Ayahuasca Visions

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Ayahuasca Nicholas Floyd The AYAHUASCA **READER** is a four-part celebration of a sacred plant which grows in the Amazon rainforest and which, throughout the rainforest history, has been instrumental in allowing medicine men (and others) to leave their bodies behind and travel with their souls. Their experiences and the invaluable information they return with are so impressive that many anthropologists have felt the inclination to question them about these "trips" and the mythologies of their ancestors regarding them. Hence, part one of the AYAHUASCA

READER consists of information divulged in such interviews. Part two consists of essays by (or about) the scientists themselves upon experiencing Ayahuasca in ceremonial settings. Part three discusses the use of Ayahuasca as a present day religious sacrament, and finally, in part four, well known celebrities from the literary world discuss their experience of Ayahuasca. All of this renders the AYAHUASCA bonuses. There is a lot at READER the most comprehensive collection ever written on the subject, with essays translated from nearly a dozen languages. The many contributors include peoples, photographs of a Françoise Barbira Freedman, Wade Davis, Philippe Descola, Allen Ginsberg, Jean Langdon, Peter Matthiessen, Dennis McKenna, W.S.Merwin, Richard Spruce, Gerardo Reichel-Dolmatoff, Mario Vargas

Llosa, and more. As the myths within confirm, Ayahuasca has been a means "of reconnecting with the invisible layers of the cosmos" for millennia. Not surprisingly, the myths make for very fascinating reading in and of themselves, and certainly no study of world mythology is complete with them. The additional scientific, religious and literary points of view, then, are all wonderful work here: As if the various stories from these disparate groups were not enough, there are depictions of the artwork of the indigenous few of the Ayahuasca practitioners (including Ginsberg), a copy of a Brazilian watercolor depicting Ayahuasca, a copy of an oil painting depicting visions induced by the plant, and much more. From the religion

section there are hymns a memoir and part practical plenty, and from the literary section, as much eloquent prose and spirited poetry as a reader is likely to find in any literary anthology. The Religion of Ayahuasca New World Library A "what to expect " guide for nausea and details the special first-time ayahuasca users paired with accounts from the author's extensive shamanic experiences in the Amazon • Describes how to prepare for the first ceremony, what to do in the days afterward, and how to maintain a shamanic healing diet • Details some of the author's own ayahuasca experiences, including an intensive trip in 2009 when he underwent 17 ceremonies • Explores the many other plants that are part of the ayahuasca healer's medicine cabinet as well as the icaros, healing songs, of the ayahuasca shaman Since 1999 Jan Kounen has regularly traveled to the Peruvian Amazon to participate in ayahuasca ceremonies. At first only a curious filmmaker, over multiple trips he transformed from explorer to apprentice to ayahuasquero and often found himself surrounded by other foreigners coming to the jungle for their first taste of ayahuasca medicine. Knowing how little guidance is available on how to The Ayahuasca prepare or what to expect, he naturally offered them advice. Part visionary ayahuasca

guide, this book contains the same step-by-step advice that Kounen provides first-time avahuasca users in the jungle. He describes how to prepare for the first ceremony and what to do in the days afterward. He explores how to deal with the preparatory diets an ayahuasca shaman will put you on, often lasting for months but necessary knows this plant and these for life-transforming results and forests long and well. teachings from the plant spirits. He also explains how it is far easier to maintain these restrictions in the jungle than in the city. Detailing his own ayahuasca experiences over hundreds of sessions, including a trip in 2009 when he underwent 17 ceremonies in 25 days, Kounen describes how ayahuasca transformed him. He most highly tells of his meetings with Shipibo healers, including Kestenbetsa, who opened the doors of this world for him. and Team and author of Tales Panshin Beka, the shaman to whom Kounen became an other plants and foods that are part of the ayahuasca healer 's medicine cabinet, such as to é and tobacco, as well as their icaros, or healing songs. A veritable "what to expect " guide, this book should be your first step prior to committing to ayahuasca.

Experience Inner Traditions / Bear & Co Finally, after 25 years of incubation, Peter Gorman's book is out. Ayahuasca in My Blood - 25 Years of Medicine Dreaming concerns his longstanding relationship with the Amazonian visionary medicine. Here's what people have said about it: "Unlike many writing about ayahuasca, Peter Gorman Explorer, ethnobotanist, writer and raconteur -Gorman is uniquely qualified to tell this incredible tale. A wild mixture of adventure, horror, spirituality, tenderness, and insight, Ayahuasca in My Blood is

recommended!" -- Mark J. Plotkin, Ph.D, President, Amazon Conservation of a Shaman's Apprentice. "Long before ayahuasca apprentice. He details the many tourism became a pastime for rich gringos, Peter Gorman was knocking around Iquitos and the Amazon. He's traveled the rivers and quaffed the brew with the best (and the worst) of them and been way, way beyond the chrysanthemum on many a dark jungle night. This is the intensely personal story of an old-school

jungle rat for whom ayahuasca is not just a hobby, but a life-long quest." -- Dennis McKenna, Ph.D, noted ethnopharmacologist, coauthor of The Invisible Landscape, co-founder of the Institute of Natural Products Research and founding board member of the Heffter Research Institute. "I have known and traveled with Peter for almost a decade and was present for a number of the events he included in this book as well as many others. Don Julio was the most powerful man I have ever had the privilege of knowing. Further, as a trained scientist I believe the plant medicine truly offers a doorway to a rich world that needs to be understood in our postmodern lives. This is destined to become a must read for anyone who is serious about understanding the world of religion and a the shaman." -- Lynn Chilson - CEO Chilson Enterprises, Inc. The Shaman and Ayahuasca Simon and Schuster The Ayahuasca Reader is an expansive anthology of texts translated from several different languages covering multiple aspects of the ayahuasca experience. The book is a classic

in ayahuasca literature and a mustin his own journeys read for those interested in learning more about this sacred plant medicine. Shamanic Plant <u>Medicine -</u> Ayahuasca Createspace Independent Publishing Platform The Santo Daime is a syncretic religion that arose in the Amazon region of Brazil in the middle of the twentieth century and now has churches throughout the world. Its spiritual practice is based around the sacramental use of ayahuasca, a psychedelic brew consumed only within regular ceremonies. In Liquid Light, G. William Barnard-an initiate of the scholar of religious studies-considers the religious practice and transformative inner experiences of the Santo Daime community. Immersing readers

into nonordinary states of consciousness, Barnard provides a vivid as well as introspective depiction of the dramatic ritual and visionary worlds that a practitioner of this tradition encounters. He combines striking first-person accounts of the ritual life of the Santo Daime with accessible examinations of the psychological and philosophical significance of mystical states and mediumship. Bridging insider and outsider perspectives on religious experience, Barnard demonstrates how the Santo Daime offers its practitioners a transformative and profoundly illuminating spiritual path. Liquid Light also reflects on the broader implications of

psychedelics, arguing that entheogenic religions can shed light on a wide range of key philosophical questions concerning consciousness, selfhood, and reality. Sacred Vine of Spirits: Ayahuasca Inner Traditions When National Geographic Adventure published an article in 2006 about the powerful antidepressant effects of ayahuasca, the piece received a phenomenal reader response. That article struck a chord with psychotherapist Rachel Harris, who had encountered many clients unresponsive to traditional therapy and antidepressant protocols. Used for more than 8,000 years intense selfin the Amazon rainforest, ayahuasca crippling is a powerful, and illegal, psychedelic that has distressing gastrointestinal side effects. Yet Harris found many willing to

try it, so deep was their suffering. Harris here shares her original research (the largest study of ayahuasca use in North America) into its effects on depression, anxiety, and PTSD, along with her own personal experiences. By detailing ayahuasca's sex and substance risks and benefits, she aims to help those driven to investigate ayahuasca York, culminating to do so safely and to give their psychological caregivers a template for transformative caring and healing. Listening to Avahuasca New World Library In the tradition of memoirs like Daniel Pinchbeck's 2012 and Jim Carroll's The Basketball Diaries, Adam Elenbaas's Fishers of Men chronicles his journey from destruction and depression to selfacceptance, inner awareness, and spiritual understanding, through

participation in mindexpanding-and healing ayahuasca ceremonies in South America and beyond. From his troubled and rebellious youth as a Methodist minister's son in Minnesota, to his abuse-fueled downward spiral in Chicago and New in a depressive breakdown, Elenbaas is plaqued by a feeling of emptiness and a desperate search for meaning for most of his young life. After hitting rock bottom at his grandfather's house in rural Michigan, a chance experience with psychedelic mushrooms convinces him that he must change his ways to achieve the sense of peace that he has always desired. Several subsequent psychedelic experiences inspire him to embark on a quest to South America and take

part in a shamanic ceremony, where he consumes ayahuasca, a jungle vine revered for its spiritual properties. Over the course of nearly forty ayahuasca ceremonies during four years, Elenbaas discovers the truth about his own life and past, and begins to mend himself from the inside out. Fishers of Men is the gripping, heartbreaking, and vet ultimately uplifting story of the power to transcend one's past. The Accidental Shaman Simon and Schuster Journey into the world of Ayahuasca and healing. A mysterious and powerful plant medicine with curative powers that is drunk as a tea during a sacred misuse and ceremony, Ayahuasca has been known to

But what was once a curious, or a healing experience practiced only by Indigenous South Americans-and sought out by the adventurous few-has, in the past fifty years, become increasingly popular around the world. Hachumak, a Peruvian medicine man, has been practicing traditional healing Ayahuasca ceremony arts in his country for more than twenty years. His unique approach is based on ritualistic simplicity and highlights the essence of the Art, which includes the borrowed forces from Nature. In this remarkable book, he shares his knowledge and experiences to broaden our understanding of this powerful medicine and protect it from exploitation. Whether you are among the uninitiated and

seasoned journeyer, you will gain a deeper understanding of what shamanism is and how and why it works, as well as its possibilities and limitations. Hachumak reveals his own path to becoming a shaman and explains how a well-crafted unfolds when run by an experienced curandero. He describes in detail what to expect-both physically and psyc hologically-while under the quidance of the sacred plants. Central to the message of this book, Hachumak introduces his concepts of Soul Consciousness and Suffering Consciousness, which are central to his message and key to understanding the deep healing work that he performs while also provide new insights for personal self-

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lives dramatically.

reflection. Suffering Consciousness keeps us stuck in our negative ways, but when Soul Consciousness is awakened during a ceremony or spiritual moment, our entire being awakens, and we are shown the way to live according to the dictates of our conscience and the teachings of the spirits. With Hachumak as our experienced and trusted guide, Journeying Through the Invisible offers a new and healing way of seeing ourselves and the world around us. Christ Returns from the Jungle Simon and Schuster A compilation of writings on the chemical, biological, psychological, and experiential dimensions of Ayahuasca • Includes 24 firsthand accounts of Ayahuasca experiences and resulting life changes, including contributions from J.

C. Callaway, Charles S. chemistry of ayahuasca Grob, and Dennis J. McKenna • Discusses the in the field of medical and psychological applications of Ayahuasca Ayahuasca is a hallucinogenic Amazonian plant mixture medicine and that has been used for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years by native Indian and mestizo shamans in Peru, Colombia, and Ecuador for healing and Red Wheel Weiser divination. Many Western-trained physicians and psychologists have acknowledged that this substance can allow access to spiritual dimensions of consciousness, even mystical experiences indistinguishable from classic religious mysticism. In Sacred Vine of Spirits: Ayahuasca Ralph Metzner, a pioneer in the study of consciousness, has assembled a group of authoritative contributors who provide an exploration of the chemical, biological, psychological, and experiential dimensions of ayahuasca. He begins with more than 20 firsthand accounts from Westerners who have used ayahuasca and then encounters with the presents the history, psychology, and

from leading scholars psychoactive research. He concludes with his own findings on ayahuasca, including its applications in psychology, and compares the worldview revealed by ayahuasca visions to that of Western cultures. Listening to Ayahuasca Ever since the "consciousness revolution" in the 1960s, dedicated spiritual seekers and scientific researchers from all continents have explored the world of psychoactive and hallucinogenic plants. In Ayahuasca, objective scientific information and the narratives of ayahuasca users -shamans and others -are presented together. Readers will also learn the pharmacology of this Amazonian plant. Ayahuasca Visions Park Street Press Gnostic texts are filled with encounters of strange other worldly beings, journeys to visionary heavenly realms, and presence and spirit of the divine. In

Gnostic visions, author and Gnostic scholar Luke A. Myers with the creation of presents evidence demonstrating how Gnostic visions were created and the connection these visions have to naturally occurring visionary compounds that are still in existence today. The culmination of more than ten years of research, Gnostic Visions advances the understanding of classical ethnobotany, Gnosticism, and the genesis of early Christian history. In mankinds relationship this book the author discusses the prehistoric foundations of early human religion as well as the visionary many of the most religious traditions of the classical Greeks and Egyptians. in human history. Using these as a foundation, the book presents new and never before seen research explaining how Gnostic visions were created and what types of compounds were used by these ancient people to create them. Gnostic Visions presents evidence directly

linking visionary Ayahuasca analogs Gnostic and Hermetic visionary experiences. Gnostic Visions also describes the decline of Gnosticism, other visionary practices used in the Dark Ages and gives a brief tour of the visionary and heart-wrenching plants of the new world. In Gnostic visions, Myers tells of his personal experience with the divine and includes some of his own reflections of the importance of to the natural world. He communicates that altered states of consciousness have been responsible for profound mystical religious experiences Plant Teachers Simon and Schuster Secluded in the depths of the Peruvian Amazon, Nicholas Floyd plunges headfirst into the ancient shamanic ritual of ingesting Ayahuasca, a medicinal and

extremely potent psychedelic brew that thrusts him into a profound introspective journey of unbridled euphoria, unbearable anquish, unsettling imagery, and unexpected epiphanies. Brutal visions force him to confront himself for the first time in his life, and he emerges from the emotional crucible as a man reformed in ways that he never predicted. Seven Nights with Ayahuasca is the graphic firsthand narrative of one man's life-changing Ayahuasca visions, written in precise language devoid of the vague analogies and cryptic spiritual lingo that often saturate such accounts of Ayahuasca. In this gripping and phantasmagorical expedition of the mind - easily accessible regardless of one's experience with

psychedelics - Floyd Paths to Outer Space vividly details both the Ayahuasca intoxication itself, as well as the incredible therapeutic potential thereof. Sacred Vine of Spirits: Ayahuasca Running PressBook Pub An investigation into experiences of other realms of existence and contact with otherworldly beings . Examines how contact with alien life-forms can be obtained through the "inner space" dimensions of our minds • Presents evidence that other worlds experienced through consciousness-_____centuries-old search altering technologies are often as real as those perceived with our five senses • Correlates science fiction's imaginal realms with psychedelic research For thousands of years, voyagers of inner space--spiritual seekers, shamans, and psychoactive drug users--have returned from their inner imaginal travels reporting encounters with alien intelligences. Inner

presents an innovative examination of how we by our five senses. can reach these other Singing to the Plants dimensions of existence and contact After more than 450 otherworldly beings. Based on their more than 60 combined years of research into the function of the brain, the authors reveal how psychoactive substances such as DMT allow the brain to bypass our five basic senses to unlock a multidimensional realm of existence where otherworldly communication occurs. They contend that our for alien life-forms has been misdirected and that the alien worlds reflected in visionary science fiction actually mirror the inner space world of our minds. The authors show that these "alien" worlds encountered through altered states of human awareness, either through the use of psychedelics or other methods, possess a sense of reality as great as,

or greater than, those of the ordinary awareness perceived Simon and Schuster years of European intrusions into South America's rainforest, small groups of people across Europe now gather discreetly to participate in Amazonian ceremonies their local governments consider a criminal act. As devotees of a new Brazil-based religion called Santo Daime, they claim that they contact God by way of ayahuasca, a potent psychoactive beverage first developed by native communities in pre-Columbian Amazonia. This bitter, brown liquid is a synergy of plants containing DMT, a mindaltering chemical classified as an illicit "hallucinogen" in most countries. By contrast, Santo Daime members (daimistas) revere ayahuasca as a sacrament, combining it with rituals and theologies borrowed from Christian mysticism, indigenous shamanism, Afro-Brazilian spiritualism, and Western esotericism. The Santo Daime

religion was founded in brew, has become 1930 by an Afro-Brazilian rubber tapper named Raimundo Irineu Serra, now known as Mestre (Master) Irineu. Presenting results from native people in more than a year of fieldwork with Santo Daime groups in Europe, Marc G. Blainey contributes new understandings of contemporary Westerners' search for existential well-being on an increasingly interconnected planet. As a thorough exploration of daimistas' beliefs about the therapeutic potentials of ayahuasca, this book takes readers on an ethnographic journey into the deepest recesses of the human psyche. Gnostic Visions Columbia University Press The Ayahuasca Test Pilots Handbook provides a practical guide to ayahuasca use, aiding seekers in making right-and safe-decisions about where to go, who to drink with, and what to expect. Ayahuasca, the Amazonian psychoactive plant

vastly popular. Once the sole purview of shamans and indigenous the great Amazon rainforest, ayahuasca is now becoming well known-and widely used-around the globe. Today, foreigners from all over the world flock in everburgeoning numbers to the steamy Amazon, drinking bitter ayahuasca with shamans and curanderos in order to access its potent healing and spirit-enlivening effects. What began as a mere trickle of visitors in the 1980s has become a surging riptide of seekers. Chris Kilham (Fox News's "Medicine Hunter") has worked closely with South American shamans for two decades and has sat in ayahuasca ceremonies with at least 20 different shamans. Through his "Ayahuasca Test

Pilots" program, Kilham has brought numerous people to the Amazon to engage in ceremonies with maestro ayahuasceros. Clear, concise, straightforward, and well informed, The Ayahuasca Test Pilots Handbook is an indispensable guide for anyone curious about this unusual plant medicine. The Ayahuasca Test Pilots Handbook State University of New York Press

A trailblazing anthropologist and an indigenous Amazonian healer explore the convergence of science and shamanism "The dose makes the poison," says an old adage, reminding us that substances have the potential to heal or to harm, depending on their use. Although Western medicine treats tobacco as a harmful addictive drug, it is considered medicinal by indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest. In its unadulterated form, it holds a central place in their repertoire of

traditional medicines. Along with ayahuasca, tobacco forms a part of treatments designed to heal the body, stimulate the mind, and dimensions of inspire the soul with visions. In Plant Teachers, anthropologist Jeremy Narby and traditional healer Rafael Chanchari sophisticated Pizuri hold a crosscultural dialogue that explores the similarities between ayahuasca and tobacco, the role of these plants in indigenous cultures, and the hidden truths they reveal about nature. Juxtaposing and synthesizing two worldviews, Plant Teachers invites readers on a wideranging journey through Grob, M.D., on the anthropology, botany, and biochemistry, while raising tantalizing questions about the relationship between science and other ways of knowing. Forest of Visions North Atlantic Books Ayahuasca is the strongest of the plant medicines used by shamans. When brewed from a vine and a leaf, the potion creates awe-inspiring visual and mental effects. Visionary Ayahuasca Simon and Schuster An exploration of

the chemical, biological, psychological, and experiential ayahuasca • Details the scientific discovery of ayahuasca's psychoactive delivery system in the brain and body and its potential applications in medicine and psychology • Includes contributions from Dennis J. McKenna, Ph.D., J. C. Callaway, Ph.D., and Charles S. ethnopharmacology, psychology, phytochemistry, and psychologists now neuropharmacology of ayahuasca • Provides 24 firsthand accounts of ayahuasca experiences and resulting life changes Widely recognized by anthropologists as the most powerful and widespread shamanic hallucinogen, ayahuasca has been

used by native Indian and mestizo shamans in Peru, Colombia, and Ecuador for healing and divination for thousands of years. Made from the Amazonian vine Banisteriopsis caapi and the DMTladen leaf of Psychotria viridis, ayahuasca is regarded as the embodiment of intelligent plant beings who can offer spiritual teachings and healing knowledge to those who respectfully engage with them. Many Western-trained physicians and acknowledge that ayahuasca allows access to spiritual dimensions of consciousness, otherworldly realms and beings, and visionary experiences indistinguishable from classic religious mysticism. With contributions from leading

psychoactive scholars Dennis J. McKenna, Ph.D., Charles S. Grob, M.D., and J. C. Calloway, Ph.D., on applications in the ethnopharmacology, psychology, phytochemistry, and worldview revealed neuropharmacology of ayahuasca, Ralph visions to that of Metzner provides a comprehensive exploration of the chemical, biological, psychological, and experiential dimensions of this Amazonian hallucinogen. He includes more than 20 firsthand accounts from people who have participated in ayahuasca rituals and experienced major life changes as a result. He details the scientific discovery of ayahuasca's sophisticated psychoactive delivery system in the brain and body as well as the deep psychological impact of this

potent entheogen. Hebecoming increasingly concludes with his own findings on ayahuasca, including its medicine and psychology, and compares the by ayahuasca modern cultures. The Gift of Shamanism Inner Traditions / Bear & Co This is a study of the phenomenology of the special state of mind induced by Ayahuasca, a plantbased Amazonian psychotropic brew. The author's research is based both on extensive firsthand experiences with Ayahuasca, and on interviews conducted with a large number of informants. Alone with the Alone North Atlantic Books Used for thousands of years by indigenous tribes of the Amazon rain forest, the mystical brew ayahuasca is now

popular in the West.

Psychologist Rachel Harris here shares her own healing experiences and draws on her original research (the largest study of ayahuasca use in North America) into the powerful medicine's effects on depression, addiction, PTSD, and anxiety. In this wideranging and personal exploration, Harris details ayahuasca's risks and benefits, helping readers clarify their intentions and giving psychotherapists a template for transformative care and healing.