INCOMPATIBLE Shaman and Christian views:

<u>Shaman Definition</u> - a religion practiced by indigenous peoples that is characterized by belief in an unseen world of gods, demons, and ancestral spirits. a priest or priestess who uses magic for the purpose of curing the sick, divining the hidden, and controlling events

Article from the Sacred Science website asks... Are you a shaman and you don't know it? Here are some telltale signs that you might fit the archetype.

1. You sense that you're meant to participate in the global shift in consciousness that is currently underway.

2. You've been through a difficult initiation, which has prepared you for this leadership role.

3. You are an introvert.

4. You feel most at home in nature. The shamans of a culture are the bridges between nature and humans, serving as <u>translators between the mountains</u>, <u>oceans</u>, <u>rivers</u>, <u>animals</u>, <u>and people</u>. You may sense that nature is talking to you or that you get your most tuned in downloads when you are surrounded by the natural world.

5. You're very sensitive.

6. You feel a sort of spiritual calling to ease the suffering of people, animals, and nature.

7. Physical ailments that fall under the category of "shaman sickness."

8. You tend to have vivid dreams.

9. You may discover unusual spiritual superpowers, or what the yogis call "siddhis." You might be psychic. You might get healing visions like the one in my previous post about the meeting of Western medicine and Shamanism. You might realize that you can heal people with your hands or that you can telepathically communicate with animals, people, or even inanimate objects.

10. You've always felt like you don't quite belong anywhere, because you are a bridge.

Another website reads like this...

What is a Shaman?

At its most basic level, shamanism can be understood as a collection of ancient techniques that help to awaken and expand consciousness, as well as heal humanity's inner wounds.

Shamanic practice is the earliest known form of religion that our ancestors experienced. The different number of spiritual techniques used to expand our conscious and provoke <u>mystical experiences</u> was astonishing. These techniques ranged from chanting, fasting, and <u>nature immersion</u>, to incessant trance dancing and ingesting hallucinogenic plants.

Unlike most religions where the main concern is finding answers, **the Shaman is more interested in provoking you to ask the right questions that will lead you to experience truth.** The Shaman doesn't pursue meaning: he or she creates it by bringing the sacred to an otherwise mundane reality.

1) You feel a strong connection to nature

2) You enjoy solitude and find it hard to fit in with others

3) You've experienced a near-death, out-of-body or mystical experience

To be a Shaman you must experience a complete "death and rebirth," and often this can present itself as a temporary illness or shocking crisis of some kind.

It's through overcoming and healing from this terrifying ordeal that the Shaman-to-be surrenders everything they know as true for whatever wisdom they're meant to learn.

4) You've felt a subtle healing energy in your hands

5) You have the ability to "read" others

People with a shamanic calling frequently report psychic abilities such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, or other paranormal experiences.

6) You have ancestors who were healers or medical herbalists

7) You have vivid or prophetic dreams

8) You are visited by spirit animals

Animals or hybrid animals (half animal half human) play a big role in the Shaman's journey. <u>Spirit animals</u> serve as Guides that share vital information and serve as reminders whenever we require their help.

9) You see things that others can't see

10) You have physical abnormalities that set you apart

11) You feel a calling to help, heal or ease the suffering of others

NEW AGE Theology...

Incompatible spirituality includes evolution, pantheism, animism, humanism, universalist Unitarianism (global unity), and Gnosticism.

New Age is a compilation of metaphysical, Eastern-influenced thought systems. These thought systems unite theology, nature, and philosophy. This movement comprises countless "theologies" that often center on religious tolerance and moral diversity. The main phrases (or "isms") that reveal the focal point of New Age thought are "feel-goodism" (do whatever feels good, as long as you are not hurting someone else), "moral relativism" (situational ethics), and "pluralism" (universal tolerance).

The phrase "New Age" refers to the "Aquarian Age" which, according to New Age supporters, is now beginning. This Age is expected to bring in peace and enlightenment, as well as reunite humans with "god." New Age doctrine says that humans are currently estranged from god due to a lack of insight concerning god's real nature and reality. In New Age understanding, mankind is central. Humans are considered to be divine, as co-creators, and as the ultimate hope for the future of the world.

Although New Age is generally tolerant of almost any world religion or philosophy, it is opposed to the "narrow-mindedness" of Christianity that teaches Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal salvation. New Age philosophy is complicated to define because there is no centralized hierarchy, doctrine, or membership. At its foundation, the New Age movement is a religious system with two main doctrines: Evolutionary Godhood and Global Unity.