

The Recovery of Archaic Lithuanian Thinking

Summary

This article reveals that the recovery of the archaic Lithuanian tradition and way of life cannot be approached just as the reconstruction of an artificially structured system; it can be recovered only insofar as it can be directly naturally experienced. In other words, a textually established system can be reconstructed and preserved in a text, but the way of life of a living organism can be recovered and preserved only in another living organism that can

be seen as a kind of resonator, a certain shared understanding and consciousness able to conceive one or another stratum of ancestral experience. It does not matter that an old cosmology, agriculture, or way of life is not today directly applicable in its primordial form. Reintegrated into today's world through reflection, it can open up in unexpected, newly reborn forms of life that reveal and preserve distinctive thinking of Lithuanian ancestors.'

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