The Soul Of Shamanism: Western Fantasies, Imaginal Realities

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In this brilliant analysis of ancient and contemporary shamanic practices, which reads like a good story, Noel illuminates: the rising tide of shamanism. The path that will enable Western seekers to become sorcerers. A model for renewed shamanic seeking. How, through dreams and imaginings, can come the spirituality of imaginal healing. A masterful account which tracks the primal practices of the religious life through literary as well as anthropological sources in which Noel manages to extricate the sham from the shamanic while extending our vision of what it is to live in a larger reality. (The Soul of Shamanism; Western Fantasies, Imaginal Realities. New York, The Continuum Publishing Company, 1997. Reviewed by Patricia Darnery The Soul of Shamanism; Western Fantasies

Imaginal Realities by Daniel Noel is in part an historical account of the current interest in shamanism. Noel's premise is that Western European knowledge about shamanism is based on the anthropological work of two men, Mircea Eliade and Carlos Castaneda, both of whose "vorle he labels as "unacknowledged inlaginings." (p. 25) In the first half of the book, Noel outlines what he sees Shamanism Education Katabasis Philosophy Art of dying High school Teenagers Transformative education Ecstatic education. This is a preview of subscription content, log in to check access. References. The soul of shamanism: western Fantasies, imaginal realities. New York: Continuum.Google Scholar. Plato.