Of Water And The Spirit Ritual Magic And Initiation In The Life Of An African Shaman

Drawing from a variety of religious teachings, anthropological evidence, and myths and legends of the world's cultures and religions, the author shows the vital role water plays in all aspects of our spiritual lives, as an element of sustenance, cleansing, initiation, healing, gaining wisdom, and enchantment, inviting readers to reclaim their inner connection to the sacredness of water, and inspiring them to appreciate, honor, and protect the waters of the world.

Gain victory over the spiritual forces of the deep! What are “water spirits?” Everyday people are feeling the effects of unseen evil forces, and yet, they don’t know what’s attacking them, let alone how to have victory. While many spiritual warriors are familiar with principalities and powers like Jezebel and witchcraft, few have heard of marine demons. Also called “water spirits,” these powers wreak havoc in places near bodies of water. From Python, to Leviathan, to Triton to Rahab and beyond, spiritual warriors are feeling the effects of water spirits but often don’t know how to combat these evil forces. Bestselling author Jennifer LeClaire provides a revolutionary guidebook on how to prophetically recognize these spirits and engage in victorious warfare against them. This book will identify each water spirit, equipping believers to overcome them. Be prepared to: Recognize the symptoms of the spirit of Python and learn to break free from its squeezing stronghold. Detect the twisted lies of a Leviathan spirit in your life and in contemporary culture. Overcome the spirit of Rahab that attempts to prevent you from crossing over into your new season. Unleash the power of Holy Spirit and partner with Him to change spiritual climates in your life and city. Discern the presence of these water spirits and become equipped with spiritual warfare strategies to defeat them!

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"A vision that encompasses two worlds and weaves the lessons of both into a fine tapestry."—Clarissa Pinkola Estés.

Tells the story of a shaman who was born under French rule in Upper Volta, and of his struggle to reconnect with his own people after being abducted by Jesuit priests. The Persons of the Godhead are known by familial terms: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit? What part of the family tree is that? "Father" we understand. The term is full of emotional imprint and real life imagery. "Son" is equally comprehensible. "Spirit," however, leaves us grasping the air in our attempt to relate to Him. How do you hug a spirit? In painting a picture of Himself, the Holy Spirit wasn't content to be cast in singular hues. He has far too many dimensions to His personality for monochromatic expressions to do Him justice. His infiniteness required symbolic language that on the surface appears contradictory but in actuality works to provide us a glimpse of the breadth, length, depth, and height of His Being. Thus, He is wind and cloud, water and fire, oil and lamp, dove and eagle, to name a few. It is through this language of symbol that we are enabled to begin to grapple with the Third Person of the Trinity. How do you hug a spirit? Better to ask how the Spirit hugs you. It is my earnest hope and desire that you feel His embrace as you read this work. Includes illustrations, bibliography, and Scripture index.
Unknown to most of us what happens in the marine kingdom goes a long way in affecting human existence on earth. The marine kingdom has been used by satan to challenge the purposes of God on earth. Marine spirits are found in oceans, rivers, streams, pools of water and in the human body, etc. These are tough demons that always resist deliverance. They are highly deceptive and possess spiritual capacity to ruin lives and nations. Of Water and the Spirit Ritual, Magic, and Initiation in the Life of an African Shaman

The stories within these books have the poignancy of new discoveries as well as the unworn imagination of the ancestors. The commentary has the sharp edge of modern thought and the intricacy which results from the intellect being woven through the ritual complexities of tribal life. The purpose of constructing thresholds that bring this world together is to find the powers that can heal the rends in tribal as well as modern communities.

In Sobriety Intoxication of the Spirit Part Two, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa offers new reflections on living in the power of the Holy Spirit. From personal conversion to ongoing renewal, his focus is on the source of our strength—the living action of the Spirit. Given to us at baptism and renewed in all the sacraments, the Spirit breathes life daily into the Church and to each believer. This book offers spiritual refreshment to those who are weary, encouraging us all to find restoration and comfort through the Advocate who inspires us.

We propose that the major health crises in the United States are not about heart disease, cancer, osteoporosis, or obesity. Instead they are about violence, prejudice, social isolation, and runaway materialism. Unfortunately, traditional health promotion continues to "attack" our problems by declaring war on disease, obsessing about epidemiologically based risk factors and frightening people about what they eat, how much they weigh, and what they like to do or not do. These approaches rarely help and often create an atmosphere of anxiety and confusion. This book is an invitation to health professionals to rethink our current understanding of health, illness, and the process of healing. It covers topics that are rarely addressed in health promotion including the history of the human species, the Scientific Revolution, quantum physics, and the latest mind/body/spirit research. While it may seem as if this information is only marginally related to health, we believe it provides a critical foundation for the truly holistic approach to health promotion we describe in detail in this book. It is time to re-create our profession and set a daring new course with the goal of improving the quality of the human experience.

This title's main subject is "to be born again of Water and the Spirit." It has the originality on the subject. In other words, this book clearly tells us what being born again is and how to be born again of water and the Spirit in strict accordance with the Bible. The water symbolizes the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan and the Bible says that all our sins were passed on to Jesus when He was baptized by John the Baptist. John was the representative of all mankind and a descendant of Aaron the High priest. Aaron laid his hands on the head of the scapegoat and passed all the yearly sins of the Israelites on the Day of Atonement. It is a shadow of the good things to come. The baptism of Jesus is the antitype of the laying on of hands. Jesus was baptized in the form of the laying on of hands at the Jordan. So He took away all the sins of the world through His baptism and was crucified to pay for the sins. But most Christians don't know why Jesus baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan. Jesus' baptism is the keyword of this book, and the indispensable part of the Gospel of Water and the Spirit. We can be born again only by believing in the baptism of Jesus and His Cross.

Today, practicing shamanism doesn't mean you have to live in a rainforest or a desert. Thanks to a modern renaissance of shamanic spirituality, practitioners from all walks of life now use powerful indigenous techniques for healing, insight, and spiritual growth. With Awakening to the Spirit World, teachers Sandra Ingerman and Hank Wesselman bring together a circle of renowned Western shamanic elders to present a comprehensive manual for making these practices accessible and available in our daily lives, including: How the original practice of shamanism shaped the world's spiritual traditions and why it is still relevant today. The art of the shamanic journey—a time-tested meditative method for experiencing spiritual insights and truths. Guidance for avoiding common pitfalls of shamanic practice. Instruction for working with your dreams, connecting to your spirit guides, healing yourself and your environment. The core of shamanism is the experience of direct revelation— to communicate firsthand with your spiritual allies and discover your own power. Awakening to the Spirit World takes you through each step of developing a personal connection with your helping spirits to receive wisdom, insight, and healing energy. From an overview of shamanism, to your first journeys and encounters with your power animals, to expanding your skills and insight through long-term practice, here is an in-depth resource for the shamanic arts that includes: Creating rituals and ceremonies for healing and transformation Reconnecting with nature to heal ourselves and the planet Working with your dreams, songs, and artistic vision to strengthen your practice Traditional wisdom for children— healthy rites of passage for each phase of a child's journey to adulthood Honoring the cycle of life and death— shamanic practices to prepare for and celebrate our final transition in this life Excerpt Shamanism is the most ancient spiritual practice known to humankind and is the "ancestor" of all our modern religions. As a method, it is a form of meditation combined with a focused intention to accomplish various things, as well become apparent in this book. As a spiritual practice, shamanism can become a way of life that may utterly transform the one who practices it. The word "shaman" comes from the language of the Evenki peoples, a Tungusic tribe in Siberia. This is a word whose meaning has to do with esoteric knowledge and extraordinary spiritual abilities and as such a shaman is often defined as an intermediary between the human and spirit worlds. In shamanic cultures, the word "shaman" has come to mean "the one who sees in the dark" or "the one who knows." There are certain commonalities in a shaman's worldview and practice across the world that allow us to make certain broad generalizations about shamanism. In the majority of indigenous cultures, the universe is viewed as being made up of two distinct realms: a world of things seen and a world of things hidden, yet that these two worlds present themselves together as two halves of a whole. The shaman is the inspired visionary, a man or a woman who learns through practice how to enter into this "world of things hidden," and once there, he or she typically encounters extra-mundane personalities or archetypal forces that the indigenous peoples refer to as spirits, ancestors, or even gods. Reviews "Awakening to the Spirit World" takes a deep look at tapping sources of invisible power in daily life. So much of what Sandra Ingerman and Hank Wesselman write about is lost to modern medicine: listening to the weather and the elements, understanding death, and more. This is a courageous book that will appeal to all who long to explore the unseen world."—Judith Orloff, MD, author of Emotional Freedom "In an era when chaos, confusion, and uncertainty take center stage, the ancestors, focused on balancing the energies of life, call forth calm, clarity, and pragmatic direction for accessing the medicine needed to heal the individual and collective psyche. In this moment in time, we are invited into "Awakening the Spirit World," where we are reassured that we are not alone. We are in good company, indeed." —Malidoma Patrice Some, PhD, author of "Of Water and the Spirit, The Healing Wisdom of Africa," and "Ritual: Power, Healing, and Community."

* Serves as a guide to using ritual acts in peacebuilding efforts * Abundant with examples of symbolic acts that aided the peace process Conflict is dramatic. In theater, literature, story telling, and news reporting, it is a powerful mechanism that draws attention, heightens the senses and evokes emotion. Schirch argues that peacebuilding has the potential to do just the same. Examples of peacebuilding often center on the serious, rational negotiations and formal problem-solving efforts in conflict situations. Schirch argues, though, that what truly bonds adversaries and helps achieve peace are the symbolic, non-verbal ritual acts—shaking hands, sharing a meal, showing a photograph of a loved one. Yet these are often overlooked as deliberate components of peace negotiations. Ritual and Symbol in Peacebuilding underscores the importance of incorporating symbolic tools, including ritual, into traditional approaches to conflict. Ritual assists in solving complex, deep-rooted conflicts, and helps to confirm and transform
worldviews, identities, and relationships. With theories and language to explain the symbolic dimensions of conflict, this text will be useful to scholars and practitioners active in the diverse field of peacebuilding.

A breathtaking celebration of Instagram’s premier solo female travel community, featuring 200 striking photographs—most of them all-new—plus empowering messages and practical tips for solo travelers. “For those with passports full of stories, this book carries you away to every dreamy corner of the earth. I can’t stop flipping through these visually incandescent pages to see where I’m capable of traveling to next!”—Caila Quinn, The Bachelor contestant and lifestyle and travel influencer From backpackers in Peru to artists in Berlin to storytellers in Morocco, Dame Traveler celebrates the diversity and bravery of women from around the world who are not afraid to think (and live) outside the box. The revolutionary Dame Traveler Instagram account was founded by Nastasia Yakoub, who was born into a strict Chaldean-Middle Eastern community where women are expected to marry young and put aside other personal ambitions. But at the age of twenty, Nastasia embarked on a solo trip to South Africa to volunteer at an orphanage in Cape Town, which sparked a love of world travel. Recognizing a void in the travel industry, she founded Dame Traveler, the first female travel community on Instagram, now more than half a million strong. Nastasia herself has traveled to sixty-three countries on solo adventures, sharing colorful photos of her tantalizing travels along the way. Dame Traveler celebrates these women with a photographic collection of 200 stunning images paired with inspiring captions, 80% of which have never been seen on the Instagram account. Organized into sections on architecture, culture, nature, and water, each entry features travel information, plus tips, advice, unique solo-travel experiences, and wisdom from contributing globe-trotters to embolden the next generation of Dame Travelers.

Siddhartha is perhaps the most important and compelling moral allegory our troubled century has produced. Integrating Eastern and Western spiritual traditions with psychoanalysis and philosophy, this strangely simple tale, written with a deep and moving empathy for humanity, has touched the lives of millions since its original publication in 1922. It is my ultimate wish to see all people in every land and regardless of their religious affiliation enjoying total freedom from satanic influence and demonic pollution. However, it is not possible. A life without Christ is doomed to daily face crisis. The simple solution to this set back to total dominion is Genuine Repentance and complete conversion to Jehovah God through Jesus Christ. According to Acts 4: 12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” A New York Times photojournalist explores African history, traditions, and personality as seen in people of African descent throughout the world By Water and the Spirit, a 6-session study guide for use in small groups, contains the full text of the paper “By Water and the Spirit,” which describes the United Methodist understanding of baptism approved by the 1996 General Conference. This booklet serves as a resource for congregational leaders who are helping members make connections between the baptismal covenant and discipleship in daily life.

Using voices from ancient Africa, the author celebrates children and their place in community, arguing that ritual and spirit can enliven daily living.

Spiritually speaking, the realm of the water is deep and powerful. It is not easy to understand. However, it is the most spiritualised realm, because the Spirit of God was on the face of the water before the Heavens and the Earth were separated from the waters.

Millie moved into her grandmother’s old (and haunted) Victorian house shortly after her parents announced their divorce. That meant she had an entire summer to stay up late and play video games with her favorite person in the world, her Mimi. Millie didn’t understand why Mimi would often leave in the middle of a raid and come back hours later bruised and bloody. Until one fateful night, Mimi came home with a mortal wound and confessed a family secret. Millie comes from a long line of curanderas and is charged with keeping the balance of the universe. Mimi assumed she’d train Millie when the time was right. Unfortunately, time for Mimi is short and the people of Sweet Bay have a supernatural predator on their hands. Millie has no choice but to take the reins.

What does the church look like if we take the ministry of the baptized the priesthood of all believers seriously? How are congregations transformed when the church supports and affirms the ministry of all the baptized, particularly in small congregations without the means to hire a seminary-trained pastor? And what ecclesial structures and educational models need to emerge in the next decades to assist these small congregations in the recovery of baptismal living and their own vitality? Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook and Fredrica Harris Thompsett explore these questions as well as the variety of ways people in small congregations may with no more than fifty members are living out their baptism and the impact their actions are having on their congregations, judicatories, and communities, and the institutions that educate clergy. The authors argue that just because a community cannot pay a seminary-trained minister, a growing problem in remote regions, it does not mean that there is no ministry there. It does mean that we need to look at ministry and the church in a more expansive way. The stories of the congregations revealed in this book serve to inspire us about what is possible when we live intentionally as the reconciling presence of the body of Christ in the world. They also educate us about what will be needed in the years to come to lift up still more small congregations for their work in the larger community.

Over more than twenty years as a mediator, Aaron T. Wolf has learned that successful conflict resolution is shaped by complicated dynamics—from how comfortable the meeting room is to the participants’ deepest senses of self. Bridging seemingly intractable issues means addressing multiple layers of needs. Wolf’s approach may be surprising to Westerners who are accustomed to separating rationality from spirituality and science from religion. The Spirit of Dialogue draws lessons from a diversity of faith traditions to transform conflict, from identifying the root cause of anger to aligning with an energy beyond oneself—what Christians call grace—to the true listening practiced by Buddhist monks. Whether atheist or fundamentalist, Muslim or Jewish, Quaker or Hindu, any reader involved in difficult dialogue will find concrete steps towards a meeting of souls.

Seven is such an important number. It means finished, completed, rest. In this lesson we are exploring the seven levels of water and spirit, with an excerpt on the kingdom of water. We begin with the history of water, and the many historical uses and purposes of water; to do so we had to study biblical history where we found what occurred in the beginning. This historical study reveals that there were seven levels of water. Mist, dew, rain, wells, rivers, waters of the atmosphere, waters of the deep and the underworld. These levels of water also relate to the seven manifestations of the spirit. This information is a source of revelation, inspiration and study for readers.

This volume illustrates the world of water in an exceptional fashion. It takes readers deep into the world of Hado, the universal law of vibration and resonance, and explains how to use awareness, alongside Hado principles to benefit not only ourselves, but those around us, and ultimately the world at large.
These are not drunk, as you suppose… (Acts 2:15). —Peter preaching to the crowd after the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We tend to overlook Peter's opening words to the crowd that first Pentecost morning, to our own peril. His denial of drunkenness in the wake of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit should stop us in our tracks. What was going on here? How did the apostles experience the Holy Spirit? What was he teaching them? How was he empowering them? What does this scene in the streets of Jerusalem mean for us today? Father Raniero Cantalamessa offers pastoral advice and leads the reader through passages of Scripture and the Fathers of the Church to remind us of the in calculable power of the Spirit available to us. This spiritual “intoxication” is an infilling—through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and the action of God—that purifies us of sin, renews the heart and enlightens the mind. As St. Augustine said of the Spirit, “He found you empty and he filled you… I like this kind of intoxication. The Spirit of God is both drink and light.”

For 2000 years new believers have declared their faith in Jesus through baptism (in water), and appropriating the New Testament promise of being filled with the Holy Spirit. This little book offers Bible teaching on the significance of believer's (water) baptism and what it means to be filled (or baptized) in the Holy Spirit.

The woman that sits upon many waters is a principality in control of the kingdom of water spirit. She is one of the most dangerous principality that Satan trust so much to accomplish his evil activities on earth. She projects herself into every leadership level to control the inhabitants through every leader from the family level to the last level of every government. She is in charge of all the cults, witchcrafts operations and every evil group. She is to Satan whom the Holy Spirit is to God and the general overseer of every dead church. Through her evil covenants, networks, she sits upon the destinies, lives, marriages, peoples stars and their great greatness. In the final days of John on earth, she attacked him but God delivered him and promised to judge her as a great white throne that sits upon many waters. The details on how to be delivered from her bondage are all exposed in this book.

Water’s wisdom on renewal, communication, and holism • How water, as a conscious organism, unites all of creation in one vast communication network • Includes the research of Masaru Emoto and Viktor Schauberger • Discusses the energetics of water, water treatments, finding the best-quality water, and the perils of bottled and distilled water.

Once held sacred the world over, water contains a wisdom few today acknowledge. Driving everything from our metabolic processes to weather patterns and climate change, its real significance lies in its role as a medium for metamorphosis, recycling, and exchanging energy and information. Seeking a return to our ancestors’ reverence for water, Alick Bartholomew explores water’s sacred uses, its role in our bodies and environment, and the latest scientific studies to reveal that water is a conscious organism that is self-creating and self-organizing. Examining new discoveries in quantum biology, he shows how water binds all of life into one vast network of energy, allowing instant communication and coherence. Covering the research of water visionaries such as Viktor Schauberger, Mae-Wan Ho, and Masaru Emoto, he examines the memory of water and reveals how the same water has been cycling through Earth’s history since the dawn of time, making water nature’s greatest recycling and reclaiming agent. With information on the energetics of water, water treatments, finding the best-quality water, and the perils of bottled and distilled water, this book offers us a path to reclaim the spirituality of water.

In the early 1990s three friends sat together to practice the art of meditation. Soon they were joined by a wonderful lady, Olive, who was then in her early eighties. She had experienced phenomena at the age of five - “remote viewing”. In her mind she could see events occurring far away and would tell her mother. On 18th May 1992 the friends had achieved a state of awareness for spirit to talk to them. Peter stood up for the first time. There then was the exciting first message - the first “Words from Spirit” of many more that followed.

A study of the Orthodox understanding of Baptism and Chrismation.

In this book Pepetela offers a scathing critique of the modern-day Angolan elite for squandering the sacrifices of the past.

When Jack Deere turned seventeen, he did not know God or a single verse of Scripture. At twenty-seven, he became a professor of Old Testament Exegesis and Semitic Languages at Dallas Theological Seminary. He started and pastored an influential church in Ft. Worth, Texas. He taught his church and his students that God no longer gave the “miraculous gifts of the Spirit” or spoke outside the pages of Scripture. After teaching seminary for ten years, a bestselling author shocked Deere when he told him that he not only believed God was regularly healing people today, but that he had seen undeniable miracles in answer to his prayers. For the next four months, Deere studied every healing story in the New Testament. This time he came to those stories with the open mind of a scholar, completely at home in the original languages of the Bible, not as a gullible student swallowing the prejudices of his teachers. At the end of those four months, Deere was convinced, against his will, that God was still healing and speaking just as he had done in the New Testament. Deere and his wife Leesa began to pray for people in their church and witnessed dramatic, documented healings. In Why I Am Still Surprised by the Power of the Spirit, Deere demonstrates that the Scriptures teach that God is healing and speaking today just as he did 2000 years ago. He tells documented stories of modern miracles. He explains the nature of spiritual gifts, defines each spiritual gift, offers sound advice on discovering and using the gifts in church today. He shows how all of this part of God's way of deepening our friendship with him. A modern classic. Surprised by the Power of the Spirit was published twenty-five years ago, and in that book Deere claimed that he would live long enough to see the majority of conservative evangelicals come to believe in all the gifts of the Spirit. That has come true. The theological landscape has changed dramatically. Nearly completely rewritten, this new edition still offers that proof but has about seventy percent new material on the practical matters of experiencing and using spiritual gifts. For example, anyone who prays regularly for the sick will encounter demonic power. Demons pop up all over the Synoptic Gospels. There are two new chapters on ministering to the demonized. There is much confusion on what it means to be filled with the Spirit today. Deere takes three chapters to examine every use of "filled with the Spirit" and "full of the Spirit" in the New Testament to show why and how God still fills his servants with the Holy Spirit. There are many new stories of God's power, even walking on water and multiplying food. Deere also introduces the newest literature defending and explaining the gifts of the Spirit. All this and more continues the book's legacy for a new time.

What is Born of the Spirit is Spirit provides reflections on Scripture texts associated with (Holy) Spirit and (human) spirit. Various aspects of Spirit and spirit are explored in one-hundred-five entries. The subtitle, A Biblical Spirituality of Spirit, indicates the ways biblical authors are inspired to present imaginatively what cannot be pictured. Spirit and spirit. This book attempts to recover the spirituality of biblical stories that narrate how the Spirit connects to spirit and the results of such connectivity. By exploring the use of biblical metaphors and similes we develop a spirituality of Spirit, the way human spirit is in the presence of the divine Spirit. Spirituality is Spirit connecting to spirit. It is Spirit giving birth to spirit (John 3:6).
This landmark book shows how five African civilizations—Yoruba, Kongo, Ejagham, Mande and Cross River—have informed and are reflected in the aesthetic, social and metaphysical traditions (music, sculpture, textiles, architecture, religion, idiogrammatic writing) of black people in the United States, Cuba, Haiti, Trinidad, Mexico, Brazil and other places in the New World.