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SHAMANIC INITIATION AND  
MENTORING FOR YOUR GENIUS

THE CORE SKILLS NEEDED TO PUT INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE TO WORK IN OUR WORLD

## Shamanic Technologies of Consciousness

*Any technology sufficiently advanced is indistinguishable from magic.*

– Arthur C Clarke

It is important to understand that shamanism is, at its core, the mastery of consciousness. Consciousness, as a force of intelligence in the universe, does nothing but drive evolution by creating states of fulfillment and thriving, at increasingly higher levels, in continuing cycles, throughout the universe. And humans, as shamans through the ages have known, are here to steward this process in precise technical ways that only human consciousness can engage. The keepers of this wisdom, the masters who put the technologies to use for collective thriving and initiate others into these technologies of consciousness are the ones we now call 'shamans'.

Technology in the modern sense is the application of scientific know-how to a particular field of endeavor, usually for the creation of a more efficient product or the solution of a human problem. For most of us, although we use the end-products of technology all the time, we are not the originators, nor do we design the applications. We are usually a step or two away from the source of this thing called technology.

### **KNOWLEDGE AS TECHNOLOGY**

Originally for humans, 'technology' was the application of universal bodies of knowledge to life situations for the purpose solving problems, creating, and thriving. The knowledge was held in the form of organizing principles, universal archetypes, or tribal stories – it was spiritual know-how, encoded both in metaphor and principles describing the physics of the universe. An example of this comes from an Iroquois story in which a spirit – 'The One of the Bright Mind' – said he had 'thought' of a way to help the people resolve grief and establish harmony. He explained he would speak the core principle, and the people would then have to find a way to apply it to their current situations.

The core principle spoken by the deity is the technology. The application is the creative use humans discover for applying the principle [the 'technology'].

It's important to remember that the technology itself never changes, but its applications must change, and in fact must always evolve, because life and its challenges, and consciousness itself, are always evolving.

All cultures have examples of this kind of core wisdom that was used to resolve their problems and evolve better ways of living, relating, and thriving collectively. In the Andean traditions, the principles of presence, membership, thriving relationship, visioning, and creative action are powerful examples of the original technology. In West Africa, the knowledge of the power and relationships between the elements of the cosmos and how they converge to create our world is another example. Indigenous teachings about the structure of the cosmos we live in, and our purpose in that framework, are also examples of our original technology – universal principles and bodies of knowledge [archetypes] that were given into human awareness to be used as tools for sustaining and evolving abundant life.

Applied wisely to practical situations, this original technology can still support, improve, and evolve not just the human experience, but all of life and all relations in the great creation we call the cosmos. However, the indigenous teachings of awareness must be mastered first, for without knowing how to focus our awareness, the magic of these technologies is lost to us.

### **ENERGY AS TECHNOLOGY**

*'The core of our being is the act of perception. The magic of our being is the act of awareness.'* – don Juan Mateus

There is a second kind of technology that indigenous people use: direct, experiential engagements with energy – applying the principles of the movements, behaviors, and interactions of energies to life situations in order to create, heal, grow, and thrive in all ways. This kind of skill appears magical to most people, because most people don't have direct awareness of the invisible energies that create our visible world.

For this kind of technical skill, indigenous people have always developed their 'sensing intelligence' which is a way of saying that they learned to bring their focused awareness to direct perceptual engagements with their world. In Shaman's Light™ we begin this training in the first year, with visionary skills practice and the secrets of mastering luminous awareness.

The organizing principles of the Andean traditions play a key role when we are mastering this type of technology. The intricate knowledge of human and spirit energies in the Himalayan traditions, and the wisdom that is the Eagle's gift in the Yaqui tradition are other 'gateways' we use to master the technologies of energies. Carried in collective cultural memory through generations and applied

to emerging practical challenges as indigenous cultures evolved, these kinds of original wisdom have survived as part of the overall 'technologies of consciousness'. In modern times we have ended up thinking of technology as our gadgets, but these are simply outcomes of the deeper technologies of human consciousness; the more we focus on the outcomes the farther away our awareness strays from its source.

We have to remember that these timeless principles and bodies of knowledge comprise a sacred, universal 'indigenous technology', meaning indigenous to humankind. –It is the most powerful technology humans have ever devised. It is still available to anyone who can bring their luminous shaman's awareness to life, and it lives as the basis of the Shaman's Light™ initiation and mentoring program.

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