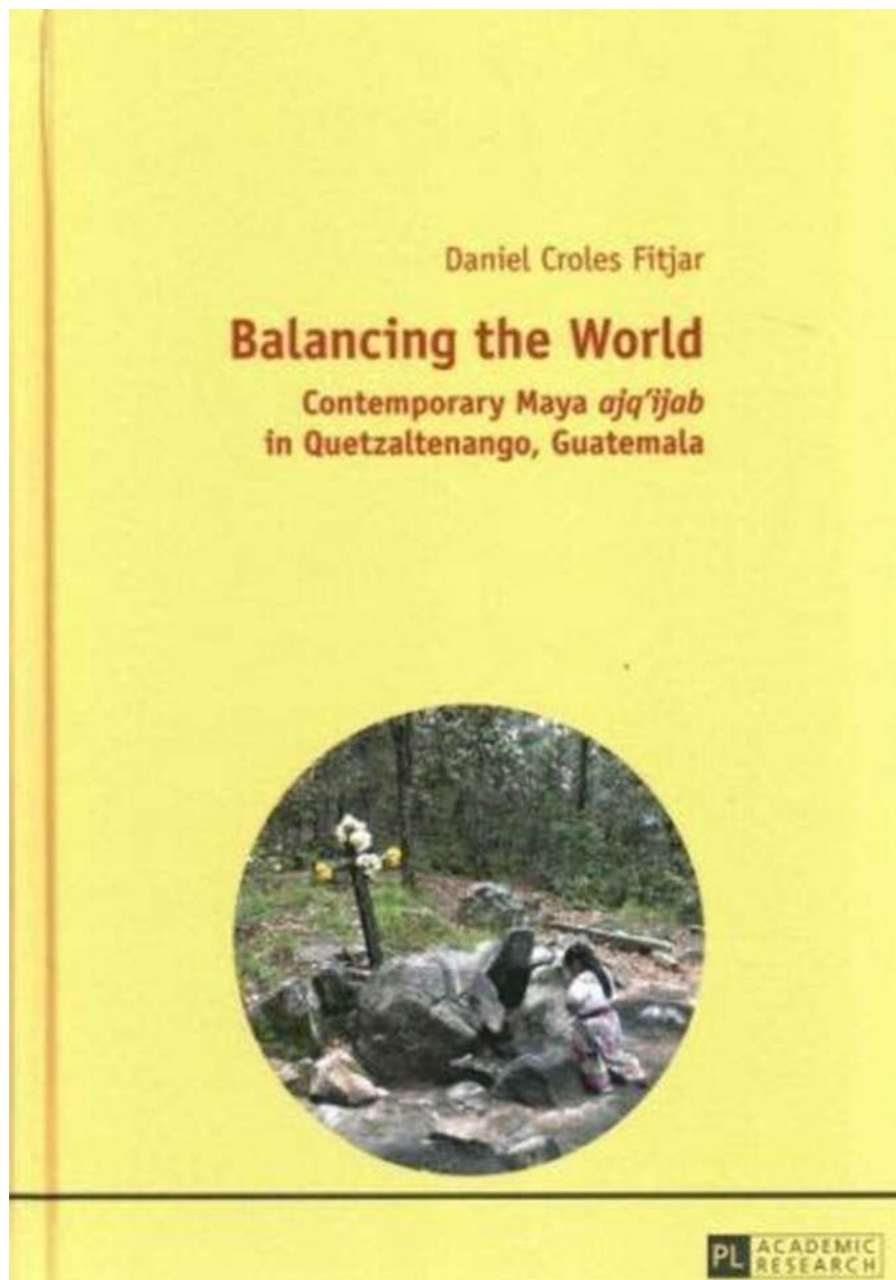


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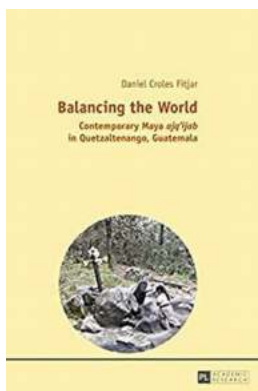


The Ancient Mayan Tradition Alive and Thriving in Quetzaltenango

Nestled in the picturesque highlands of western Guatemala, Quetzaltenango is a vibrant city rich in history and culture. One of its most intriguing aspects is the presence of contemporary Maya Ajq'ijab, or shamans, who are keeping the ancient Mayan tradition alive and thriving.

## Ancient Wisdom Passed Down through Generations

The Maya civilization, known for its advanced knowledge in astrology, healing, and spiritual practices, flourished in Mesoamerica for thousands of years. Despite facing various challenges, the Maya people have managed to preserve their ancestral wisdom, which is now carried forward by the Ajq'ijab.



## Balancing the World: Contemporary Maya "ajq'ijab" in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

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These modern-day shamans are descendants of the Mayan high priests, carrying the responsibility of maintaining the spiritual balance of their communities. Through ceremonies, rituals, and divination, they connect with the ancient energies and seek guidance from the spirits.

## Quetzaltenango: A Hub for Contemporary Maya Ajq'ijab

Quetzaltenango, often referred to as Xela by locals, has emerged as a hub for contemporary Maya Ajqijab. The city's proximity to sacred mountains, volcanoes, and sacred sites makes it an ideal location for shamans to practice their ancient rituals.

Within Quetzaltenango, you can find Ajqijab offering their services to both locals and visitors seeking spiritual guidance. They provide insight, healing, and protection through ceremonies such as fire rituals, offerings, and sacred plant medicine journeys.

## **Connecting with the Spirits: Ceremonies and Rituals**

The ceremonies and rituals performed by the Ajqijab are deeply rooted in Mayan cosmology. They believe that all elements of existence are interconnected, and by aligning with the spirits and natural forces, one can achieve balance and harmony.

Fire ceremonies, known as K'iche', are a profound way to connect with the energies of transformation and purification. Participants gather around a sacred fire, offering prayers, songs, and intentions, while the shamans guide them in channeling their intentions to the spirits.

Another powerful practice is the use of sacred plant medicines. Shamans work with plants such as Ayahuasca, San Pedro cactus, and sacred mushrooms to facilitate deep healing and spiritual journeys. These ceremonies are conducted with utmost respect and adherence to traditional rituals.

## **The Ajqijab's Role in Healing and Guidance**

Contemporary Maya Ajqijab play a pivotal role in the healing and guidance of individuals and communities. They use various techniques to diagnose illnesses

and imbalances, including divination with sacred objects, such as stones or cards, and accessing ancestral knowledge through trance-like states.

Once the root cause of an ailment or imbalance is identified, the Ajqijab prescribe appropriate remedies, which may include herbal medicine, energy healing, or spiritual cleansings. These practices not only address physical symptoms but also aim to restore the connection between mind, body, and spirit.

## **Preserving the Mayan Culture for Future Generations**

The work of contemporary Maya Ajqijab goes beyond individual healing. They play a crucial role in preserving the Mayan culture and passing down ancient knowledge to future generations.

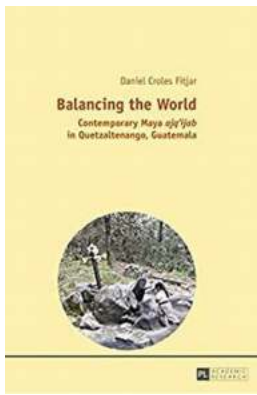
Through apprenticeships and mentorship programs, young Maya individuals are initiated into the shamanic tradition, ensuring the continuity of this ancient wisdom. The Ajqijab also actively engage with schools and community organizations to educate others about Mayan spirituality and traditions.

## **A Window into the Mystical World of Maya Ajqijab**

Visiting Quetzaltenango offers a unique opportunity to step into the mystical world of contemporary Maya Ajqijab. Seeking their guidance and participating in ceremonies can provide a profound and transformative experience.

By immersing oneself in the ancient practices and wisdom of the Maya, visitors can gain insights into their own lives, receive healing, and connect with the sacred energies of Guatemala's highlands.

**Are you ready to embark on a spiritual journey to Quetzaltenango and meet the contemporary Maya Ajqijab? Discover the enchanting world of the Maya and tap into ancient wisdom like never before!**



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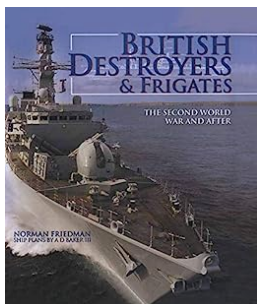
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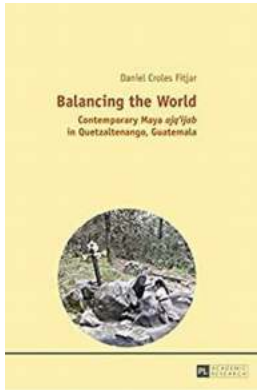


In *Balancing the World*, the author illuminates what an ajq'ij, or «daykeeper», is by presenting material he collected in a series of interviews with practitioners of Maya spirituality. Frequently labeled as Maya priests, shamans, spiritual guides, or even witches, the men and women called ajq'ijab do a variety of work to help their visitors, their ancestors, the spirits and the world itself. Nine interviewees from the Quetzaltenango area in the Guatemalan highlands tell about how they cure and avert illness, perform divinations, communicate with the ancestors and do their part in balancing the world. Most of them agree that they have been chosen for this responsibility and they see it as both a gift and a burden.



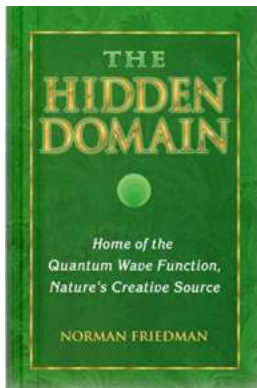
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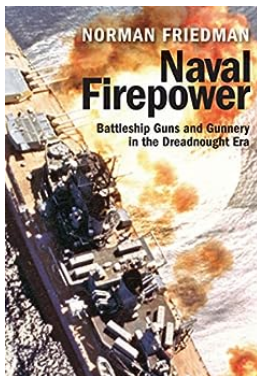
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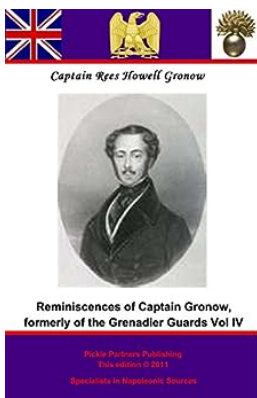
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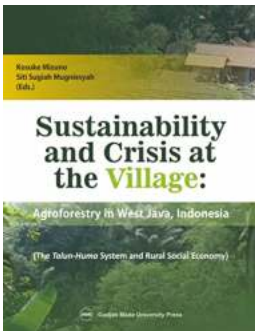
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