

# Question about the Rise of Shamanism in Africa, Eurasia, & the Pacific

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A HISTORY OF SHAMANISM?: In brief, shamanism is a belief in and practice of the regulation of human affairs through the powers of the supernatural world through one who has access at a high level to both. The following abbreviations are used: AFR = Africa; EA = Eurasia; P = Pacific Peoples; mya = million years ago; tya = thousand years ago. 1.7 mya humans departed from Africa [C] and entered Europe. [C] displays an African population throughout Eurasia from 1.7 mya until today.

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Was shamanism carried from Africa at some point in time? Therioanthropic are animal–human forms arising from therio (animal); and anthro (human – possessing arms and legs). Anthropologists state that in [A] EUR 3, 4, & 5 from c. 27,500 BC in Germany are found shamanistic theriomorphs – i.e. soocerers in the form of animals. In [A] EUR 6 & 7 we graduate to therioanthropic forms (half animal, half man) from France of the Gravettian period c. 13 tya.

It is interesting to note that seen in AFR 7 Kush–Nubia is a therioanthropic lion–man socerer form reminiscent of those found in Upper Paleolithic Europe (EUR 3 through 8). In the Kyrgystan (EUR 8) is a curious solaranthropic form (sun and man). In AFR 1 through 4 and P 2 are theriomorphic forms. In AFR 9 & 11 painted representation of the shaman is anthropomorphic – in the form of man. In EUR 1 & 2, Mongolia, we see human shaman as in AFR 6, 8, & 10. Those of uncertain nature (shaman? not?) are AFR 5; P 1 & 3). Africans are those with a head longer than round and full nose and mouth. By this measure, [C] shows an African population in Eurasia from 1.7 mya and EUR 1, 2 are African types.

EUR 9 & 10 are not shaman but African types in Europe (Moravia, 23 tya; Bosnia, 4000 BC) during the span of time shamanistic forms were created in Europe (also keeping in mind the African population throughout Eurasia in [C].) The question (as shamanism is also found, e.g. in [D]) is, "When did shamanism first leave Africa and was there African European input (EUR 3 – 7) in African shamanism (this is a question) AFR 7: Siberia to Nubia?"

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