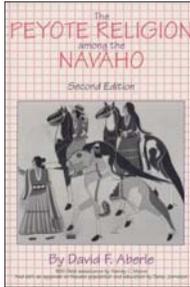


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A SAMPLE OF SOME BOOKS ON THE NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH



The Peyote Religion Among the Navaho
By David F. Aberle
451 pages \$33.95

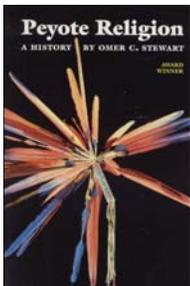
Aberle's book on Navajo peyotism is by far the most comprehensive and complete of any on a North American tribe, and the Navajo nation is the largest in the United States. He discusses the specific politico-economic context and the crisis in the long-time struggle, and traces in detail the conflict of the traditional and the new religion. The chapters attending to the rituals of Peyotism and the contrast between it and the Navajo religion are particularly good. Of import are the chapters explicating the Native American Church, Navajo style, in the theoretical context of social movements. Aberle makes a strong case for the right of those who believe in peyotism to practice their religion unhampered by law or social stigma. Today peyotism is a political as well as a religious issue to the Navajo people. A large part of this volume is devoted to this aspect. This is a sound, scholarly work. An exhaustive and fascinating study.

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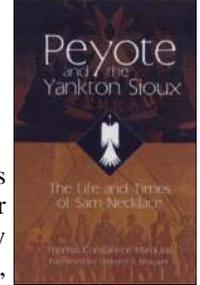
Peyote Religion
A History by Omer C. Stewart
454 pages \$24.95

Peyote Religion is a masterful study of the history of peyotism. A compendium of ethnographic and ethnohistorical data, this book is now the definitive study of this important pan-tribal movement. A wonderfully complete and very readable account of this important Native American religious movement written not only for anthropologists, but for the peyotists themselves. Includes many illustrations and maps, a bibliography and indexes.

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Peyote and the Yankton Sioux
The Life and Times of Sam Necklace
By Thomas Constantine Maroukis
386 pages \$44.95 (Hard bound)



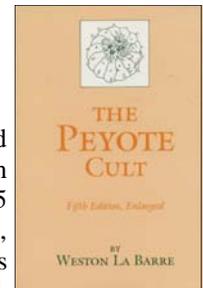
In *Peyote and the Yankton Sioux*, Maroukis focuses on Yankton Sioux spiritual leader Sam Necklace, tracing his family's history for seven generations. Through this history, Maroukis shows how Necklace and his family shaped and were shaped by the Native American Church. Sam Necklace was chief priest of the Yankton Sioux Native American Church from 1929 to 1949, and the four succeeding generations of his family have been members of the Church. As chief priest, he helped establish the Peyote religion firmly among the Yankton, who thereby maintained their cultural and spiritual autonomy even when the U.S. government denied them, and American Indians generally, political and economic self-determination. Because the message of peyotism resonated with Yankton pre-reservation beliefs and, at the same time, had parallels with Christianity, Sam Necklace and many other Yankton supported its acceptance. The Yanktons were among the first northern plains groups to adopt the Peyote religion, which they saw as an essential corpus of spiritual truths.

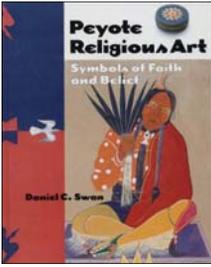
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The Peyote Cult
By Weston La Barre
334 pages \$24.95

For half a century, readers on peyotism have devoured La Barre's fascinating original study, which began when the author at age 24 studied the rites of 15 American Indian tribes using *Lophophora williamsii*, the small, spineless, carrot-shaped peyote cactus growing in the Rio Grande Valley and southward. Continuing his research through the 1980's, La Barre reviews topics as the Timothy Leary-Richard Alpert "experiments" with peyote and other psychotropic substances, the Carlos Castaneda phenomenon, the progress of the Native American Church toward acceptance as a religious denomination, the presumptions of the Neo-American Church, the legal ramifications of ritual drug use, and the spread of peyotism from the Southwest to other North American tribes. This new edition includes 334 new entries in the latest of his highly valued bibliographical essays on works relating to peyote, not just in anthropology but in a variety of fields including archeology, economics, botany, chemistry, and pharmacology. Includes illustrations, appendices, bibliography and index.

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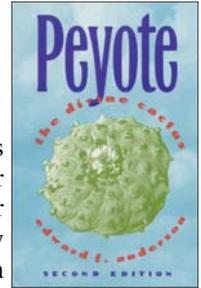


Peyote Religious Art
Symbol of Faith and Belief
By Daniel C. Swan
116 pages \$35.00 (Hard bound)

Controversial and misunderstood, the ritualized use of peyote by American Indians has long been attacked by non-Indian religious and secular authorities. Despite official efforts to eliminate peyotism as far back as the Spanish Inquisition and as recent as the War on Drugs, its status in Native American spiritual life has not diminished. Peyote is the holy sacrament of the Native American Church, and the peyote religion provides spiritual comfort, social benefit, and a creative outlet for hundreds of thousands of American Indian people. Grounded in older tribal religions from the Plains regions, the Native American Church was the first native religious movement organized and disseminated on the model of western Christian denominations. While providing opportunities for maintaining and strengthening tribal identities within a common, intertribal organization, the church also fosters a vibrant folk art tradition. Works by self-taught and informally trained artists make up the diverse traditional and folk arts associated with the peyote religion. Peyote art displays an amazing range of genres, including carving, beadwork, featherwork, metalsmithing, and painting. The ritual objects and religious setting of the peyote provide core elements for the rich symbolism associated with the art of the Native American Church. Featuring previously unpublished first-person narratives by practitioners of the religion and by artists, this book is the first to give a comprehensive examination of the art of peyote religion and the church. It is enhanced by photographs of art objects from museum collections, of works by contemporary artists, and of materials from private family collections. Understanding these expressive forms provides fascinating insight into the challenging nature of American Indian life during the 20th century and the intertwining of art, religion, and the community.

1-57806-096-6 Crazy Crow

Peyote - The Divine Cactus
By Edward F. Anderson
272 pages \$19.95



Dry whiskey, Divine herb, Devil's root, Medicine of God, Peyote: for some people, to use it is to hear colors and see sounds. For many Native Americans, it brings an ability to reach out of their physical lives, to communicate with the spirits, and to "become complete." What is it in peyote that causes such unusual effects? Can modern medical science learn anything from Native Americans' use of peyote in curing a wide variety of ailments? What is the Native American Church, and how do its members use peyote? Does anyone have the legal right to use drugs or controlled substances in religious ceremonies? Within this volume are answers to these and dozens of other questions surrounding the controversial and remarkable cactus. Greatly expanded and brought up-to-date from the 1990 edition, these pages describe peyote ceremonies and the users' experiences, and also cover the many scientific and legal aspects of using the plant. Includes illustrations, appendices, introduction and epilogue, index, and references are cited.

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