
2005 Ashé Journal Book Award

Ashé Journal is proud to announce the establishment of a book award for spiritual nonfiction.

The inaugural annual award is given in honor of Baba Raul Canizares. Canizares was one of the founding spiritual advisors to the Ashé project. He was a respected spiritual leader, author, artist and scholar. The Cuban born Canizares left a successful career in academia to devote himself full-time to his roll as a Santerian priest (santero). He passed away in 2002.

Journal editors chose five works as finalists for this years award. Eligible books included non-fiction works published between January 1 and December 31, 2004 that focused on a spiritual theme (historical, auto/biographical, scholarly, philosophical or devotional).

A selection from each chosen work follow. Selection of the final award recipient will be based on reader selection. Voting will be conducted online via the Journal's web portal (<http://www.ashejournal.com>) and will commence with the issue's release. The Award winner will be announced in the Fall issue, September.



The 2005 Finalists Are:

Novice to Master: An Ongoing Lesson In the Extent of My Own Stupidity,
Soko Morinaga, Translated by Belinda Attaway Yamakawa
(Wisdom Publications)

The Shamanic Way of the Bee, Simon Buxton (Inner Traditions)

Jesus & The Shamanic Tradition of Same-Sex Love, Will Roscoe
(Suspect Thoughts)

*Queering Creole Spiritual Traditions: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
Transgender Participation in African-Inspired Traditions in the Americas*,
Randy Conner & David Hatfield Sparks (Harrington Park Press)

The Center of the Sunlit Sky: Madhyamaka in the Kagyü Tradition, Karl
Brunnhölzl (Snow Lion Publications)