

**Quiz #8**  
*Chapter 6 – Religious Specialists*

1. T/F Amongst a small-scale society like the Ju/hoansi full time religious specialists do not exist.
2. Under what conditions might someone be a part-time religious specialist?
3. What's the difference between a priest and a shaman?
4. T/F Priests are expected to live exemplary lives in regard to ethical and moral conduct.
5. T/F Some people may enter the priesthood as the result of a divine call type experience.
6. T/F Shamans typically receive their power directly from the spirit world.
7. T/F Like priests shamans are full time community specialists.
8. T/F Although Shamans are usually thought to be a feature of small scale religions, they are also found in many industrial societies.
9. T/F Shamans are often regarded with suspicion.
10. How do Shamans learn their craft?
11. T/F In traditional societies sexually ambiguous people often became shamans.
12. T/F Korean shamans are mostly men.
13. What are examples of things diviners might foretell?
14. Who was Carlos Casteneda? What was the name of the shaman he worked with?
15. T/F A prophet is a mouthpiece of the gods.

16. Who was Handsome Lake?

17. What are some of the ways that Ngundeng, a 19<sup>th</sup> c. Nuer prophet exhibited his power?

a. caused the death of a relative who denied him meat b. those who refused his demands soon died c. sacrificed an ox before a critical battle which is seen as the reason his side won d. caused women to lose their fertility e. brought on a plague of small pox

18. In what ways does a physician resemble a religious specialist?

### *Discovering the Way of the Shaman*

1. When did Michael Harner do field work amongst the Conibo Indians? Who sponsored him? Where do they live?

2. How do the Conibo make the shaman's sacred drink?

3. Who took the drink with Harner?

4. What things did Harner see while under the influence of the sacred drink?

a. people with the heads of blue jays b. mermaids c. the head of a crocodile d. a Viking ship e. carnivorous jaguars f. dragon-like creatures

5. T/F While under the influence of the sacred drink Harner feared he would die.

6. T/F When Harner shared his experience with some evangelist missionaries, they dismissed it as drug-induced craziness.

7. T/F When Harner discussed his trance visions with a blind shaman he was told that being a Westerner he should stay away from shamanic substances in the future.

### *Shamans*

1. How do Shamans dress?

2. T/F New Age groups have shown little interest in ayahuasca.

3. What does ayahuasca taste like?

4. T/F Amazonian youth of today are more interested in pop culture than they are in shamanism.
5. T/F Ayahuasca journeys are typically relaxing and enjoyable.
6. T/F Ayahuasca functions to free the soul from the body.
7. Ayahuasca has been used for: (select those that apply)
  - a. prophecy b. healing c. divination d. sorcery e. cooking
8. T/F Shamans endeavor to maintain a balance between the real world and the spirit world.
9. T/F Western medicine recognizes the therapeutic benefits of spirituality.
10. T/F Nearly every plant species that has been adopted by Western medicine was originally discovered and utilized by indigenous cultures.
11. T/F Different parts of the ayahuasca vine produce different kinds of visions.
12. T/F Western medicine has not found any use for ayahuasca.
13. T/F Shamans have little information about plants that are not hallucinogens.
14. Should indigenous peoples hold intellectual property rights for the information they know about botanical substances?
15. T/F Often botanical substances used by shamans only work within a specific cultural context.