

directly that this method of training is ancestral: "It's the way it's always been done."

Horace Miner writes about the healing temple or latipso ("hospital"): "The latipso ceremonies are so harsh that it is phenomenal that a fair proportion of the really sick natives who enter the temple ever recover. . . . No matter how ill the supplicant or how grave the emergency, the guardians of many temples will not admit a client if he cannot give a rich gift to the custodian . . . ."

"From time to time the medicine men come to their clients and jab magically-treated needles into their flesh. The fact that these ceremonies may not cure, and may even kill the neophyte, in no way decreases the people's faith in the medicine men."

So powerful is the belief in the healing temple that tribal members will even go there in order to die, even though they know they have an incurable illness, for which care by an untrained family member would provide a more soothing ending to their life.

The American medicine man practices a powerful form of voodoo that can either cure or kill. It is among the most powerful in the world. I met a woman whose husband had been the victim of voodoo death by the medicine men. This poor lady's husband, who was in his seventies, went to visit the medicine man and was told he had a fatal disease that would kill him in thirty days. This man had been active up until the day he visited the medicine man. He returned from the visit, lay down on his bed for the next thirty days, and died on schedule.

The power to heal by the medicine man is also immense. The mere sight of a medicine man can inspire healing on the spot. So great is this awe and power that a client often recovers before he has taken the herbs and potions.

The healing and spiritual practices of our own and other cultures are strange and bizarre only when seen out of context of their cultural belief system.

## JUDGMENT REVIEW

### *Mental Fitness Technique*

#### *Human value fostered by this technique: Nonviolence in Thought*

One reason I've gone into such detail about the healing practices of other cultures is to help you understand that our judgments of other practices are just that—judgments—and not facts.

Not only do we judge anything and anyone we don't understand,