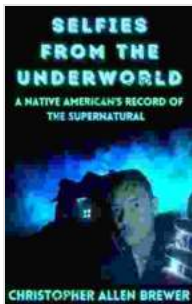


# Native American Record of the Supernatural

Native American cultures have a rich and complex tradition of beliefs and practices surrounding the supernatural. These traditions have been passed down through generations, and they continue to play an important role in the lives of many Native Americans today.



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## Beliefs about the Supernatural

Native American beliefs about the supernatural vary from tribe to tribe, but there are some common themes that run through many of these traditions. These beliefs include:

- The belief in a Great Spirit or Creator
- The belief in spirits that inhabit the natural world
- The belief in the power of dreams and visions

- The belief in the importance of rituals and ceremonies

## **The Great Spirit**

The Great Spirit is a central figure in many Native American religions. This spirit is often seen as the creator of the universe and the source of all life. The Great Spirit is often associated with the sun, the moon, and the stars.

## **Nature Spirits**

Native Americans believe that spirits inhabit the natural world. These spirits can be found in trees, rocks, animals, and other natural objects. Nature spirits are often seen as guardians of the land and its resources.

## **Dreams and Visions**

Dreams and visions are considered to be important sources of spiritual knowledge in many Native American cultures. These experiences are often seen as messages from the Great Spirit or from other spirits.

## **Rituals and Ceremonies**

Rituals and ceremonies play an important role in Native American spiritual life. These rituals and ceremonies are often used to honor the Great Spirit, to ask for help from spirits, and to celebrate important events in the life cycle.

## **Practices Related to the Supernatural**

Native American practices related to the supernatural vary from tribe to tribe, but some common practices include:

- Prayer

- Singing
- Dancing
- Drumming
- Sweat lodges
- Vision quests

## **Prayer**

Prayer is an important way for Native Americans to communicate with the Great Spirit and other spirits. Prayer is often used to ask for help, to give thanks, or to express one's devotion.

## **Singing**

Singing is another important way for Native Americans to connect with the spiritual world. Songs are often used to tell stories, to honor the Great Spirit, or to ask for help from spirits.

## **Dancing**

Dancing is a sacred activity in many Native American cultures. Dances are often used to celebrate important events in the life cycle, to honor the Great Spirit, or to ask for help from spirits.

## **Drumming**

Drumming is an important part of many Native American rituals and ceremonies. Drums are often used to create a sacred space, to call upon spirits, or to accompany singing and dancing.

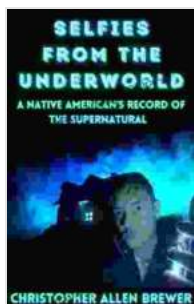
## **Sweat Lodges**

Sweat lodges are used by Native Americans for purification and healing. Sweat lodges are small, enclosed structures that are heated with hot rocks. Participants sit in the sweat lodge and pray, sing, and drum.

## Vision Quests

Vision quests are solitary journeys undertaken by Native Americans to seek spiritual guidance. Vision quests often involve fasting, prayer, and meditation. During a vision quest, the participant may experience visions or dreams that provide them with spiritual insights.

The Native American record of the supernatural is a rich and fascinating tradition that offers a unique window into the spiritual world of these cultures. These beliefs and practices continue to play an important role in the lives of many Native Americans today.



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