

Calixto

I am Calixto Suarez Villafañe, an Arhuaco indian of the Sierra Nevada, at the north of Colombia. I was born in a very high part of the mountain, at 3000 meters over sea level. They say that 3 months after I was born my father dies in an accident. He was crossing a river that swept him away.

Since that moment. My mother could not look after all her children and left one to my grandmother, I was the chosen one. At the moment of my birth I was not physically well, I had problems and illnesses, for this reason my mother thought 'this one has no future' and left me to my grandmothers care. My grandmother who was a sobandera masseuse solved my physical problem.

After four years my mothers brother married and I went to live with them as the only elder son. It was then that I started being trained with the elders: with them I came to understand and comprehend life in general, I learnt about the four worlds, about the earth and the universe. Personally I had a very strong sensory perception but I was very shy. For this reason many times I stayed alone in the mountain, cultivating corn and other species.

The first crops were always for the elders, asking old women and men for the blessing of the products, slowly I got use to that and I like it.

En At a certain point I studied at a school for a few years. It was fun but was not complete because I could feel that they were not educating me as a person but to fulfill or receive a grade and always repeat the same thing. Nevertheless, I was always at the side of the major spiritual leaders.

My dream was to become a doctor, to travel and get to know, but I knew nothing. Seldomly I used to travel with a few passing foreigners who were heading for the snowy peak. I did not know the big city with people and cars. When I was 15 I came to know cars and was not surprised why the Mamos and elders had told us about them. On the other hand the elders told me about the living beings, nature and the sacred points, which today I call energy points, where the Mamos did their payments in order to harmonize.

There are many sacred points throughout the Arhuaco territory, and this is how I began to understand that one single point had to do with everything and that the others only have to do with one thing.

The Mamos say that the snowy mountain is like the heart of the earth. Then I began to analyze why it might be the heart. My conclusion was that the sacred points that are there are connected with

other sacred points of the planet. And that they are part of a network which is connected to the universe.

This is complicated for the mind but it is how I understood it, but my formation finish there.

From there came the opening of the door, traveling outwards and I have been travelling for a long time, learning of the different cultures of the world, traditions and states. Always as an investigation: to see, to feel the invisible strength of the sacred places of the planet, because they are everywhere. And I have been dedicated to making an energy exchange at those places.

And at the same time I have traveled giving talks, conferences to all people: children, adolescents, adults, associations, foundations, institutions other cultures, religions, politics and spiritual masters. I have been with many enlightened masters, giving and receiving. Specially in India, working on the formation of others.

For me, what matters the most is that the lands are healthy, the water is pure, the wind is free from viruses and the human beings are at peace with themselves. This is my impulse and my intention: to speak of the importance of the sacred places and of how sacred we are.