

Oracle 2002 Survey

Instructions

The goal of this survey is to get an idea of who we are as participants of the Oracle 2002 gathering. We are interesting in finding out what, as a group, we believe, experience, and practice in our shamanic work. This questionnaire protects your anonymity and can be completed in less than fifteen minutes. If you choose to participate in this survey, please print it out and complete the questionnaire. You may submit it at registration, or by mailing it to the address below, or by e-mailing it to mojave@aol.com.

We want everyone to be focused on the goals of the gathering: hoop, nourishing the tree, web. So, once the gathering gets underway we will stop accepting questionnaires. We hope people will be *into* shamanism, rather than *thinking about* shamanism during the gathering. Survey results will be posted on the Shamanic Circles website at www.shamaniccircles.org after April 20. If possible, some results will be presented at the end of the gathering. Thank you very much for your help!

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Demographics

Sex: Male Female Age Occupation:

Is this your first trip to the Oracle Gathering? Yes No How did you find out about it?
Check one.

Shamanic Circles Web Site Email My Circle Referred by a Friend Other _____

Have you participated in similar gatherings to heal the earth? Yes No

How long have you been studying or interested in Shamanism? _____

Helping Spirits

What is your primary power animal? _____

Do you work with additional animal helping spirits for specific types of work? Yes No

Do you work with a teacher or helping spirits in the upper world? Yes No

Learning About Shamanism

How did you first learn about shamanism?

Family or friends Books Circle Group Workshop Spontaneous journeying
Other:

How do you continue learning about shamanism? Check all that apply.

Books Journeying Circle Workshops Other

If you checked more than one, what is your preferred way of learning about shamanism? Check one.

Books Journeying Circle Workshops Other _____

Have you completed or are you currently committed to any long-term shamanic training program?
 Yes No

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Are you learning shamanic traditions from your family ? Yes No

Are you teaching it to other members of your family? Yes No

Shamanic Practice

What tradition(s) or form(s) of shamanism do you practice? Check all that apply.

- Core Shamanism Mayan Incan Tibetan Celtic Scandinavian African
 Native American (specify) _____ Other (specify)

If you checked more than one tradition, what is your *primary* practice?

From the following statements, select the statement(s) that best describe your practice.

- I create my own blend of practices and rituals from my own journeys
 I create my own blend of practices by weaving together rituals and ceremonies from several traditions
 I follow one tradition exclusively and use only practices and rituals from that tradition.

General Attitudes and Beliefs

Circle the number that best describes how you feel about these statements:
1 = strongly disagree 2 = disagree 3 = agree 4 = strongly agree)

- 1 2 3 4 I feel connected to nature.
1 2 3 4 I am concerned about the destruction of nature.
1 2 3 4 I place importance on helping other people by bringing out their gifts.
1 2 3 4 I am concerned about the impact of large corporations on poor countries.
1 2 3 4 I support mindful use of natural resources in business.
1 2 3 4 I believe everything in the universe is alive.
1 2 3 4 I limit my shamanic practice to rituals that I get from my own journeywork.
1 2 3 4 I participate in group shamanic activities only after getting permission from my own helping spirits.
1 2 3 4 I am uncomfortable using a ritual from a culture that is not my own.

Shamanic Experiences:

Which of the following have you experienced? Check all that apply.

- Connection with Earth spirits Connection with Elements (i.e. air, water, earth, fire)
 Connection with Spirits of Place Connection with Ancestors

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Connection with Past Lives

Connection with Spiritual Energy

Synchronicities

Merging with other entities (e.g. shape shifting)

Personal shamanic healing

Have Seen Auras

Other:

Applying Shamanism in Your Life

How do you apply shamanism in your life? For each of the following questions, circle the number that best describes your practice. 1 = Every Day 2 = Regularly 3 = Occasionally 4 = Never

1 2 3 4 I use shamanism to center and/or heal myself

1 2 3 4 I perform soul retrievals for people

1 2 3 4 I perform spiritual healing for people

1 2 3 4 I perform spiritual healing for animals

1 2 3 4 I perform transmutation work with the Earth

1 2 3 4 I perform Earth or environmental healing rituals

1 2 3 4 I work with death and dying

1 2 3 4 I create shamanic art (painting, drawing)

1 2 3 4 I create drums, rattles or talismans for shamanic use

1 2 3 4 I create shamanic music

1 2 3 4 I write shamanic poetry

1 2 3 4 I write shamanic stories

Making a Living with Shamanism

Is shamanism part of how you make a living? Yes No If yes, check the statements that apply.

I'm a psychologist, psychiatrist, or mental health worker and use shamanic principles in my practice.

I have a shamanic counseling practice and charge for my services.

I have a shamanic healing practice and charge for my services.

I lead workshops on shamanism and charge for my services.

I create shamanic tools such drums, rattles, or talismans and charge for these products.

Other (please describe):

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Recommendations

List the top three sources of information (i.e., specific websites, books, movies, videotapes, CD's, tapes, teachers, or workshops) that you would recommend to someone who is interested in shamanism.

- 1.
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