



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.

Shamanism “is a way to multiply your opportunities of solving problems, of asking for healing for the planet, getting in touch with all the beings of the planet. This goes beyond compassion.... That’s a wonderful path but in shamanism it’s not just being compassionate for other beings, other animals, plants, the planet—it’s becoming one with it. So you feel compassion for it and yourself at the same time. We are working in concert with the agenda of the compassionate ones. It’s much bigger than just us.”

—Michael Harner, *The Way of the Shaman* (documentary, July 2017)

December 11, 2023

We hope this note finds you well and thriving as we move into the holiday season and the close of another year. We greatly appreciate your participation in our mutual work through your shamanic studies, membership, and donations. Our deepest gratitude to you.

Here are some of the things your participation has made possible this year alone.

We accomplished the immense task of moving our office and the Shamanic Knowledge Conservatory to its new home in Pacifica, California. After more than 25 years at the Novato location, the move required substantial housecleaning. We disposed of things no longer needed or relevant and moved items of current value and historical significance to Michael and Sandra’s work and the development of Core Shamanism. This includes: Drums and artifacts; research in shamanic practices around the world; Michael’s workshop notes through time; original and digitized MONOR documents recording early contemporary students’ shamanic journeys; notes related to writing Michael’s books, and more. The hidden gem of the collection: **A previously unknown typed manuscript, dated 1979, of *The Way of the Shaman*** (first published in 1980). After this is carefully preserved by an archivist, we expect that a review will provide much insight into Michael’s groundbreaking work, credited with launching the shamanic renaissance.

There is still much work to do getting settled in the new office. Many significant items are in storage, awaiting further inspection and cataloging. At some expense, **we are engaged in a massive digitalization of important recordings**, 1000+ items by Michael and many others from older media (cassettes, CDs, DVDs)—preserving this knowledge in digital format so it will be available to future generations.

Two-day in-person workshops in the US and Canada and advanced trainings are once again available. This year the Three Year Program in Advanced Shamanism, Two Week Shamanic Healing Intensive, and Harner Shamanic Counseling Training were held on the East and West Coasts, USA.

Alongside Michael’s classic in-person trainings, the **FSS now has a fully-experiential online Shamanic Healing Training Program and a Knowledge and Power Series.** These online workshops continue to reach a broad audience, inspiring interest in shamanism and often leading to attendance at in-person workshops, including the Three Year and Two Week programs.

We are also **exploring additional ways to reach more people** about the essential value of shamanic wisdom and practice to our world. This includes the use of social media (Facebook and Instagram). We also have **participated in a major online shamanic conference**. Susan Mokolke was recently interviewed about the Foundation’s work by Shamans Directory for the worldwide shamanic “Gathering at the Cosmic Fire.” The gathering was expected to reach thousands of people across the globe. ([View Susan’s interview](#), broadcast November 30.)

Your membership, participation, and donations are essential to the Foundation’s work and continued progress. You have helped the FSS build toward a vibrant future on the three pillars of our mission—preservation, study, and teaching shamanic knowledge to benefit all—and we are profoundly grateful.

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