

Week 8 Reading List 2026

Anthropological Perspectives on Divination and Magic

Required Reading

Evans-Pritchard, E.E. *Witchcraft, Oracles and Magic among the Azande*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1976 (first edn. 1937). **Available at the Lampeter Campus Library Main Collection (301.21 EVA); available to borrow digital version, with a free account, from the Internet Archive, <https://archive.org/details/witchcraftoracle00evan>**

Greenwood, Susan. *The Anthropology of Magic*, London: Routledge, 2009 [eBook published Taylor & Francis 2020]. Chapters 1, 4 & 6. **Available from TSD Library as an e-book from the database Askew and Holts, VleBooks**

Additional Reading (available online)

Addey, Crystal. *Divination and Theurgy in Neoplatonism: Oracles of the gods*, Farnham: Ashgate, 2014 **available from TSD Library as an e-book**: see especially Chapter 5 on Rationality and Ritual for comparative purposes.

Evans-Pritchard, E.E., 'Oracle-Magic of the Azande', *Sudan Notes and Records* 11 (1928), 1-53: **Available on JSTOR**

Triplett, T. 'Azande Logic versus Western Logic?' *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 39.3 (1988), pp. 361-366: **Available on JSTOR**

Additional Reading (other)

Bowie, Fiona, *The Anthropology of Religion: An Introduction*, Oxford: Blackwell, 2006 (first edn. 2000): especially Chapter 8: Witchcraft and the Evil Eye.

Good, Byron J., *Medicine, Rationality and Experience: an Anthropological Perspective*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994.

Greenbaum, Ellen, *Nuer Women in Southern Sudan*, Michigan State University, 1990. https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://gencen.isp.msu.edu/index.php/download_file/view/50/398/&ved=2ahUKEwjE6dGpyqKSAXV4W0EAHZ0WM4QQFnoECB0QAQ&usq=AOvVaw2GzGHtg6-oRPEsZe1DHTWe

Greenwood, Susan, *The Nature of Magic*, Oxford: Berg, 2010.

Levy-Bruhl, L. *How Natives Think*, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1985 (first published in 1910)

Lucien Levy-Bruhl, L. *The Notebooks on Primitive Mentality*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1975 (first published in 1949).

Lévy-Bruhl, Lucien, 'A Letter to Evans-Pritchard', *British Journal of Sociology*, 3 (1952), pp.117-23.

Tambiah, S.J., *Magic, Science, Religion and the Scope of Rationality*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991.