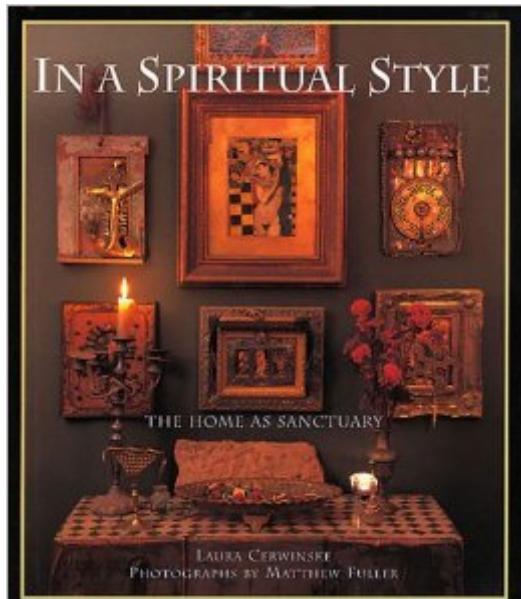


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# In A Spiritual Style: The Home As Sanctuary



## **Synopsis**

As more people seek meaning in new spiritual practice or renew their commitments to traditional religions, they are creating homes that reflect and enhance the spiritual aspects of their lives. This volume presents Buddhist meditation rooms alongside personal shrines to Catholic saints, altars to Santeria deities, lavishly decorated Sabbath tables, private temples to creativity, memorials to friends and family members, and offerings to Hindu Gods. Laura Cerwinske's text and Matthew Fuller's photographs explain the content of the home sanctuary and describe specific interpretations and applications of spiritual style.

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As you browse through this book you will feel inspired in many ways; you will be inspired spiritually of course but also at looking at the world in a different way. In this book the differences between religions are erased, the belief in ancient deities mesh with contemporary reflections of Jesus, Buddah, Hindu Shiva and Shakti figures, African fetish figures or sculptures are intermingled with Burmese textiles and Mexican altars, complete with crosses adorned with milagros are juxtaposed on other pages with devil wood carvings and images of death in the form of calaveras (skeletons). There is even a section on Santeria altars where the text explains the origins of the religion as coming with the slaves from Yoruba to Cuba and spreading throughout the Caribbean. The book is organized with a text and accompanying pictures of the history of sacred design and the meaning of sanctuary. If you look at the table of contents you will see that the author explores gardens, rooms

and shrines, altars , art and artifacts. The text is less than spellbinding but the pictures are magnificent. The author takes you into several artists homes and naturally they are some of the most spectacular. If you are into wood work from New Mexico than you are in for a real treat. There is nearly a two page spread of renowned santero Ramon Jose Lopez bedroom that shows his "chapel" where he sleeps. The bed has six panels, featuring various saints, a room divider with more hand carved panels of saints, many styles of crosses, including an altar made of wood in form of a pyramid where each level is lit by candle light and colorful retablos. It is a sight to behold and helps explain the inspired beautiful work by Lopez.

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