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

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.

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. Aided by a witch and the magician Alan Moore, David Bramwell takes an occult journey back in time up the river Don, in search of the supernatural secrets of our waterways and to solve the mystery of a drowned village which has long haunted his memories. Travelling through the industrial destruction of our landscape he arrives in a pre-Christian era when well and springs were worshiped as living deities, bringing him face to face with Danu, the goddess of primordial waters, who gave her name to the Don. Can Bramwell face his demons and unravel the symbolic mysteries of our ancient ancestors? Who is the mysterious Vulcan? And will there be a pie and a pint waiting for him at the end of it all?

"I was swept along by Asha's story from the first page." SARAH DRIVER, author of The Huntress trilogy Asha lives in the foothills of the Himalayas. Money is tight and she misses her papa who works in the city. When he suddenly stops sending his wages, a ruthless moneylender ransacks their home and her mother talks of leaving. From her den in the mango tree, Asha makes a pact with her best friend, Jeevan, to find her father and make things right. But the journey is dangerous: they must cross the world's highest mountains and face hunger, tiredness - even snow leopards. And yet, Asha has the unshakeable sense that the spirit bird of her grandmother - her nanijee - will be watching over her.

This is an intimate and moving portrait of a family combined with an account of the events which swept through Africa in the post-independence period. As the child of a Sierra Leonian medical student and a white, working class woman in 1960s Aberdeen, Aminatta Forna saw bricks thrown through the windows of the family home and her mother spat on in the street and disowned by her own father. On moving to Sierra Leone, where her parents set up a clinic, she enjoyed an idyllic childhood playing among the mango trees. But her father's increasing involvement in politics became too much of a strain for her mother, who fled back to England. Aminatta's father married a Sierra Leonian and became Deputy Prime Minister and the family enjoyed the life of the elite.

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.

Exploring man's ecological, spiritual, and symbolic relationship with nature through meditation and thoughts on water, this volume is a useful tool for religious practitioners of all faiths to understand more deeply the connection between their religious life and the earth. Based on the idea that water is the original, primordial mirror, the examination details how a community's values are now reflected in its water, asking questions such as What are our polluted rivers and streams saying about us? And does that match what our faith instructs us to be? With input from many voices and traditions, the collection includes essays and poetry from a wide range of intellectuals and poets, including Ananda K. Coomaraswamy, Thomas Merton, Huston Smith, and Henry David Thoreau, among others.

"A vision that encompasses two worlds and weaves the lessons of both into a fine tapestry."?CLAIRSA PINKOLA ESTES. 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 incalculable 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."

According to the latest official figures, the Church of England conducts over 2,600 baptisms every week and their popularity seems to be on the rise. The figures for christenings and for adult baptism alike both show an increase of around 5% on the previous year. The opportunities that this presents for mission are clear. As a teacher of ordinands and readers (who cannot officiate at baptisms but who are often involved in baptism preparation), Phillip Tovey surveys the Church’s understanding and practice of the rite of baptism from the days of the New Testament to its meaning in today’s secular society, and uniquely explores the missional dimension of the liturgy of baptism. 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.

A renowned, respected teacher and mentor to thousands, Sobonfu Somi is one of the first and foremost voices of African spirituality to come to the West. Somi was born in Dano, Burkina Faso, a remote West African village with a population of about two hundred people. Dano has preserved the old ways of African village life, with family structures, spiritual practices, and methods of living that have been in place for more than ten thousand years. In The Spirit of Intimacy, Somi distills the ancient teachings and wisdom of her native village to give insight into the nature of intimate relationships.

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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.

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. Presents the story of Nuliajuk, the spirit of the sea, and how she came to live at the bottom of the ocean as a powerful and vengeful spirit.

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 human lives and nations.

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!

A study of the Orthodox understanding of Baptism and Chrismation.

* 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 boy. A wolf. A legend of all time. The second book in the internationally bestselling WOLF BROTHER (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness) series by renowned author Michelle Paver. Thousands of years ago an orphan boy and his wolf cub challenge a demon bear that threatens to destroy their world for ever. With the help of the World Spirit, Torak destroys the bear, but his beloved Wolf is lost in the process. Yet Torak's quest is far from over. A strange sickness is threatening the Raven Clan and only the Seal Clan have the cure. Torak must face a lonely journey to the Seal Islands to find it, but what he stumbles upon there is far from what he was expecting. And all is not as it seems ... Audio edition also available, read by Sir Ian McKellen.

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, andultimately the world at large. 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.

From Madonna to Deepak Chopra, celebrities have been recording and embracing Rumi's poetry for the past two decades, creating a resurgence of interest in this 14th century Sufi mystic. Rumi's Little Book of Life is a beautiful collection of 196 poems by Rumi, previously unavailable in English. Translated by native Persian speakers, Maryam Mahi and Azima Melita Kolin, this collection will appeal to Rumi lovers everywhere. This collection of mystical poetry focuses on one of life's core issues: coming to grips with the inner life. During the course of life, each of us is engaged on an inner journey. Rumi's Little Book of Life is a guidebook for that journey. The poetry is a companion for those who consciously enter the inner world to explore the gardens within--out of the everyday "world of dust"--through an ascending hierarchy that restores one's soul to the heart; the heart of the spirit; and in finding spirit, transcending all.

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.

Today, practicing shamanism doesn't mean you have to live in a rain forest 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 important spiritual lessons 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.

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 whore that sits upon many waters. The details on how to be delivered from her bondage are all exposed in this book.

Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God.” 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.”

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

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


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.