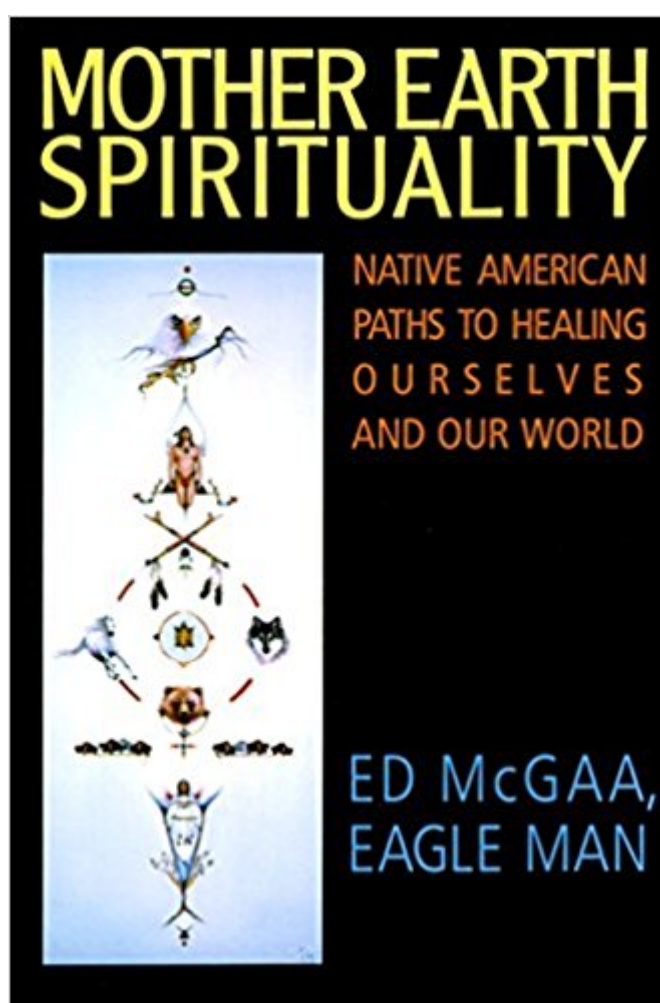


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Ed McGaa, J.D., was born on the Oglala Sioux reservation in South Dakota and is a registered tribal member. He served in Korea as a Marine Corporal before earning an undergraduate degree at St. John's University in Minnesota. He then rejoined the Marine Corps to become a Phantom F4 fighter pilot in Vietnam, where he flew in more than a hundred combat missions. Upon his return McGaa danced in six annual Sioux Sun Dances. The Sun Dance led him to the seven Mother Earth ceremonies under the tutelage of Chief Eagle Feather and Chief Fools Crow, two Sioux holy men. Eagle Man holds a law degree from the University of South Dakota and is the author of Red Cloud: Biography of an Indian Chief; Mother Earth Spirituality: Healing Ourselves and Our World; Rainbow Tribe: Ordinary People Journeying on the Red Road; Native Wisdom: Perceptions of the Natural Way; and the novel Eagle Vision: Return of the Hoop.

This is an amazing book and I was pleased to discover from his website that he has several others. This is a detailed account of Native American spirituality as a well as an open invitation for others to join in to help find an inclusive, nonviolent, path that is gentle on the earth. This book teaches too that the earth is not some disembodied appendage of our own will to conquer, but rather that we "the two legged" are one and the same with it as well as with each other. We will learn that or perish. Our answers will come from the wisdom of those who have felt the lash of oppression rather than the "blue man" who has thoughtlessly robbed, pillaged, and plundered the earth and our souls.

I normally do not rate the many books I have read in the Christian and Spiritist world and have sent them back to for credit on the purchase of new books. I rated this book 5 stars as it's a keeper. That

means I will be re-reading and referring to it from time to time. The author has shared information that is usually reserved for the Red man with the White man. He also shares a few of his personal stories which reveal how the spirit world has touched his life. You can tell he speaks truthfully. The theme is one of the Rainbow tribe where all races are united in the quest to protect, honor and preserve our Mother Earth...I will be following my Red road interests and have ordered additional Native American spiritual books as I find their views are of great importance to me. If you are interested in the Native American spirituality and history, you will no doubt find it interesting. I will also be reading Black Elk Speaks and The Sacred Pipe...

In this book Ed McGaa gives more information about about Native American practices, their relationship with Mother Earth and all relations than I ever dreamed of getting from a book. He breathes life into his descriptions of the oneness of all things in a way that causes the reader to feel that oneness flowing from his experience into her own world view. This book is a tremendous gift to anyone searching for deeper understanding of human spirituality and exposes the absence of our "awareness of oneness" as the source of all the imbalances and traumas our world faces today. Of all the authors I've read, Ed McGaa is the one I would most like to sit with and experience Native American ceremony. He claims he is not a healer except through his writing. I found his writing to be powerful medicine for a Metis looking into Native American spirituality from the outside.

Read and understand how beliefs from generations back are so timely for today. I am proud to have Native American blood and will continue to learn more about how these wonderful guardians of the earth and its creatures have carried the torch for so long. SB

This is an excellent easy to read and follow book, that is well written and organized. This book has a lot to teach, very rich in natural spirituality with some religious beliefs. Much of the practice is unnecessary, but it can be helpful. Mainly many are disconnected from the Divine Source and of nature, and such ceremonies is best for those people. As a wisdom seeker, much of the belief of direction of rain, snow, and so forth one knows isn't correct. Since rain and snow can come from the south direction as well SW, W, NW. But if one is a wisdom seeker, then one must keep in mind to respect all beliefs. One does not need to smoke a pipe for prayers, one can just do smudging. One does not have to do a sun dance to connect with nature and pray to the Creator, all one needs is meditations. But this book is very rich in knowledge, and is important for one to read on the importance of reconnecting to nature and Great Spirit. Like the Tao teaches, those who are

disconnected from the Tao will suffer. It is same wisdom one will find in Native American Spirituality. Which is truth, but one has to meditate on this knowledge for any real, or else it is just a belief and not truth.

I loved this book, it is filled with lots of Native American wisdom. Ed McGaa freely shares his spiritual knowledge and explains in depth the spiritual nature that surrounds Native American beliefs and ceremonies.

Mother Earth Spirituality is written by someone who has lived what he has written about. So much wisdom in these pages I am sure to read it again and again. Very well written. Destined to be a classic!

This is a Great book! The closest thing to the Traditions or beliefs & practices of Native American people. Gives great detail of the beliefs, and how they came about. This book changed my life. Thank you Ed McGaa.

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