

Ayahuasca Analogues, Pangaean Entheogens. Jonathan Ott. Kennewick, Washington: Natural Products Co., 1994. Pp. iii; 128. \$30.00 (hardcover), \$15.00 (paperback). ISBN 0-9614234-4-7 (hardcover), 0-9614234-5-5 (paperback). (Available from: Jonathan Ott Books, Box 1251, Occidental, California 95465.)

Jonathan Ott is one of the most knowledgeable scientists in various aspects of the use by native peoples in numerous parts of Amazonia of the sacred hallucinogen, *Banisteriopsis Caapi*. He has produced in *Ayahuasca Analogues, Pangaean Entheogens* a beautifully published and highly authentic book which will undoubtedly be received gratefully by a wide circle of readers in a variety of disciplines. The reader is immediately struck with three impressions: the clarity of the language; the diversity of coverage; and the authority of treatment.

The main part of the book is divided into four chapters following an introductory-type Exordium: The Amazonian *Amrta* and the Entheogenic Reformation. The chapters cover a wide range of interesting material in a diverse disciplines: (1) Natural History of Ayahuasca—a Pan-Amazonian Entheogen; (2) Pharmacognosy of

Ayahuasca Plants and Potions; (3) Ayahuasca Analogues with Psychonautic Reports; (4) From Pan-Amazonian to Pan-Gaeian Entheogen. There follow ten pages of highly useful notes and the Bibliography of 383 items. The complete, eight-page index provides easy access to the interdisciplinary information in this volume, much of which is difficult to find even in many of our large libraries.

This first edition of *Ayahuasca Analogues* consists of 5,000 copies, and it is this reviewer's opinion that it will soon be unavailable in view of the inexpensive price of this most useful publication that will appeal to such an interdisciplinary audience.

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