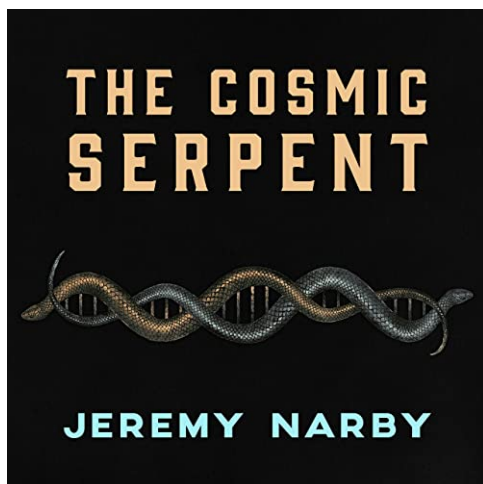


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Whilst living amongst Peruvian Indians, anthropologist Jeremy Narby learned of their phenomenal knowledge of plants and biochemical interactions, gained under the influence of the hallucinogen ayahuasca. Despite his initial scepticism, Narby found himself engaged in an increasingly obsessive quest. He researched cutting-edge scholarship in subjects as diverse as molecular biology, shamanism, neurology and mythology, which led him inexorably to the conclusion that the Indians' claims were true. Jeremy Narby's *Cosmic Serpent* is a densely academic book that is 50% footnotes. This not light reading, but on the other hand it is essential reading. Narby's premise is that hallucinogenic drugs used by shaman in the Western Amazon actually give them access to medicinal information through knowledge coded in DNA. Open your mind and read on. You won't be disappointed. For anyone interested in DNA, shamanism and the origins of life and knowledge, this book is a must-read. The author attempts to establish connections between modern science's biomolecular understanding of DNA and the knowledge imparted on shaman by their ayahuasca-induced hallucinations. Intrigued? Open your mind and read on. *The Cosmic Serpent: DNA and the Origins of Knowledge* is a 1998 non-fiction book by anthropologist Jeremy Narby. Narby performed two years of field work in the Pichis Valley of the Peruvian Amazon researching the ecology of the Asháninka, an indigenous peoples in Peru. Investigating the connections between shamanism and molecular biology, Narby hypothesizes that shamans may be able to access information at the molecular level through the ingestion of entheogens, specifically ayahuasca. Biophysicist