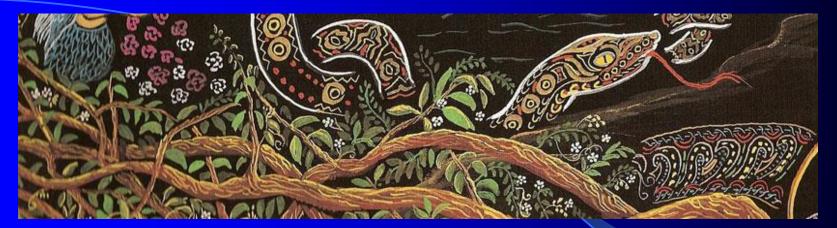


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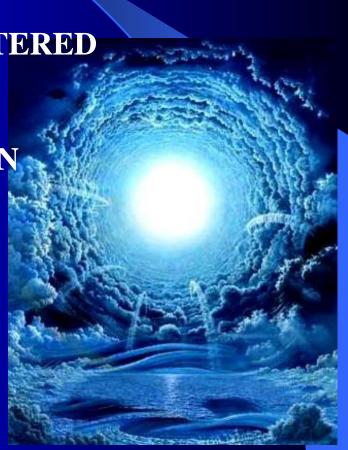
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#### STAGES OF NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES

- PRECIPITATING EVENT
- FORM OF SEPARATION
- INITIAL RESPONSE USUALLY PEACE
- PERCEPTION OF REALITY ALTERED
- SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTER
  - COMPASSION/AFFIRMATION
  - BEINGS
- RETURN TO PHYSICAL BODY
- AFTERMATH



# A BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE



#### COMMON VISIONS AND ALTERNATE REALITIES

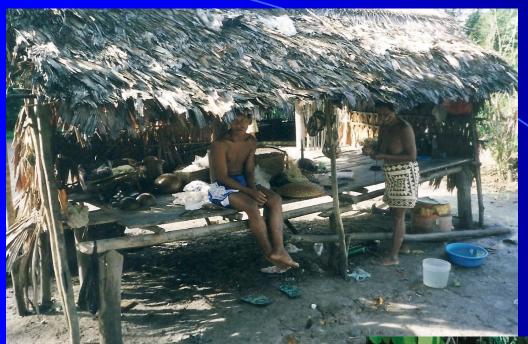


#### PERUVIAN EXPERIENCES

- AMAZONIA
  - AYAHUASKA
  - MAGIC MUSHROOMS
  - FROG POISON
- ANDES
  - HUACHUMA
  - SAN PEDRO
  - COCA

#### PERUVIAN AMAZON – SPIRIT QUEST







#### BREWING AYAHUASKA



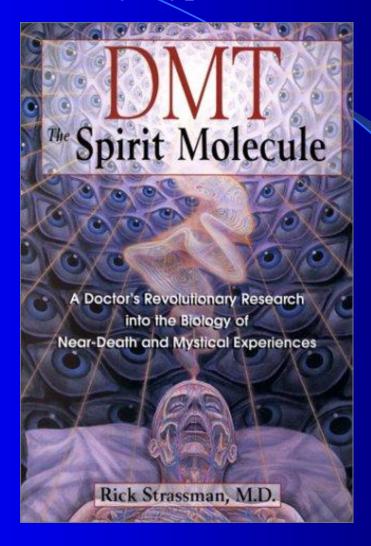
#### AYAHUASKA CEREMONY



#### "THERE IS MORE THAN WHAT'S IN THE CUP"



#### N,N-dimethyltryptamine (DMT)



THE SPIRIT MOLECULE

#### **Beyond the Physical and Emotional Levels of Awareness**

"We enter into invisible realms,

Ones we cannot normally sense and

Whose presence we can scarcely imagine.

**Even more surprising** 

These realms seem to be inhabited."

Strassman

#### DON RIVIERA

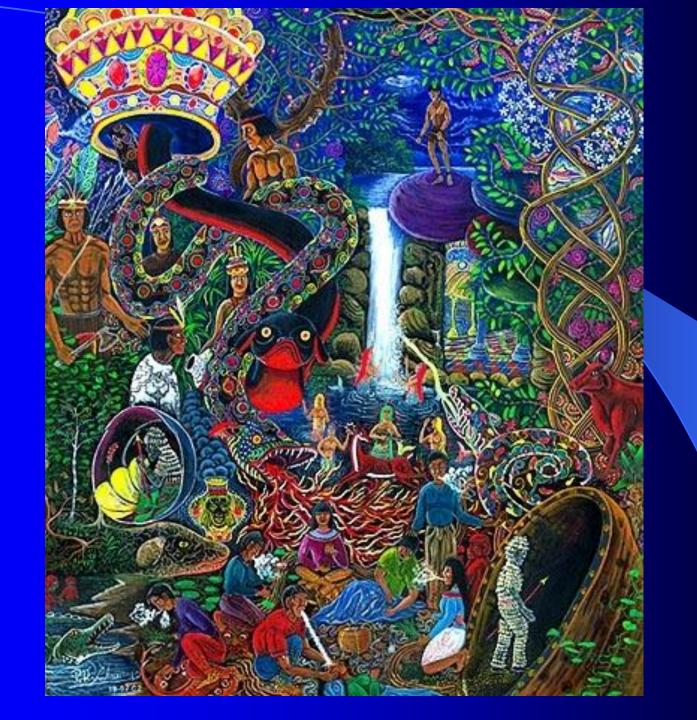


#### PABLO AMARINGO



#### **ANGEL**





#### BEINGS OF VEGETATION



TIME SPACE



#### VISION OF SNAKES

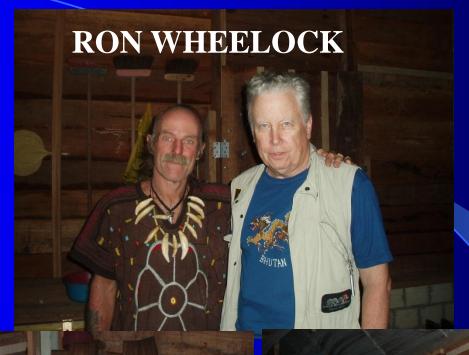


#### DR JORGE RAMIREZ



#### FIDEL ANDY GARCIA - ECUADOR









### WHEELOCK'S MALACA

VAY VELOREN



LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

#### ALAN SHOEMAKER

#### HIS INNOVATION: A PRESSURE COOKER



WANTED IN THE U.S. FOR IMPORTING RAW MATERIALS

#### **DO PLANTS HAVE CONSCIOUSNESS?**

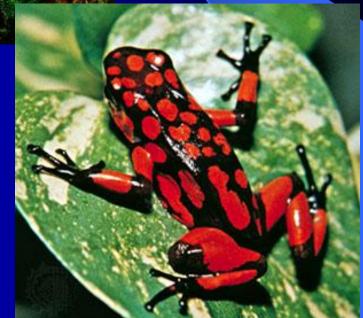


# WHAT IF PLANTS WERE COLLECTIVELY TRYING TO TEACH US

#### FROG POISON









#### HUACHUMA/SAN PEDRO









## BOLIVIAN SHAMAN – LAKE TITICACA



# COCA AND ALTITUDE



#### **BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCES**

- SANTO DAIME
- JOHN OF GOD
- CANDOMBLE
- MACUMBA
- KARDECISM

#### SANTO DAIME - MAOA, BRAZIL



PATH TO
SANTO DAIME
CEREMONY



#### CANDOMBLE & UMBANDA



#### KARDEC & BRAZIL



Allan Kardec



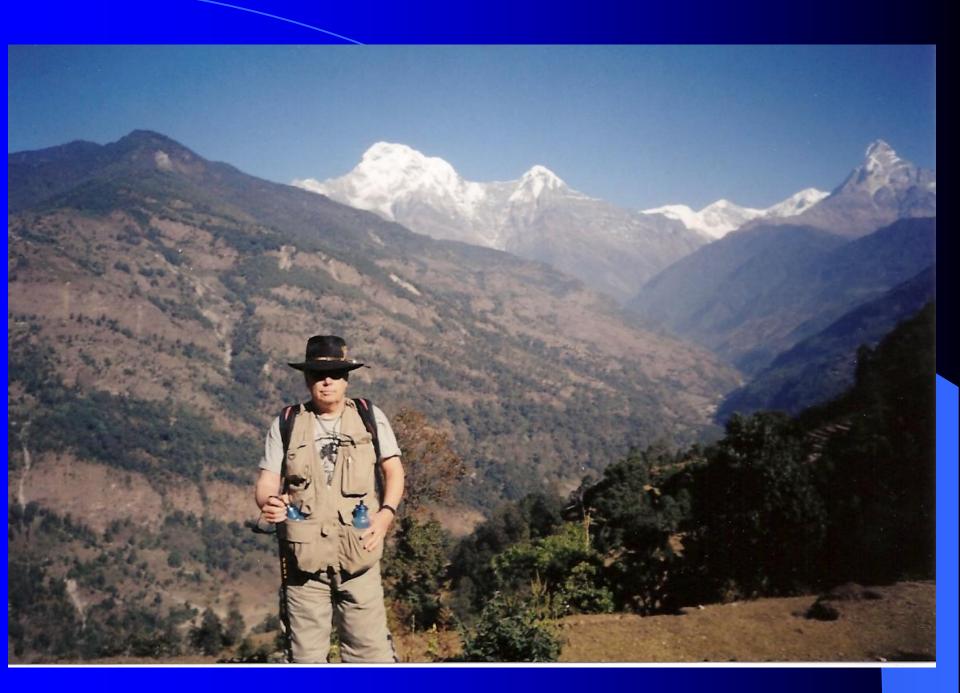
#### HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS EXPERIENCES

• NEPAL

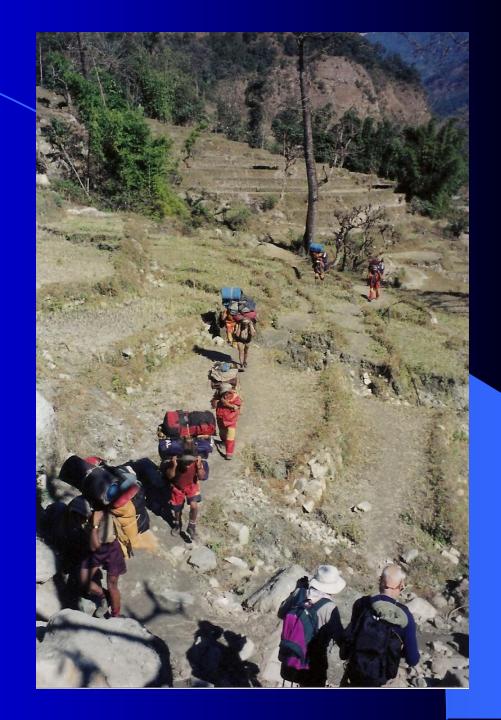
• TIBET

• BHUTAN





### THE OLD TIBETAN HIGHWAY IN NEPAL



#### NEPALESE SHAMAN

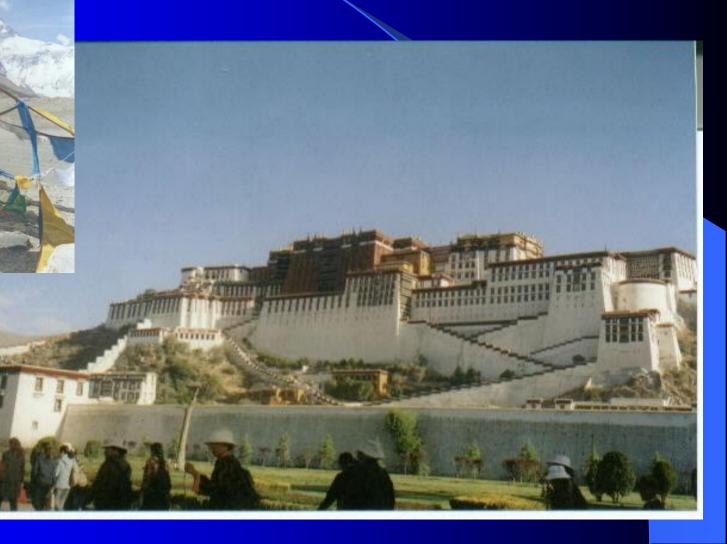


#### Himalayas - Nepal

Possessed by the *Spirit*of the TIGER, shaman
jumps into the fire —
and sits there





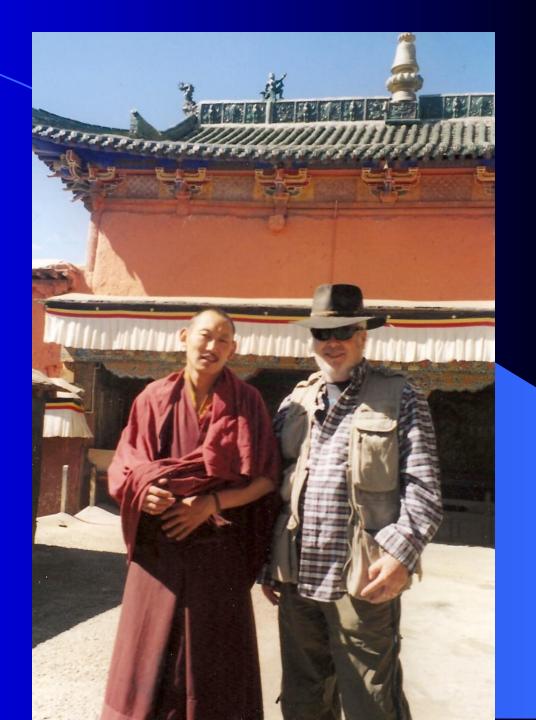


THE CONSTANT
PROCESSION IN
LHASA



# NGOR REMOTE TIBETAN MONASTERY

During the invasion,
many more artifacts
were saved than is
commonly known



#### SENDING PRAYERS ON THE WIND



#### BHUTAN: THE HIDDEN KINGDOM



#### ZIMBABWE - "DOCTOR" HEWSA



#### CHANNELING THE GREAT UNCLE





#### NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES



FREQUENCY: ABOUT 5% OF POPULATION OVER 18

#### NDES VS OBES



MANY SIMILARITIES & A FEW DIFFERENCES

#### IMPACT ON THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE NDES



• MEMORY DOES NOT FADE

- CHANGES IN BELIEFS AND VALUES (MORE SPIRITUAL VS RELIGIOUS)
- CHANGE IN OUTLOOK/ATTITUDE
- BEHAVIORAL CHANGES
- NO FEAR OF DEATH

#### REMOTE VIEWING MILITARY HISTORY

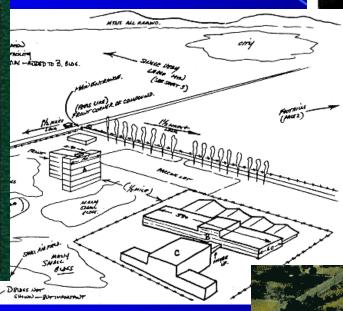
- GONDOLA WISH
  - GRILL FLAME
    - CENTER LANE
      - SUN STREAK
        - STAR GATE

PROGRAM TERMINATED 1995
THE AIR REPORT

#### REMOTE VIEWING

#### JOE McMONEAGLE





PAT PRICE, HAL & KIT

REMOTE VIEWER 001

#### INGO SWANN: THE GODFATHER OF RV



#### PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF RV



#### FIND THE ENEMY



An uncontacted tribe: Peru 2008

#### PILLARS OF TRANSFORMATIONAL EXPERIENCES

#### **ALTERED PERCEPTIONS OF:**

• TIME

• SPACE

• SELF

THE DIFFERENCE WITH NDES IS IMPACT

#### RELIGION AND TRANSCENDENT DIRECT EXPERIENCE

#### IT'S ABOUT CONTROL









SPIRITUAL VS RELIGIOUS

#### WHAT ARE YOUR EXPERIENCES?



**SIMILARITIES** 

DIFFERENCES



CAN ONE MOVE SEAMLESSLY BETWEEN THE SPIRIT WORLD AND CONCENSUS REALITY?

## A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SHAMAN'S WORLD VIEW COULD LEAD TO SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS



#### SCIENCE AND MYSTICISM



"If you thought that science was certain

well that's just an error on your part."

Richard Feynman



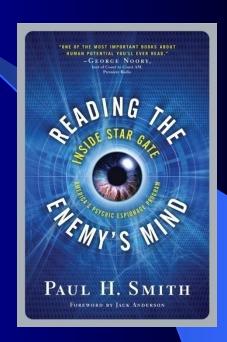
#### **REMOTE VIEWING WORKSHOPS**



WHAT IS IT?

**HOW EFFECTIVE?** 

**SECRET HISTORY** 



**MORE IMPORTANTLY:** 

**HOW TO DO IT** 

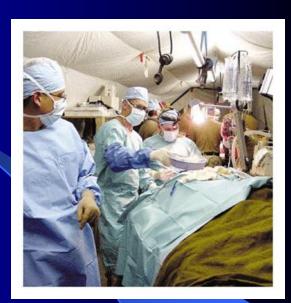
#### SOME OF MY CASES

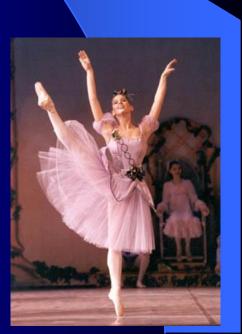
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GH



CH-47 PILOT H

• THE BALLET DANCER IN THE MORGUE





#### ADDITIONAL NDE ISSUES

- CHILDREN & NDES
- CONGENITALLY BLIND & SIGHT
- AFTEREFFECTS
  - PSI -PRECOGNITION
  - PK PSYCHOKINESIS

(ESPECIALLY ELECTRONICS)



#### **ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATIONS FOR NDES**

#### Hallucinations



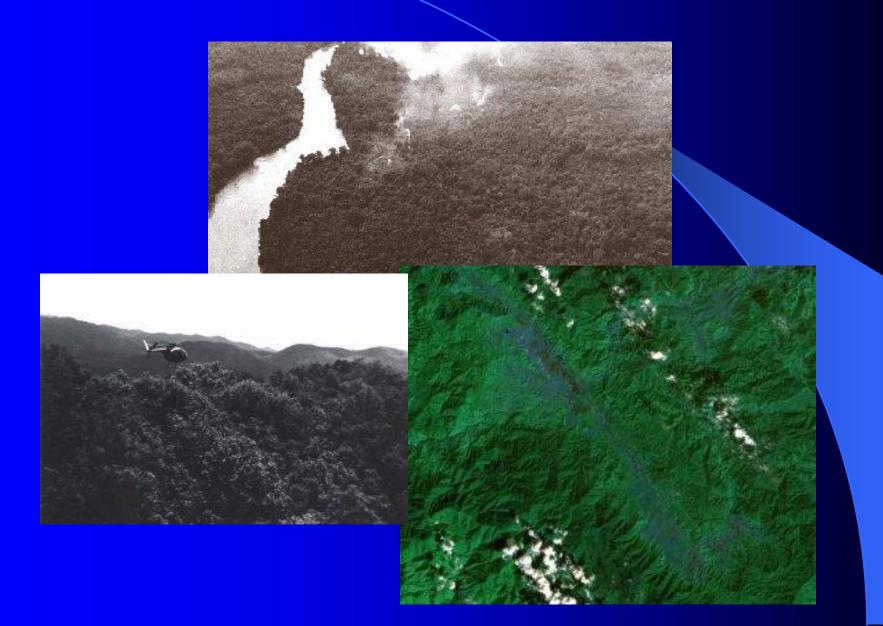
- Drug induced
  - Anoxia (Oxygen deprivation)
    - Optical Illusion
      - Electrical stimulation

AND WHY THEY DON'T WORK

#### JIM AND HIS COBRA: A WAR STORY



#### THE TOPOGRAPHY OF VIETNAM



#### A FIREBASE



#### VIETNAM 2006



#### AIR RESCUE JUNGLE PENETRATOR



#### **AUTOSCOPIC VISION CONFIRMED**

FIRE BASE Pilot later rescued

### JUNGLE'

Path of pilot

Jim sees firebase & helicopter when OBE

Jim rescued & extracted

Nose of helicopter points toward friendly firebase