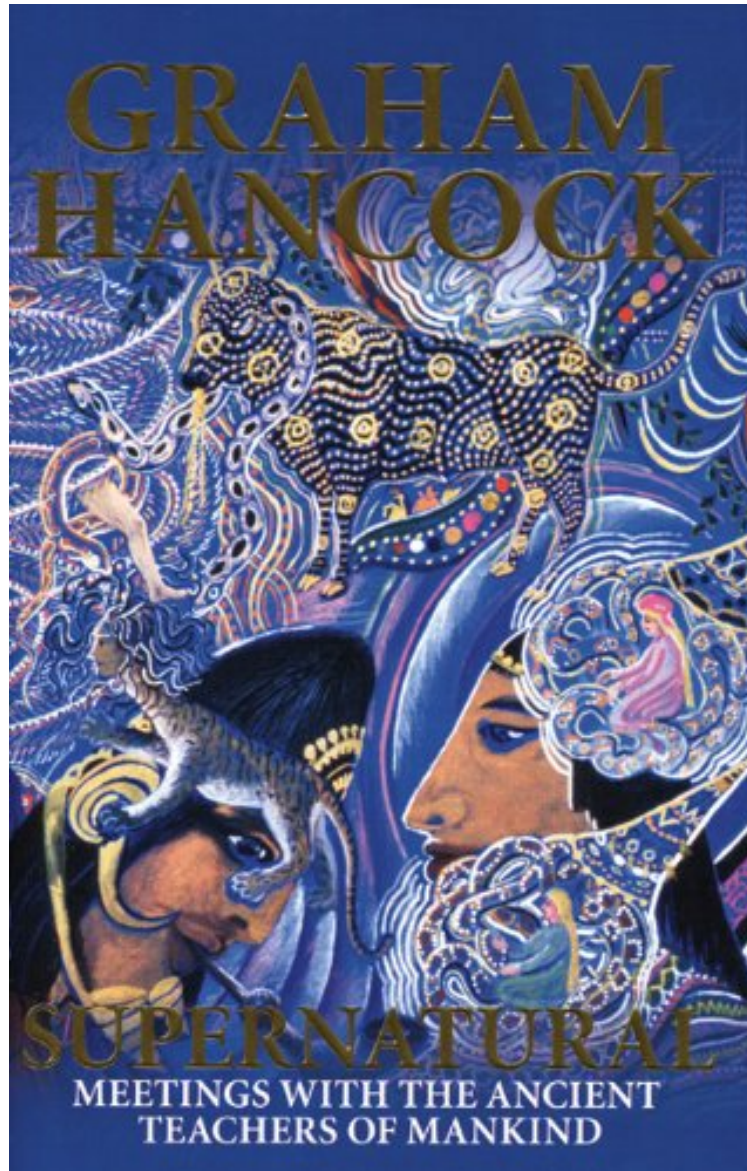


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Graham Hancock : Supernatural: Meetings with the Ancient Teachers of Mankind before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Supernatural: Meetings with the Ancient Teachers of Mankind:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. ENLIGHTENINGBy Soo Suk KokMr. Hancock takes us along on his personal journey into an alternate reality induced by various drugs commonly used by different indigenous peoples

around the world. He shows us the commonalities of experiences between modern persons having such "journeys" and our prehistoric forbears "seeing" virtually the same things. The cultural context sometimes colors the experience, as all such experiences, are, in their finality, siphoned through our own individual sense organs, human brains, and knowledge base. The fascinating thing he points out by referencing the commonalities not only worldwide but between prehistoric times and modern times, is that those who take such astral journeys into what he believes is an alternate reality encounter very similar "beings" or "creatures" which often as not are composite beings or what we have come to call ancestral archetypes. This book is a must read for any avid seeker of the deeper, hidden, and unseen realities around us. Once the mind learns the trick of opening the door to this alternate reality it becomes enthralled and sometimes frightened (as was Mr. Hancock) by what it "sees." While I would NEVER advocate drug use of any kind as the key to the door of alternate reality or other dimensions of existence, I do recommend reading about the experiences of those who have taken that route, as indeed, there are things to learn from them. When studying the ancient arcana of occult wisdom bequeathed to us by those wise ones who have gone before we are cautioned to approach the threshold of the "supernatural" with great respect and care. For, if we are not properly purified by long and intense rites and discipline to cleanse our minds and spirits of putrid things and sordid thoughts, we will attract beings of similar kind to ourselves as we travel in the astral world. This is the reason unknowing drug users have some horribly bad "trips" or even end up eventually mentally imbalanced or insane. The candidates who were permitted by the Heirophant at Eleusis had spent many months purifying themselves with various lustrations, mental cleansings, meditations, fastings, and other purgative disciplines in preparation to being allowed to partake in the Greater Mysteries inside the holy Telesterion at Eleusis. Even if the kykeon drink they were given was indeed what some researchers believe it to be--a hallucinatory drink made from einkorn---it nevertheless was offered in a special circumstance, surrounded by holy ritual, and long spiritual preparation, not frivolously or out of vain curiosity, as is so often the case today. One may induce the alternate state without drugs, as even Mr. Hancock points out in his book. One of the purposes in the mystical disciplines is to reach and receive from such "higher" realities information that one can then bring back to our earthly "plane" and use for the good of ourselves and others.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Buy this one! By Diane I love this book! Some say that this is Hancock's best book and I would have to agree that it is at least up there near the top. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Superb Study of Unlikely Origins of Human Experience of the Supernatural By rogemeaux Excellent, wide-ranging look at connections across prehistoric cave art, shamanic vision quests, medieval encounters with faeries, and contemporary alien abductions. At first glance these phenomena might seem to be unlikely bedfellows, but Hancock links them by carefully examining a number of enduring elements common to all of them. The book explores possible explanations for these commonalities, including the nature and evolution of human DNA, the biochemistry of psychoactive plants, and the possibility of advanced intelligences having played a role in life on planet earth. The book is a balanced, evidence-based first-hand account of the author's intellectual and experiential attempts to understand the supernatural and its role in human life.

Less than fifty thousand years ago mankind had no art, no religion, no sophisticated symbolism, no innovative thinking. Then, in a dramatic and electrifying change, described by scientists as "the greatest riddle in human history," all the skills and qualities that we value most highly in ourselves appeared already fully formed, as though bestowed on us by hidden powers. In *Supernatural* Graham Hancock sets out to investigate this mysterious "before-and-after moment" and to discover the truth about the influences that gave birth to the modern human mind. His quest takes him on a detective journey from the stunningly beautiful painted caves of prehistoric France, Spain, and Italy to rock shelters in the mountains of South Africa, where he finds extraordinary Stone Age art. He uncovers clues that lead him to the depths of the Amazon rainforest to drink the powerful hallucinogen Ayahuasca with shamans, whose paintings contain images of "supernatural beings" identical to the animal-human hybrids depicted in prehistoric caves. Hallucinogens such as mescaline also produce visionary encounters with exactly the same beings. Scientists at the cutting edge of consciousness research have begun to consider the possibility that such hallucinations may be real perceptions of other "dimensions." Could the "supernaturals" first depicted in the painted caves be the ancient teachers of mankind? Could it be that human evolution is not just the "meaningless" process that Darwin identified, but something more purposive and intelligent that we have barely begun to understand?

"Graham Hancock is no stranger to controversy. The former journalist, whose books have sold five million copies in the past 10 years, has repeatedly dared to challenge scientific shibboleths, taking a run at entrenched thinking in archaeology, geology and astronomy." -The Globe and Mail

About the Author Graham Hancock is the author of the international bestsellers *The Sign and The Seal*, *Fingerprints of the Gods*, and *Heaven's Mirror*. His books have sold more than five million copies.