

## STORY IDEAS

### THE MIRACLE OF DEATH

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Dr. Kovács can provide commentary, background, story ideas, and articles about the Mystery of Death, non-ordinary experiences, symbolic-mythic language (our first language), the repression of the feminine dimension of the divine, and the shamanic roots of Western culture. Topics include:

#### The Mystery of Death

- Ancient initiations into Life
- Experiencing Deeper Orders of Reality
- Igniting ordinarily buried dimensions of existence and experience
- Coping with the death of a child or loved one
- Experiencing the survival of consciousness after physical death
- A KEY to inner healing
- Fear of death
- Western culture’s addiction to Death
- The planetary shift in consciousness

#### Symbolic, Mythic Language

- The nature and function of myths, fairy tales, dreams and visions and why they are essential to our survival in the 21st century
- Why our health and well-being require us to value our life stories as much as we value our ability to think about ideas
- The creative role of the Imagination

#### The Story of Western Culture

- Our shamanic experience of Deeper Orders of Reality
- Western culture’s denial and rejection of its shamanic experience
- The perennial return of Deeper Orders of Reality in the form of myths, dreams, fairy tales, and current unexplained phenomena
- The denial and repression of the symbolism of the feminine as divine and its catastrophic consequences for Western culture

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