

**Assignment 4: Due at the Fourth Class**  
**Spirituality and Religion**

Many people of the Antilles express their spirituality through the syncretism of the Yoruba and Catholic faiths, called variously Santería, Palo Monte, Espiritismo, Pocomanía, or Voodoo.

Become more acquainted with this spirituality.

1. Study this BBC website describing the religion:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/santeria/>

2. Look at three sets of videos that speak to the idea of Santería in Cuba:

callejon hamel video from Indiana Museum of Art:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5OmE2UIr\\_9Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5OmE2UIr_9Q)

RUMBA con los chiquiticos del Callejon de Hamel - Cuba

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEywIDi6liA&feature=related>

Callejón De Hamel : Solos de timbal de Changuito y Giovanni Hidalgo

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOXJG-pkV9g&feature=related>

3. Study the material at this website:

<http://www.crossingthewater.com/index.htm>

which summarizes the actions of Santiago Castañeda Vero a priest in his faith.

4. Look at this set of images on Flickr:

[http://www.flickr.com/photos/professor\\_p/sets/72157625917776490/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/professor_p/sets/72157625917776490/)

Illustrates some of the objects and costumes associated with the faith.

Do something that expresses your personal sense of spirituality, that is, your personal way of interpreting or expanding on organized religion as you know it. Create some piece of art - sculpture, collage, drawing, slide show, video - that expresses your feelings about the topic. Luis has suggested that your work might be in the form of an artistic 'petition' to a Greater Power to grant a wish.