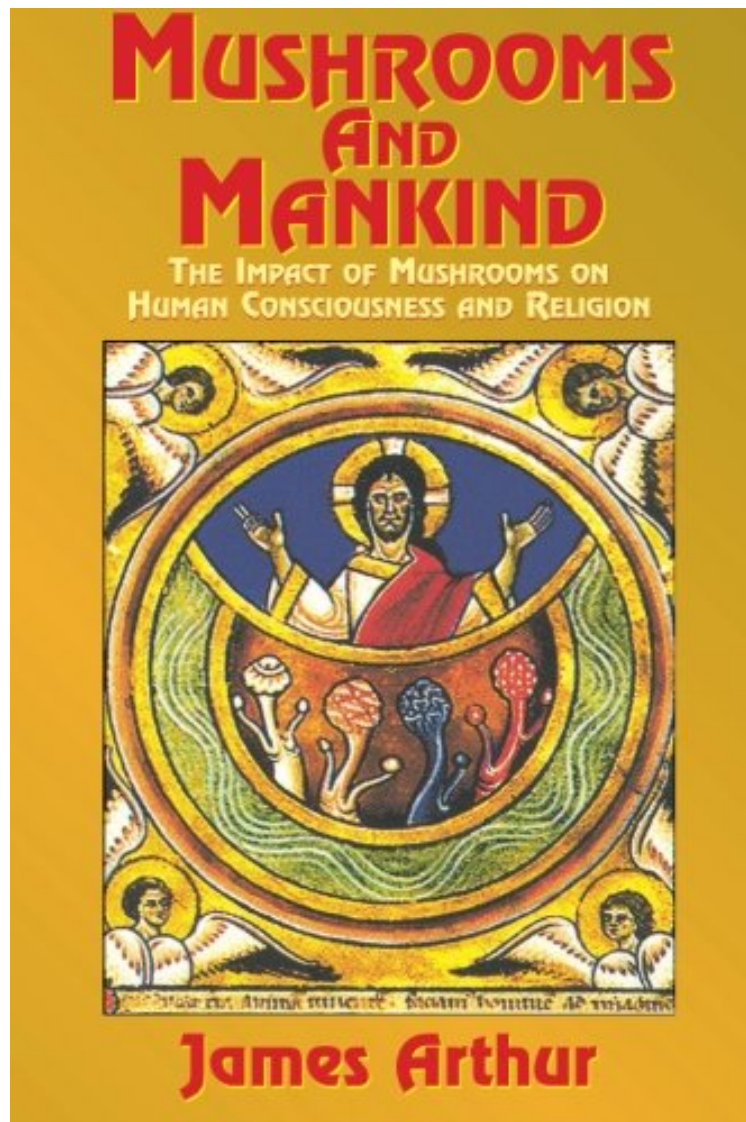


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. easy to read for the most partBy Von'drelleWell... this book is a decent read. It's short and to the point, easy to read for the most part. It's organized pretty well. The information content is "so-so". I say this because Arthur keeps it simple, and he keeps it biased. When learning about "mushrooms and religion", I feel it's best to originate your viewpoint from a secular/unbiased platform. James Arthur does not take this approach. A semi-accurate way to describe the style of this literature would be that James Arthur takes what would sound like wild speculation or common coincidence and presents it as fact that is less open to interpretation. Of course, this book touches on some pretty "out there" concepts, (and he does a good job of not sounding too looney) but they are concepts that do not sound right when stated as facts. An example of such: As written in the Bible, we all know the Ark of The Covenant was used to carry the 10 Commandments, right? I have no problem with challenging/expanding upon this statement, but Arthur blatantly claims, "Manna (mushrooms) was carried in the Ark of The Covenant." He states this without providing any explanation or challenge to Biblical text. Basically, this guy's writing style is more or less telling you how it is, rather than telling how it could be. I'd prefer a read that is more objective. This, of course, is James Arthur's research/thoughts/experiences, but the diction used is almost ironic. An example of this irony(IMO), would be how Arthur describes religious authorities as "stumbling religious block throwers" or something similar to that nature. Ironic because if Arthur wants to be taken seriously, he should sound more mature and not use name calling to discount people with whom he disagrees. Anyone could easily (and immaturely) call out James Arthur due to his lack of credibility and his line of work, just as he calls out religious leaders/authorities for deceiving people with prescribed dogmas. This book is a great starter read for anyone interested in ancient religions and their associations with psychedelic mushrooms. It's brief, but leaves you with good questions for further exploration. Towards the end I felt like we could be friends, but the disposition carried by James Arthur throughout the text left me slightly frustrated. Another disappointment would be the lack of information presented regarding the religions of Native South American Peoples. These groups are ancient and known for their use of psychedelics in their religious ceremonies. Overall a good read, I'd recommend it but with caution that the disposition of the author may be annoying. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mushrooms and MankindBy Mark in TNI haven't finished reading this book, but so far, it is very interesting and a good read. Can't wait to finish reading this book! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Mika JohanssonAwesome book. Worth a read. Will definitely open your eyes about all the fairy tales we believe in.

For thousands of years, humanity has been involved in a symbiotic relationship with plants. Not only have plants supplied mankind with a never-ending food source, but have also served us in another way. This book uncovers the natural link between man, consciousness, and God. This discovery may at first seem abstract, wishful thinking, or even impossible; yet as evidence presented on these pages unfolds, one may find that its understanding does not require as much of a leap of faith as first thought. The author believes this to be the most significant discovery in the entire field of religious knowledge ever to happen in the history of mankind. Should people explore this knowledge, it may allow many to put aside their differences, and join in the understanding that each and every one of us may now experience that which has been, until this time, hidden away in the recesses of our spiritual history. According to the author, we may at last be able to open ourselves to an entirely new and valuable consciousness.