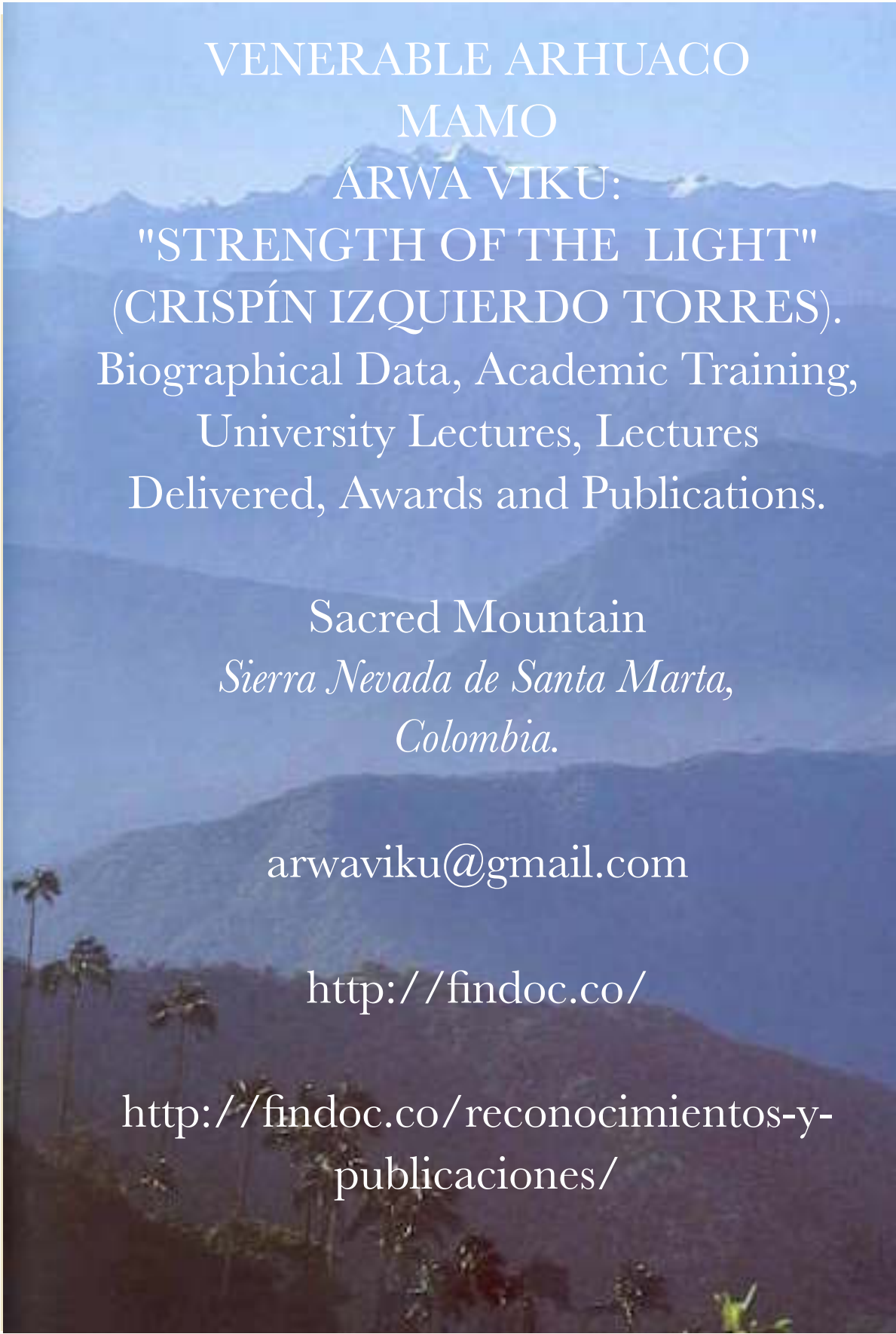




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"Foreordained before birth to inherit his father's and grandfathers' staffs, Mamo Arwa Viku - Crispín Izquierdo has been, from a very early age, a great leader in the defense and preservation of their culture and identity, their territories, their memory and the great ancestral heritage of original peoples. Brought up in the IKU (Arhuaco) tradition, Arwa Viku learned very early the importance of Mother Earth's balance and, in the fulfillment of his own mission, he has shown that their ancestral culture prevails in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, and that the millenary tradition of his people is not only a heritage of Colombia but a world heritage, sharing with us his legacy, he shows us that living in harmony with the Earth is a feasible imperative."

"Mamo Crispín Izquierdo has led important causes, such as achieving freedom of worship in their territories, preserving the tradition of ancestral peoples, their ritual practices and sacred ceremonies, encouraging the use of native language, among others. Author and participant in every important topics that define the course of the indigenous peoples of Colombia, such as the recognition of their reservations and demarcation of their territories in Land Use Planning, Human Rights, Health and Education in Indigenous Affairs."

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"Founder of several indigenous organizations aiming at strengthening their culture, including ONIC, Katuyumar, and the Foundation of Indo-American Traditions of Colombia FINDOC, which he has been leading for 25 years, and where he also shares his knowledge on the use and management of plants in Ancestral Medicine."

"Acknowledged on several occasions and events for his great cultural, environmental and scientific contribution, Mamo Crispín Izquierdo has also been a lecturer, professor, author and consultant for several books on his culture, and a worthy representative of indigenous peoples at the national and international level, who has brought, with an extensive knowledge, his message to every continent, which consists in sowing the word, memory and thinking according to the mamo message, taking as a principle the original law and/or the law of wisdom."

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M A K U T A M A . "

#### ACADEMIC TRAINING:

Basic Education

COLEGIO SAN LUIS GONZAGA [SAN LUIS GONZAGA SCHOOL]

Valledupar - Cesar

Secondary Education

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Bogotá.

Higher Education

SANTO TOMAS DE AQUINO

Faculty of Law

Bogotá.

Seminars and More

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

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Agricultural and Livestock Expert

Fonseca, Guajira.

Management of plants and natural extracts.

Ancestral Medicine.

Major Temples of IkꞮ U'unchunkulla.

Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta.

Indigenous Cosmogony- Original peoples of the world.

Sierra Nevada De Santa Marta.

Indigenist Technician

INTER-AMERICAN INDIGENOUS INSTITUTE  
"INI"

OAS - Organization of American States - MEXICO.

Initiated as Mamo in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta  
in Indigenous Traditional Medicine during 30 years  
(Gun-Maku).

Specialization in Indigenous Medicine worldwide.  
EAGLE Congress, San Diego - California.

Seminar on Rural Equation in Colombia, Bogotá.

Sixth Session on Indigenous Populations. United  
Nations. Switzerland, Geneva.

Specialization in Ancestral Medicine of the Americas.  
Canada, Ottawa.

First International Congress on Human Rights of  
Indigenous Peoples. Venezuela-Caracas.

First Seminar On Native Plants. Lima - Peru.

Third American Continental Congress on Natural  
Ancestral Medicines. Colombia, Cali.

International Meeting El hombre Indígena y la  
Medicina Natural [The Indigenous People and Natural  
Medicine]. OAS. Mexico - Chiapas.

Third Meeting on Natural Medicines. Colombia,  
Medellín.

Ancestral medicine. Bogotá - Colombia.

Symposium Medicinas Alternativas: Una Mirada  
Integral [Alternative Medicines: A Comprehensive  
Look]. University of Antioquia.

World Meeting on Ecology and Culture. Colombia,  
Cali.

Innovaciones en Nuestra Medicina Natural [Innovations  
in Our Natural Medicine]. Colombia, Villavicencio.

#### POSITIONS HELD:

Tradition Secretary of the Indigenous Community  
Bintukwa (Arhuaco).

Agricultural and Livestock expert and technician.  
Ministry of the Interior. Colombia, Cesar.

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Founder and Auditor of the Indigenous Foundation of Colombia KATUYUMAR.

Founder of the Indigenous National Organization of Colombia ONIC.

Founder and President of the Foundation of Indo-American Traditions of Colombia FINDOC.

Founder and Board Member of the Foundation KURINA. Bogotá. Colombia.

Secretary of the World Organization of Ancestral Medicines OMMA, for Colombia. Spain, Madrid. 1991.

Project Manager in the Working groups for creating the Healthcare Enterprise DUSAKAWI E.P.S.

Project Manager in the Working groups for creating the Municipality of Pueblo Bello - Cesar.

Thesis Advisor and Mentor at the Faculty of Industrial Design. Jorge Tadeo Lozano University.

Thesis Advisor and Mentor at the National University of Colombia. Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, and Medicine.

First Meeting on Ancestral Medicines of Cesar. Colombia, Valledupar.

Symposium of the Americas. Botanical Medicine. OAS. United States, New York.

International Congress of Indigenous Peoples, Natural Extracts. Colombia, Leticia-Amazonas.

Faculties.

Adviser and Mentor of University Students linked to Opción Colombia [Option Colombia]. Bogotá.

Advisor and Lecturer at the Museum of Arts and Popular Traditions. Bogotá. Colombia.

Advisor and Lecturer at the Gold Museum. Bogotá. Colombia.

Advisor and participant in the Project Abre Sierra [Open Sierra]. Bogotá. Colombia.

Leader and organizer of the sacred Black Line journey in partnership with the National University of Colombia. FINDOC-IEPRI.

#### UNIVERSITY LECTURES:

Open University of Cali. Faculty of Medicine.

University of Manizales. Faculty of Medicine.

Santo Tomas de Aquino University. Faculty of Law and Psychology.

Jorge Tadeo Lozano University. Faculty of Design.

National University of Colombia. Faculties of Medicine and Anthropology.

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Externado University of Colombia. Faculty of Design.  
Indigenist Practice. INTER-AMERICAN Indigenous  
Institute- OAS. Mexico.

Indigenous social issue. Sodbury University. Canada,  
Ontario.

Development and practice in Indigenous Medicine.  
Saskatchewan University. Canada.

Nueva Granada Military University. Faculty of  
Medicine.

Juan N Corpas University. Faculty of Medicine.

Javeriana Pontifical University Faculties of Science and  
Environmental and Rural Studies.

University of San Jose. Faculty of Medicine.

Lecturer on Ethnic and Cultural Biodiversity. Junior  
Chamber of Colombia. Condor Chapter.

Lecturer at the Ad Hoc Committee on Drug Trafficking.  
Congress of the Republic. 1992.

Lecturer on Traditional Medicine in Indigenous  
America. Colombian Book Chamber. May 2nd, 1992.

Lecturer at the Continental Congress Ancestral  
Medicines. Colombia, Cali.

Lecturer at Kirpal. Indigenous Traditional Medicine in  
the World. Colombia, Cali.

Lecturer at the 5th International Book Fair. Bogotá.  
Colombia.

Lecturer at the 1st Naturalist World Congress.  
Risaralda, Pereira.

Lecturer at Alami World Congress. Magdalena, Santa  
Marta.

Lecturer at Eco mundo [Eco world]. Ethnobotany  
Colombia, Cali.

Lecturer at the Colombian Association of Natural and  
Traditional Medicine. May 18th, 1993.

Lecturer at the 1st Naturalist and Environmental World  
Congress. October 13th to 17th, 1994. Risaralda,  
Pereira.

#### LECTURES DELIVERED:

National and International Lecturer delegate of  
Colombia's Foreign Affairs Ministry before several  
countries of the world on issues related to Culture and  
Environment.

Participation in the Celebration of World Water Day.  
Seykiwia Foundation. Simon Bolivar Park. March 22nd,  
2009.

Lecture: "La Medicina Indígena [The Indigenous  
Medicine]" lecture series. Bogotá Surgery Society, San  
Jose Hospital. University Foundation of Health

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Sciences. Guillermo Fergasson Auditorium, September 14th to 15th, 2004.

Participation in the II National Coffee Fair. Bogotá, Corferias, from November 5th to 9th, 1997.

Black Line: Sacred Landscapes of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. Foreign Affairs Ministry. Phnom Penh (Cambodia) and Vientiane (Laos) from April 8th to 13th, 2013.

<http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/newsroom/news/viceministra-londono-inauguro-camboya-y-laos-la-exhibicion-fotografica-linea-negra>

Encuentro y Reflexión Re-Conozcamos la Paz "Experiencias de Paz en Colombia" [Meeting and Reflection Let us Re-Cognize Peace "Experiences of Peace in Colombia]" National University of Colombia. Bogotá, May 28th to 30th, 2008.

First National Congress on Alternative and Complementary Medicine in Synergy with Conventional Medicine, Pain Management. Lecture: "Terapias indígenas y su efecto [Indigenous therapies and their effect]". Bogotá, November 17th to 19th, 2005.

II Exodus expedition "Encuentro Polifónico Cultura y Desplazamiento [Polyphonic Meeting Culture and Displacement]". Bogotá, Luis Angel Arango Library, September 5th, 2002.

Presentation "Magia y Medicina Tradicional [Magic and Traditional Medicine]" at the VII International Poetry Festival in Medellín. June 1997.

Medicine As World Heritage]. UNIVERSAL HEALING. Houston. January 27th, 1996.

Lecture Medicina Tradicional y Extractos Naturales [Traditional Medicine and Natural Extracts]. Valley Center, California. December 18th, Rio de Janeiro, June 3rd - 4th, 1992.

World Congress on Alternative Medicines (O.M.M.A.) "Spain 92". Madrid, April 24th to 26th, 1992.

International Conference of Indigenous Peoples. Quetzaltenango. December 8th, 1993.

XIV Don Quijote Theater Festival in Paris. Lecture Pensamiento y Medicina Indígena [Indigenous Thought and Medicine].

France Soler Theater. November 2005.

Lecture Pensamiento y Medicina Indígena [Indigenous Thought and Medicine]. Convention Andrés Bello-Casa de las Americas [House of the Americas].

Toledo, Barcelona and Madrid - Spain. October 2004.

Lecturer at the Centro Colombo Americano [Colombian American Center]. Culturas Indígenas del Mundo [Indigenous Cultures of the World]. May 1995.



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Introducción al Pensamiento y Cosmogonía de los Mames de la Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta [Introduction to the Thought and Cosmogony of the Mames of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta].

Lecture "Llamado de los hermanos mayores [The Call of the elder brothers]" at the Fondo Cultural Cafetero [Coffee-growing Cultural Fund]. June 7th, 1995.

Lecturer at the Meeting of Mayors of the Colombian Federation of Municipalities. Elliptical Room, National Capitol. Bogotá 8th to 9th, 1992.

Lecture Plantas Medicinales [Medicinal Plants]. Homeopathic University Higher Institute of Venezuela. November 12th, 1991. Caracas.

Culturas Indígenas de Colombia [Indigenous Cultures of Colombia]. National University of Colombia, León de Greiff Auditorium.

La Tradición indígena Arhuaca y su Cosmogonía [Arhuaco indigenous Tradition and its Cosmogony]. Instituto Caldense de la Cultura [Cultural Institute of Caldas]. Manizales, October 23rd, 1995.

Lecturer at the XX National Horticulture Fair in Villa Maria, Caldas. "Defensa de los recursos naturales y de la promoción de la cultura [Protection of natural resources and of the promotion of culture]". University of Caldas Auditorium.

Caldas, June 28th to July 3rd, 1995.

Pensamiento Mamo en la Cultura Tayrona [ Mamo Thought in the Tayrona Culture]. Instituto Colombo Americano [Colombian American Institute]. Colombia, Manizales and Pereira. 1995.

Lecturer at the Assembly of Indigenous Authorities of America. Guatemala, November 14th - 24th, 1995.

Lecturer at the IV Intercultural Meeting in the Amazonia. Pto Nariño - Amazonas. Colombia.

Lecturer on Culture and Tradition. Gold Museum. Bogotá. Colombia 1990-2006.

Lecturer on Culture and Tradition. Museum of Arts and Traditions. Bogotá. Colombia 1999 - 2004.

Lecture La Medicina Tradicional Indígena Como Patrimonio de la Humanidad [The Indigenous Traditional Medicine As World Heritage]. UNIVERSAL HEALING. Houston. January 27th, 1996.

Lecture Medicina Tradicional y Extractos Naturales [Traditional Medicine and Natural Extracts]. Valley Center, California. December 18th, Rio de Janeiro, June 3rd - 4th, 1992.

World Congress on Alternative Medicines (O.M.M.A.) "Spain 92". Madrid, April 24th to 26th, 1992.

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Toledo, Barcelona and Madrid - Spain. October 2004.

Lecturer at the Centro Colombo Americano [Colombian American Center]. Culturas Indígenas del Mundo [Indigenous Cultures of the World]. May 1995.

Introducción al Pensamiento y Cosmogonía de los Mames de la Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta [Introduction to the Thought and Cosmogony of the Mames of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta].

Lecturer during the Annual Grand Forum of the Colombian Council of Sustainable Construction. Bogotá, May 16th, 2012.

Pensamiento Mamo durante la defensa del territorio sagrado de la Laguna de Chingaza [Mamo Thought during the protection of the sacred territory of Chingaza Lagoon].

Bogotá Water and Sewerage Company. June 2nd, 2012.

Por razones ambientales, no se construirá la represa Chingaza II:

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Medicina Tradicional Indígena y la Devastación Artificial de Nuestra Reservas Naturales por la Mano Destructora del Hombre [Indigenous Traditional Medicine and the Artificial Devastation of Our Natural Reserves by the Destructive Hand of Man]. Pereira, March 5th, 1994.

Ritual Support to indigenous students at the National University of Colombia in the Lagoon of Biology. Bogotá, June 14th, 2012.

#### AWARDS:

Honorific Certification of TRADITIONAL MEDICAL CULTURES by the HERITF Foundation Educational. Program. October 14th, 1994.

Secretary for Colombia at the World Organization of Ancestral Medicines OMMA. Spain, Madrid. 1991.

Title and recognition as MAJOR WORD of the Indigenous Peoples of the world. Awarded in Ghana - Africa. November 21st, 2013.

#### PUBLICATIONS:

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Opening of the Science and Technology Interactive Center of Colombia "Maloka". Newspaper El Tiempo. December 1998.

VII International Poetry Festival of Medellín. Book Universo Arhuaco [Arhuaco Universe]. 1997.

Author of the Book Pensamiento Mamo [Mamo Thought], Bank of the Republic. Manizales, Armenia, and Pereira. 2000.

Author. Reforestación y Recuperación de Cuencas Hidrográficas en la Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta [Reforestation and Watershed Recovery in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta].

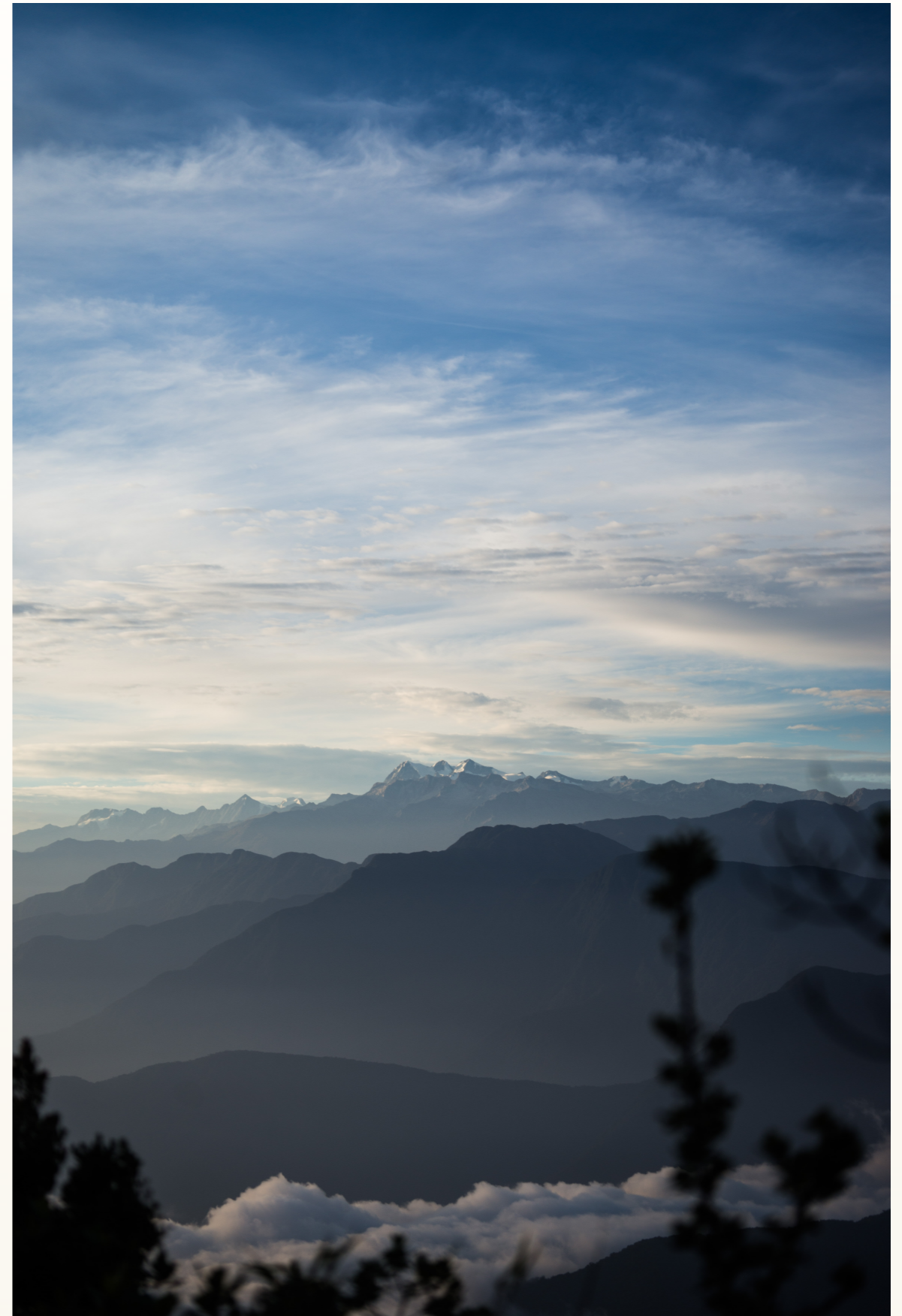
Author. Tratado de Medicina Milenaria de los Mamos de la Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta [Treaty on the Millenary Medicine of the Mamos of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta].

Author of "El Orden del Todo [The Order of the Whole]" National University of Colombia.

Pueblos Indígenas se sienten traicionados.

[Indigenous Peoples feel betrayed]. Newspaper EL ESPECTADOR (10/22/2013).

<http://www.elespectador.com/noticias/nacional/pueblos-indigenas-se-sienten-traicionados-articulo-306955>



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Desplazados revivieron sus parcelas en Plaza de Bolívar [Displaced people relived their plots in Bolívar Square]. ACNUR Newsletter July 28th, 2007.

Indígenas a defender su cultura milenaria [Indigenous People defending their millenary culture]. Diario del Otún [Otún Daily]. Pereira, March 9th, 1994.

Indígenas de la línea Negra [Indigenous People of the Black line]. Newspaper El Tiempo (12.17.1995)

<http://www.eltiempo.com/archivo/documento/MAM-485908>

Bogotá protocolizó adhesión al pacto de Estambul por el agua [Bogotá formalized adherence to the Istanbul Water Consensus]. Conservation International Colombia. 2012.

Author. Winner of the National Poetry Contest about animals 2008. El Canario de Katherine Mansfield [Katherine Mansfield's Canary]. Bogotá, October 30th, 2008.

Colombian Indians plead for water preservation. April 14th, 2009.

Arhuacos Bautizan El Río Bogotá [Arhuacos Christen The Bogotá River].

Preparan "Encuentro de Ríos" [They Prepare "Meeting of Rivers"]. Al Verde Vivo Foundation. 1998.

Médico Arhuaco habla de medicina natural ancestral [Arhuaco Physician speaks of ancestral natural medicine]. Pereira, October.

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"May all Beings be Happy!"  
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"May all Beings Give Love to one another!"  
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