The importance of indigenous knowledge in the modern world

4 Big Questions About Shamanism in the 21st Century

WHAT IS SHAMANISM?
The core of shamanism is the mastery of human consciousness for the purpose of stewarding long-term, collective well-being and creative evolution — for the planet, for humankind, and for all of nature, as one among the many systems of the cosmos.

Shamans are not just healers, as many people think — they are the keepers and evolvers of their culture’s consciousness as it relates to the land they live on, the universe they belong to, and their skillful ways of thriving. In most cultures this includes keeping the fertility of the land high, the well-being of the collective resilient, and the continuity of the culture filled with evolutionary momentum. Shamans are also the cosmic timekeepers, keeping watch over the world ages and stewarding the great shifts in time and circumstance that all cultures need to navigate.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF SHAMANIC TRAINING IN TODAY’S WORLD?
Being trained in authentic shamanic wisdom and visionary skills — in particular the traditions of the Americas — will give you the skills to thrive in a rapidly changing world like no other training you can find.

Consciousness is a precise force in the universe that constantly moves to create and distribute value, well-being, and states of thriving throughout living systems. As a Shaman’s Light™ initiate, you’ll learn to embody the organizing principles of consciousness for your success in life — for your passionate work in the world, for your family, your community, and for every aspect of your Self.

WHAT IS THE SHAMAN’S GREATEST KNOWLEDGE?
A shaman’s greatest knowledge lies in knowing how to use human awareness properly, and for Shaman’s Light™ participants, it lies in the mastery of authentic luminous awareness.

‘The core of our being is the act of perception, and the magic of our being is the act of awareness.’ — don Juan Mateus
A true shaman knows that we humans are designed to discover and evolve through the act of creation. We are designed to encode the knowledge we gain in expressions of beauty that fully support the continuity of life. We are designed to steward the evolution of culture and of consciousness itself on a universal scale.

A shaman carries the knowledge of how human perception and awareness actively work together, and embodying this knowledge the shaman walks in full connection to the earth and all of life. Only with this full connectivity—which allows the shaman to be informed by earth, life, and the cosmos—can the shaman step into his proper job description: leading the way in stewarding collective wellbeing; innovating and evolving ways to thrive; and helping to infuse entire collectives with the power of universal love, membership, and momentum for further growth.

This is knowledge the world sorely needs now—and it is up to the modern shaman to embody it and discover ways to apply it on our world. Simply repeating the old ways won’t get us very far—but the one thing we must carry forward, unchanged yet applied in new ways, is the precise knowledge of how human consciousness works and its great role in the evolution of thriving life. This is what shamanic initiation and mentoring is for.

**HOW WILL SHAMAN’S LIGHT™ HELP YOU MASTER THAT KNOWLEDGE?**

*Your training begins with the secrets of luminous awareness, and proceeds to full initiation in the lineages of the Andes. Every step of the way, we will be applying your unfolding awareness, and the timeless principles that organize awareness, to your ‘phutuy’—your germination and blossoming into states of fulfillment, for you personally and for your collectives.*

At Shaman’s Light™ we devote a full year to the mastery of luminous awareness. The single most challenging thing for you as a modern person may be discovering that you can use your awareness differently—it will open you to the world; it will lift the pressures of life from your shoulder as it cracks open your creativity and resourcefulness; it will infuse your life with love and wellbeing—and yet it can be the thing you may resist the most. At Shaman’s Light™ you are brought into an ayllu—a ‘community, a training group of peers—and together you will learn to support one another, share and learn from one another’s experiences, and grow together in full consciousness as you blossom your skills and passionate life. You will have the support you need to meet the challenge of becoming fully conscious and creating new ways to apply the organizing principles of consciousness on your life path, to what matters most for you.