



THE FOUNDATION FOR SHAMANIC STUDIES

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Dedicated to the preservation, study, and teaching of shamanic knowledge for the welfare of the Planet and its inhabitants.

A NOTE FROM MICHAEL HARNER

Mystical ecstatic union is an integral part of shamanism, not something that came with civilization. The active shaman is achieving union all the time – engaging in union (or merging) with animals, plants, rocks, water – with everything. Through journey and other experiences, the shaman regularly merges with deities and even the entire Universe. Indigenous shamans only rarely talked about such unions. When they did, the experiences went unrecorded in their pre-literate cultures. It is not with civilization that mystical ecstatic unions came into being. What came into being were the techniques to write about them. (Abstracted from a 1993 dialogue with Brother David Steindl-Rast. Full dialogue on CD at shamanism.org/products/audio.html)

The three pillars of the Foundation are preserving, researching, and teaching shamanic knowledge. These aspects of the Foundation's work are being carried out through various projects, such as the Living Treasures of Shamanism, the educational training programs, and the Shamanic Knowledge Conservatory. (See p. 2, col. 3, for a list of projects.)

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

SHAMANIC DREAMWORK™

The first public offering of the new weekend workshop *Shamanic Dreamwork*, was taught in San Francisco in August to more than 80 participants. Michael Harner presented his recently formulated "A Core Shamanic Theory of Dreams." (See website Articles section.) A second San Francisco workshop was added in September. For more FSS Faculty offerings of this unique workshop, visit the website for dates, locations, and contact information.

NEW – 2011 SUMMERTIME THREE-YEAR PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that beginning in 2011 there will be a *Three-Year Program in Advanced Initiations in Shamanism and Shamanic Healing* offered in the Pacific Northwest, USA. It will be taught by Susan Mokolke.

NEW RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOP – SHAMANIC DEPOSSESSION™

The Foundation is pleased to announce a new five-day residential training in core *Shamanic Depossession*, originated, researched, and developed by Michael Harner and taught by Alicia Gates, assisted by Amanda Foulger. In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to learn the fundamental features of this important healing work, including how to recognize and release such influences safely and compassionately – as well as restoring a client's lost power connections, including soul retrieval and power animal retrieval. This training will be offered in 2011 on both the West and East Coasts of the US.

THREE-YEAR PROGRAM SPAIN

The FSS Three-Year program will be offered for the first time in Barcelona, Spain, starting December 10 – 15, 2010. The program will be taught in Spanish by Alicia Luengas Gates. www.estudioschamanicos.com

FSS IN JAPAN

Thanks to Kevin Turner, recently appointed an FSS Faculty member in Japan, FSS Basic and advanced weekends have been offered in Kyoto and Tokyo. Workshops are offered in English and Japanese. www.shamanism-asia.com



SHAMANIC KNOWLEDGE CONSERVATORY

This great archive, unique in the world, is preserving endangered shamanic knowledge for future generations. It contains over 70,000 pages of researched data on cross-cultural shamanism and shamanic healing; over 6,000 books and journals; and more than 35,000 pages of voluntarily submitted descriptions of shamanic journey and other visionary experiences of contemporary Westerners. The collection includes the very first shamanic journeys Westerners experienced. This is by far the most extensive and valuable collection of its type in the world.

We hope eventually to extend and update our facility to accommodate researchers, with fully functional archives and library, including a professional generalist librarian to classify and catalogue our books and to organize our archives to accessibility standards.



Bair Rinchinov. Photo by Andrei Bukin.

LIVING TREASURES & INDIGENOUS ASSISTANCE

BAIR RINCHINOV, FSS LIVING TREASURE OF SHAMANISM

FSS Living Treasure of Shamanism, Buriat shaman Bair Rinchinov, is doing well and his new home in Siberia is progressing. After his home burned down earlier this year and destroyed his shamanic equipment, the Foundation collected donations on his behalf to help him rebuild. Bair was visited recently by Dr. Dmitrij Funk, FSS Field Associate for Siberia, who reports that thanks to the help received, Bair is not only rebuilding his home, but also restoring his shamanic paraphernalia by ceremonially “reviving” the metal parts of his shamanic tools – drums, rattles, headresses – that survived the fire.

MICHAEL HARNER ON VIDEO

As part of our efforts to preserve Michael’s life’s work originating core shamanism and returning the drum journey and shamanic healing to the West, we have begun videotaping *Conversations with Michael*. There have been two hour-long taping sessions, where Michael has talked about his life, interest in anthropology and shamanism, and his experiences in the Amazon. In the second conversation (see photo, top right), he told us about the early years of bringing core shamanism to the West and some of the fascinating people he has known, including Carlos Castaneda.

We are planning more of these conversations to create a complete record of Michael’s seminal work. Ultimately, we hope to produce a broadcast quality program, which will help demonstrate the power and effectiveness of shamanism in a contemporary context, as well

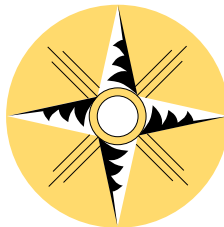
as preserving for future generations what Michael has learned in his decades of field work, research, and experimentation.

MEMBERS OF THE CIRCLE OF THE FOUNDATION

We continue to work to support our membership with new workshops, articles, videos, and online tools to help in the practice of shamanism and shamanic healing. The online Shamanic Services listings continue to grow, with participants throughout the US, and in Canada, Europe, South America, Australia, and recently from Japan, China, and even Thailand.

Certificates of Completion can be ordered online for many of the advanced trainings, now including the Five-Day Harner Shamanic Counseling Training.

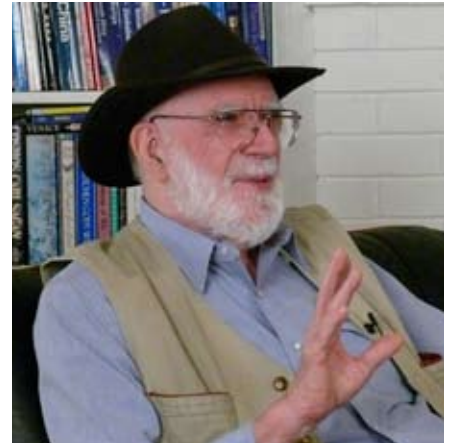
We are excited to introduce you to FSS POLESTAR, our new interactive e-post. As a Circle member, you will receive this via a monthly email. POLESTAR offers a shamanic approach to the issues that influence us daily. We hope that it will support you as you integrate shamanism into your life and enable you to share your questions, concerns, and insights with a thriving network of people. Log on to the FSS Forum to connect with Circle members, and select the POLESTAR topic.



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COUNCIL GATHERING — SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Gathering of the Council will be held on January 28–29, 2011. It will begin on Friday evening with a special presentation by Dr. Larry Peters, FSS Field Associate for Nepal, on Tibetan shamanism as practiced by the FSS Living Treasures. The all-day Saturday session will include a report on the revitalization of shamanism in China and an opportunity to dialogue with Michael. Join us for good food, good friends, and a time immersed in shamanism. **Not a Council member? Become one by December 1st and attend in 2011 and 2012. Join the fun!** shamanism.org/join/index.html



Michael Harner. Photo by Linda Sparrow.

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*Library Accessibility Project
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*World Education Project
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An anonymous donor has offered to match funds given by December 31. Your support is critical to continuing the Foundation’s work. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today.

Donations can be made securely on the website www.shamanism.org/join/donation. Or you may contact Carolyn Fee, Development Associate, at cfee@shamanism.org or 415.246.6445. We welcome those who pledge or donate \$5,000 annually for three years to participate in our Advisory Council.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, we are very grateful for your generosity.

Michael Harner Susan Mokolke
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