician exploring his amulets remedies exorcisms charms and his influence on arab and western magic providing illustrations of sigils talismans and other magic symbols related to solomon the author examines the schools of solomonic folkloremagic and works such as the greater and lesser keys of solomon the king and the hygromancy of solomon he then looks at the extensive presence of solomon in folklore worldwide including in armenia israel malaysia eastern europe russia morocco india mongolia and among the abyssinians of ethiopia and the copts in egypt he also looks at solomon s role within the bulgarian tradition from which the cathars derived painting an in depth portrait of solomon the magician king lecousteux reveals how this legendary magus left a deep impression upon the occult magical traditions and philosophies of the ancient world that can still be felt to this day

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studies in the philosophy of john dewey ralph waldo emerson george santayana and native american philosophy that argue for an ecological aesthetic form of philosophy

humans have always been fascinated by drugs and altered states despite the risk of addiction many have used drugs as technologies to induce moments of meaning making transcendence beginning at the close of the eighteenth century this book traces the quest for transcendence and meaning through drugs in the west through the modern period

in this original study moshe idel an eminent scholar of jewish mysticism and thought and the cognitive neuroscientist and neurologist shahar arzy combine their considerable expertise to explore the mysteries of the kabbalah from an entirely new perspective that of the human brain in lieu of the theological sociological and psychoanalytic approaches that have generally dominated the study of ecstatic mystical experiences the authors endeavor to decode the brain mechanisms underlying these phenomena arzy and idel analyze first person descriptions to explore the kabbalistic techniques employed by most prominent jewish mystics to effect bodily reduplications dissociations and other phenomena and compare them with recent neurological observations and modern day laboratory experiments the resultant study offers readers a scientific more brain based understanding of how ecstatic kabbalists achieved their most precious mystical experiences the study further demonstrates how these kabbalists have long functioned as pioneering investigators of the human self

an introduction to religious and theological studies walks students through topical issues to be encountered in the study of the abrahamic religions judaism christianity and islam as these religions encounter other religions in the context of the wider ecumenism the text is written from a christian point of view and aims at helping students understand that to be christian is to be ecumenical african traditional religions atrs has been included in this survey to provide background for the religious traditions and cultures of peoples of africa as christianity moves inexorably southward the book has been written with undergraduate general education students in mind including meeting the needs of those in seminaries and theological institutes

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water is commonly taken for granted and treated with contempt yet it is the very foundation of human existence assuming countless forms it is deeply associated both with life and death body and soul purity and pollution creation and destruction the concept of water seeks to bring together the various aspects of our deeply ambiguous relationship with water providing a systematic account of its symbolic and philosophical significance this involves looking at how water has been conceived and the role it has played in everyday thought mythology literature religion philosophy politics and science both across cultures and through history r d v glasgow was born in sheffield and currently lives in zaragoza his previous books are madness masks and laughter 1995 split down the sides 1997 and the comedy of mind 1999

shamanic practice seeks healing and wisdom from realms that overlap the everyday world the use of plant and animal medicines vision quests trance work and ceremonies to heal one s self and others are the foundations of shamanism so too wicca and witchcraft use the magic and medicine of plants animals and other realms by learning to incorporate the practices of shamanism the witch can enhance his or her natural abilities as healer and creator of positive change the shamanic witch outlines the many similarities between the art of shamanism and the craft of the witch and explores how the overlapping of these two traditions can be used to enhance one s practice where witchcraft brings the belief and religion shamanism brings the skills sections include understanding the world of the shaman creatures and spirits

of other realms developing a shamanic practice the toolkit of the shamanic practitioner the realms of the witch and melding worlds becoming the witch shaman

entheogens myth and human consciousness is a much needed accessible exploration into the role of psychoactive sacraments entheogens in religion mythology and history and also includes most treatments of the subject focus on modern scientific research psychotherapy are auto bibliographic accounts or are agenda driven or otherwise naive and myopic a great mystery of altered states of consciousness and species development is expanding with new archeological and anthropological discoveries religious story telling myth is a timeless journey surprisingly it s not about truth it s about finding one s self in the midst of the discovery of the other it is the story of what is separate and unknown that creates self consciousness our entire life consists ultimately in the discovery of the other which gives meaning to the discovery of the self the arts and language are the fossil remnants scattered on our path entheogens myth and human consciousness discusses the influence of psychoactive substances on consciousness human evolution and mystical experiences it explores how religion mythology art and culture stem from entheogenic consciousness and why it s important to us today entheogens or psychoactive sacraments have a long storied history that has played an essential role in the evolution of consciousness mythology culture religion art and even history and politics entheogens myth and human consciousness outlines this suppressed yet seminal undercurrent of history giving examples of the role of entheogens from the primal shamanic religions through the historical religions esoteric mystical traditions including the mystery religions alchemy and freemasonry and into contemporary expressions authors ruck and hoffman draw upon decades of research and personal experience in discussing the best documented examples of historically important

entheogenic evidences various ongoing threads of research and speculation to muse upon the meaning of it all our hominid ancestors experienced a spiritual awakening at the very dawn of consciousness that set them apart from the other creatures of our planet it was a journey to another realm induced by a special food that belonged to the gods this was a plant that was animate with the spirit of deity it was an entheogen it was the visionary vehicle for the trip of the first shaman the story was told over and over again until it achieved the perfect form of a myth the realm was imagined as a topographical place the outer limit of the cosmos the fiery empyrean or its geocentric opposite our own planet gaia myths multiplied over time but they always preserved this primordial truth these myths provide a road map a scenario if you can read them for whoever today wants to follow however it is not an easy journey and it is also fraught with many dangers of getting lost of finding no return access to the entheogens is now largely prohibited or strictly licensed the restrictions constitute an infringement of cognitive freedom limiting the further evolution of human potential into productive creative imagination and experiences that lie beyond the normal the traditional province of shamans who can understand the speech of plants and animals change shape at will and journey both physically and in the spirit to distant exotic realms in addition religions have staked out territorial claims to this realm of spiritual consciousness they have colonized it identified it with their god often reserving the access for their own elite similarly trade in drugs both medicinal and illegal has colonized the entheogens making them only chemicals rationally depriving them of their spirit entheogens myth and human consciousness is a guide for the curious that provides a historical overview of the role that entheogens have played in the development of our unique supremacy as a species and offers also pathways and advice for reconnecting with the primordial sources of nature s power entheogens myth

and human consciousness investigates the role entheogens have played in the evolution of humankind's attempt to define reality in a context of metaphysical or theological dimensions although other botanical intoxicants will be considered cannabis daphne opium syrian rue datura mandrake none with the possible exception of mandrake seem to have lent themselves so readily to metaphoric personifications which make this the subject for a course on mythology the source of humankind's fascination and repulsion for fungi indeed leads to a fundamental consideration of the psychological nature of mankind's fascination or awareness of what in the categorization of religions is termed animism and rituals of ecstatic shamanism in addition the linking of bread and wine as sacramental foods is due to parallel concepts of controlled fungal growth as a simulacrum of the cosmos itself the goal is not so much to acquire factual knowledge of this vast subject but to open up pathways for reflection upon the basic nature of human existence and consciousness the narrative is the awesome history of discovery and the findings of ancient rituals that meld into twentieth century controversy and criticism of psychedelics the future of humanity and the direction of twenty first century brain science is challenged as well as our sense of social convention entheogens have been deemed be prohibited controlled substances and as such is an infringement of cognitive freedom whatever the danger of potential abuse the substance is not the fault but the user the hammer is not guilty but the carpenter who misuses it because of deficient training in order to exonerate the executioner in classical antiquity the axe was brought to trial and found guilty the prohibition has drastically retarded the investigation into the therapeutic potential of proscribed drugs including their efficacy in curing addiction some of these substances also offer the potential for accessing levels of cognition and consciousness beyond the ordinary the traditional provenance of mystics and shamans like bilocation

clairvoyance and zoomorphism

this anthology contains lonergan s lectures on philosophy and theology given during the later period of his life 1965 1980 and document his development in the discipline during the years leading up to the publication of method in theology and beyond to 1980

now reissued again due to popular demand witchcraft for tomorrow answers many frequently asked questions about witchcraft including how can i find a witches coven and how can i become a witch doreen valiente tells you what the old religion of witchcraft has to offer the new age of aquarius how the age old craft of the wise can be practised in the modern world how to initiate yourself as a witch and found your own coven the author who was the leading figure in the establishment of the modern wiccan movement includes a new book of shadows the witches handbook of rituals and instructions based upon ancient magical tradition but geared to the age of the future there are witch songs spells incantations and practical advice on how to run a coven and how to acquire your own collection of magical implements as well as methods of divination and other witch lore the author shows how the oral traditions of witchcraft throw light not only upon the origins of the present day witch cult and the activities of the witch leader george pickingill and his covens but also upon the mystery of the founding of the famous magical order the golden dawn also discussed is the relationship between the witchcraft of britain and europe and the magical belief of the far east do both traditions hark back to the legendary city of shamballah and to the shamanistic practices of asia and why do the secret circles of the witches resemble those of the tantric sex magic of india

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