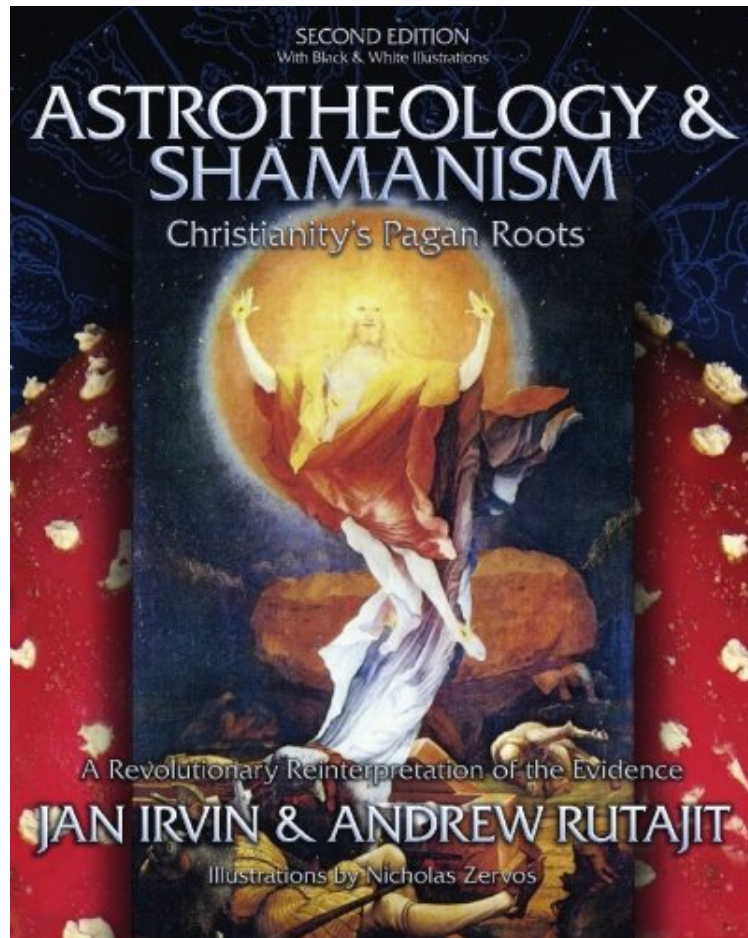


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is truly one of the most important books ever written and is essential reading for humanity's next major paradigm shift. It is very well-written, well-researched and easily-readable. Far too long we have been blinded by corrupt organizations telling us what to believe while the divinity of nature has been demonized/criminalized. This book does an amazing job of exposing the Catholic Church, which is largely responsible for ruining our spirituality and our potential as a species. With their disgusting monopoly of religion, they have tortured and murdered those that go against the beliefs of the church for centuries. There is obviously nothing Godly or holy about their actions and (with the help of this book) it is time people wake up to the reality that the church is nothing but pharisees and pedophiles and it is time for people to realize we are all one (including nature), we are all divine beings and we have much to learn from nature if we ever want to reach our full potential as a species and as spiritual beings. I can't recommend this book enough. Buy it and share it with as many people as possible, help inspire the next (and most essential) paradigm shift. 59 of 61 people found the following review helpful. Paradigm Shift By Truth Seeker I grew up Christian my whole life. I was a preacher's kid, and even went to a Christian University. As the years progressed, I never really felt that connection to Jesus as I expected. I began to question and doubt myself as to whether something was wrong with me. As I sat in Bible/Christian related classes, the answers given simply seemed to lead to more questions. Things didn't add up for me. The miracles, the words, the interpretations/ variations of many things. I began to study myself introspectively. I stopped going to Church and saw it for what it was. Any time ideas came up out of the norm, I would attempt to discuss them with my friends. Obviously, due to their being in the Christian environment too it had a clear bias towards the scripture. Everything and every answer was supposedly contained from within God's Word. They could pull passages, chapters, books to support their ideas, but it still didn't give me a fulfilling answer. I found many answers to my questions in this book. This book has changed my perceptions on what Christianity is (and isn't) forever. I've taken apologetics classes, "Christian Evidences" classes and they simply do not address what is in this book at all. It is a stream of knowledge so guarded over thousands of years (older than the supposed time of Christ himself). Nothing in this book is mainstream, and I find that to be a great thing. If you seek truth, this book is a must. Contained inside you'll find very detailed information cited with footnotes. You can tell the authors have taken the time to thoroughly flesh out their conclusions. The progression of the book starts in the law of Duality, then Astrology (or Astrotheology as the title indicates) as the "Part 1" to the book. This isn't your basic useless vague horoscope Astrology you see in a newspaper, I'll tell you that. Read the footnotes, if you have questions then reference the books that are cited. The "Part 2" of the book covers the suppression of information over thousands of years by specific groups of people. Within, you will find several detailed pictures of ancient and modern symbolism hidden within. Unless you have a guide, or the key to reading into the details you'd never understand what they meant and would just think "oh, that's a nice piece of old art." The authors do an excellent job weaving their tapestry with the golden thread of knowledge. Once you see what they have to offer in this book, you will not see the world the same ever again. That's not to scare you off, but rather encourage you to think for yourself not what a person of "authority" in scriptures tells you. It is only the tip of the iceberg of information, but a great starting place for those who want to understand why things are the way they are today. The best \$\$ I've spent in my life! 16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. In-depth and thorough By Aramat If you are already familiar with non-mainstream thought and analysis, you will truly love this book and get something from every word. If you are at all unwilling to consider alternatives to the judeo-christian concepts of spirituality, then prepare to have your beliefs shaken. If you are on the alternative spiritual path and looking to slowly open your friends and loved ones in to new ways for them to think, I would recommend starting a little slower than this book and maybe with something like "Pagans and Christians" by Gus diZerega, a little bit more of an "easing" into it, if you will. Astrotheology and Shamanism is a FANTASTIC book, but for someone who has never thought beyond the widely accepted dogmatic religious views in our society, it may be a little over-whelming. Plus, some of the commentary by the authors is a little on the angry side (at the beginning) and if someone is for the first time "dipping their toe" into alternative ways of thinking, it may scare them away or put them off the book -which would be a real shame. I give it 5 stars because the information contained within is brilliantly laid out, and fascinating to absorb. It is truly inspiring to read, and for me, was a page turner. The only less than glowing thing I can say is that by Chapter 9, the book has beaten its point so hard that it's gotten redundant, and honestly, if you're still reading at Ch. 9, you're probably already convinced. It does pick back up though by ch. 10. Highly recommend to my fellow spiritual seekers out there, a must for every pagan library!

Jan Irvin and Andrew Rutajit delve deep into Judeo-Christian symbolism and mythology in Astrotheology Shamanism to reveal the true origins of Christianity in fertility cults and entheogenic drug use. The authors show, with the use of numerous images, textual citations, and etymological analyses, how the symbols used in Christian art and encoded in sacred texts reference sacramental use of psychedelic mushrooms as well as ancient astronomical knowledge. This knowledge has been kept secret from the public, however, and the truth has remained concealed behind a campaign to prohibit access to entheogenic sacraments through a Pharmacocratic Inquisition (of which the current War on Drugs is the latest manifestation). Along with a call to wake up to the true history of Judeo-Christian tradition, the authors call for a return to direct spiritual experience through visionary sacraments unmediated through dominating religious

institutions. This is a powerful and provocative book that is sure to challenge and inspire. - Martin W. Ball, Ph.D.
Author, *The Entheogenic Evolution: Psychedelics, Consciousness and Awakening the Human Spirit*

.com Linking Christianity to its nature-based, shamanic roots, this wide-ranging, lavishly illustrated, and exhaustively referenced book establishes a new benchmark for scholarly (and controversial) views in the field. Rick Strassman MD University of New Mexico School of Medicine Author, *DMT The Spirit Molecule* We live in a world of paired opposites all things in the field of time come in twos. This offers comfort and predictability by allowing neat compartments for diverse things, but also leads to elaborately complex symbols and belief systems over time. Christianity, as with Hinduism, has been conceptualized as a tree growing up from a solid platform, but what you don't see are the roots and fruits, the mystery that helped spawn these traditions. The mystery is, however, revealed in various art forms often hidden away or obscured in some clever fashion. All these traditions Egyptian, Mesopotamian, Indus Valley have their origins in shamanic experiences with mind-altering substances. This was not recreational; this was serious business. Jan Irvin and Andrew Rutajit have captured this tone and perspective in, *Astrotheology Shamanism*. Well written with clear definitions, but if you think Jesus was a real person, you're in for a bumpy ride. John A. Rush, Ph.D., Sierra College, Department of Anthropology Author, *Failed God: Fractured Myth in a Fragile World* This is a mind-expanding book. It helps us share the perspective of a shaman (a seer or wise man) on the world and on the interplay of sun and stars. Ideas put forward by John Marco Allegro about the origin of religion in *The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross* in 1970 which met universal condemnation are here largely vindicated. The dry philological approach in *The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross* is here supported by a wider study of symbols, iconography and mythology and further work on word derivation. Judith Anne Brown Daughter of John Marco Allegro Author, *John Marco Allegro: The Maverick Of The Dead Sea Scrolls* Having studied many of the same sources listed in *Astrotheology Shamanism*; we find the presentation of facts in this 2nd edition to be a refreshingly rational and logical viewpoint- which empowers the reader to observe many perspectives simultaneously. This book decrypts the minutiae and ideology of religion, in which we are all immersed between cradle and grave. It will open your mind to critical thinking and new choices; producing a brilliant ray of hope in an almost post-literate world. Richard Grove, 8th Estate Media Research