

Contents

Preface	x
Acknowledgments	xii
1 Imagining Native American Religions	1
Introduction	1
First Impressions: Columbus and Vespucci	3
The Formation of Early Images of "Indians"	5
The Tears of the Indians <i>by Bartolomé de las Casas</i>	5
Worshippers of the Devil <i>by Gonzalo Fernández de Oviedo</i>	7
Colonization and Christianization	8
The General Observation from the Parts of the Bodie <i>by Roger Williams</i>	8
On Indian Religion <i>by William Penn</i>	9
John Eliot, Missionary to the Indians <i>by Cotton Mather</i>	10
Explorations and Early Scientific Records	11
George Catlin and a Sioux Chief	12
Legislation of Native American Religions	14
Massachusetts Bay Colony Indian Ordinances	14
American Indian Religious Freedom, 1978	15
Notes	16
2 Religious World View: A Matter of Place	19
Introduction	19
Place as a Language of Value and Religion	20
Beaver Dreaming and Singing <i>by Robin Ridington</i>	20

Navajo Hogan Songs	28	vii
Navajo Hogan—The Place to Make Plans <i>by Frank Mitchell</i>	29	Contents
Place Symbols in Oral Traditions	29	
The Theft of Light (<i>Tsimshian</i>)	30	
The Trickster and His Daughter (<i>Shoshone</i>)	32	
Coyote's Carelessness (<i>Wasco—Warm Springs</i>)	32	
The Coyote and the Eagle (<i>Hopi</i>)	33	
Place Symbols in Ritual and Formal Actions	33	
Thomas Tyon on the Oglala Sun Dance	34	
Bear River Shamanic Cure <i>described by Gladys A. Nomland</i>	37	
The Urine Dance of the Zunis <i>described by John G. Bourke</i>	39	
Notes	41	
3 Nonliteracy, Language, and Oral Traditions	43	
Introduction	43	
Language: A Constitutive Force of Reality	43	
The Man Made of Words <i>by N. Scott Momaday</i>	44	
Song	53	
Singing up the Corn (<i>Papago</i>) <i>described by Ruth Underhill</i>	53	
Prayer	55	
Navajo Nightway Prayer	55	
Charms, Spells, and Evil Thoughts	56	
The Power of Thought in Nez Perce Sorcery <i>recorded by Deward E. Walker, Jr.</i>	57	
Chippewa Love-charm Song and Picture	58	
Notes	58	
4 Sacred Objects and Actions	60	
Introduction	60	
Art, Design, and Religious World View	60	
Image Making in Arctic Art <i>by Edmund Carpenter</i>	61	
Sacred Objects	68	
Mandan Corn Bundles <i>by Scattercorn</i>	69	
Ritual Art	70	
Whirling Logs and Colored Sands <i>by Sam D. Gill</i>	71	
Dance	77	
Iroquois Feather Dance <i>by Lewis Henry Morgan</i>	77	
Acts of Reversal	79	
One More Smile for a Hopi Clown <i>by Emory Sekaquaptewa</i>	79	
How the Names Are Changed on the Peyote Journey <i>by Ramon Medina Silva</i>	82	
Notes	85	

5 Religion and the Life Cycle	86
Introduction	86
Pregnancy, Birth, Childhood, and Naming	86
Twins Twisted into One <i>by Don Talayesva</i>	87
What's in an Indian Name? <i>by Long Lance</i>	89
Acquiring Religious Knowledge and Coming of Age	90
Eagles Fly Over <i>by Arthur Amiotte</i>	90
Navajo Kinaaldá Story <i>by Frank Mitchell</i>	104
Health and Healing	107
Religious Ideology of Navajo Ceremonial Cures <i>by Sam D. Gill</i>	107
The Omaha Buffalo Medicine-men <i>by Francis LaFlesche</i>	109
Death and Destiny	113
The Origin of Birth and Death (<i>Tahltan</i>)	114
Coyote and the Origin of Death (<i>Caddo</i>)	114
The Origin of Death (<i>Sahaptin</i>)	115
Titimenee or the Island of Death (<i>Sanpoil</i>)	116
Notes	117
6 Sustaining Life	119
Introduction	119
Hunting	119
Sedna and the Fulmar (<i>Eskimo</i>)	120
Deer Hunting (<i>Acoma</i>) <i>by James Paytiamo</i>	121
Spotted Fawn Deer Hunting Medicine (<i>Menomini</i>)	124
Fishing and Whaling	126
The Origin of Olachen (<i>Tahltan</i>)	126
Whaling Methods and Ceremonies (<i>Quileute</i>) <i>by Albert B. Reagan</i>	127
Agriculture	131
The Origin of Corn (<i>Natchez</i>)	131
Kana'ti and Selu: The Origin of Game and Corn (<i>Cherokee</i>)	132
The Origin of Corn and Buffalo (<i>Cheyenne</i>)	137
Hopi Ritual in Agriculture <i>by Ernest Beaglehole</i>	140
Notes	142
7 The Indian and New Religions	144
Introduction	144
A History of Prophecy and the Rise of Indian Identity	144
The Revelation of Handsome Lake <i>recounted by</i> <i>Edward Cornplanter</i>	146

The Shawnee Prophet's Speech to General Harrison (1808)	151	ix Contents
Some Tenets of the Religion of the Shawnee Prophet	152	
The "Dreamers" of the Columbia River Valley <i>by Major J. W. MacMurray</i>	153	
Wovoka's Ghost Dance Message (Cheyenne version) <i>by Black Short Nose</i>	157	
The Sioux and the Ghost Dance <i>by George Sword</i>	159	
The Pine Ridge Ghost Dance (<i>Sioux</i>)	160	
Peyote Religion, or the Native American Church	162	
Arapaho Peyote Ceremony <i>described by Alfred L. Kroeber</i>	163	
Persistence and Change	166	
The Persistence of Essential Values among North American Plains Indians <i>by Joseph Epes Brown</i>	166	
Notes	173	
Film and Audio Aids	174	
Index	177	