

# Mediation of Prospect in Senegambian Divinatory Praxis

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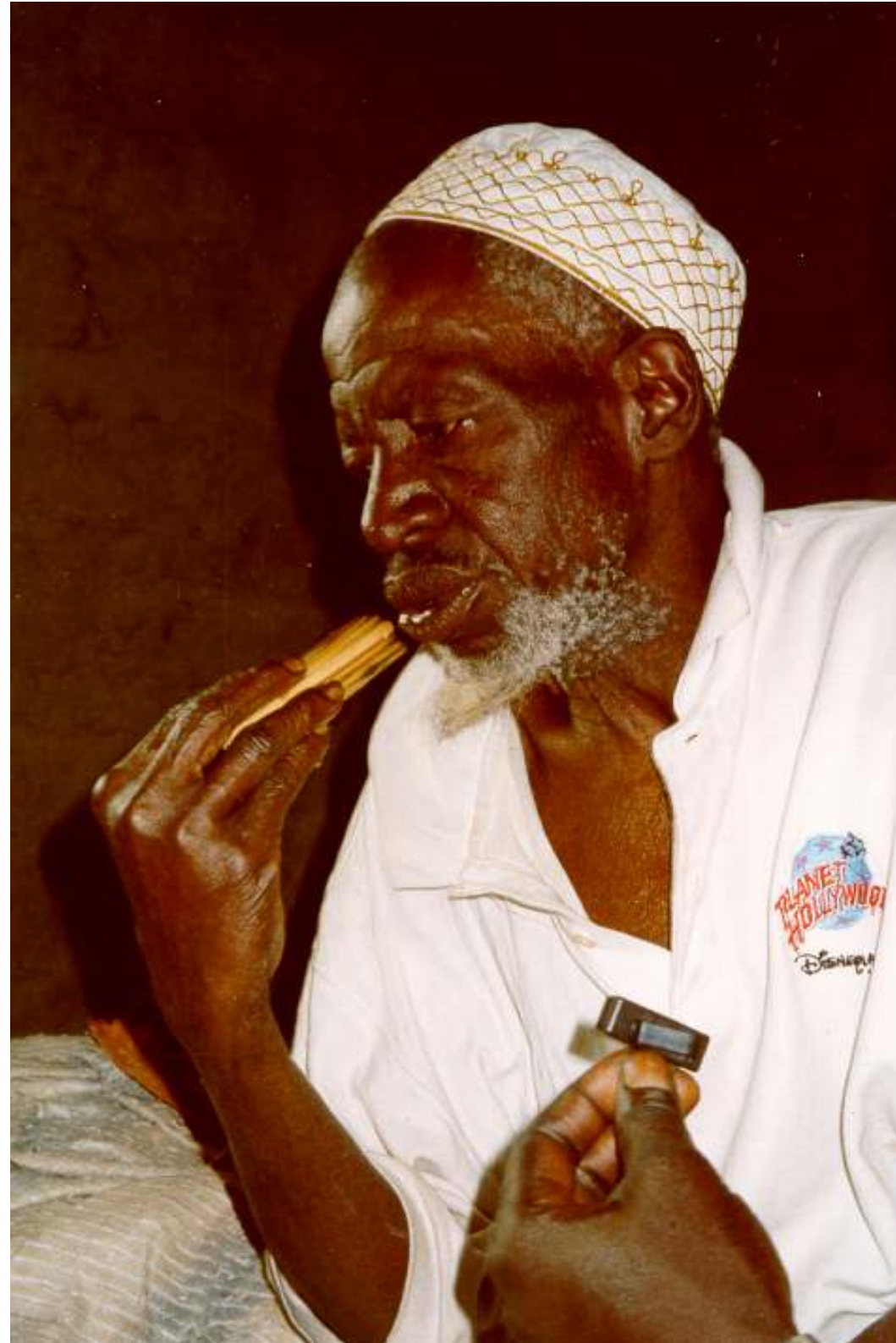


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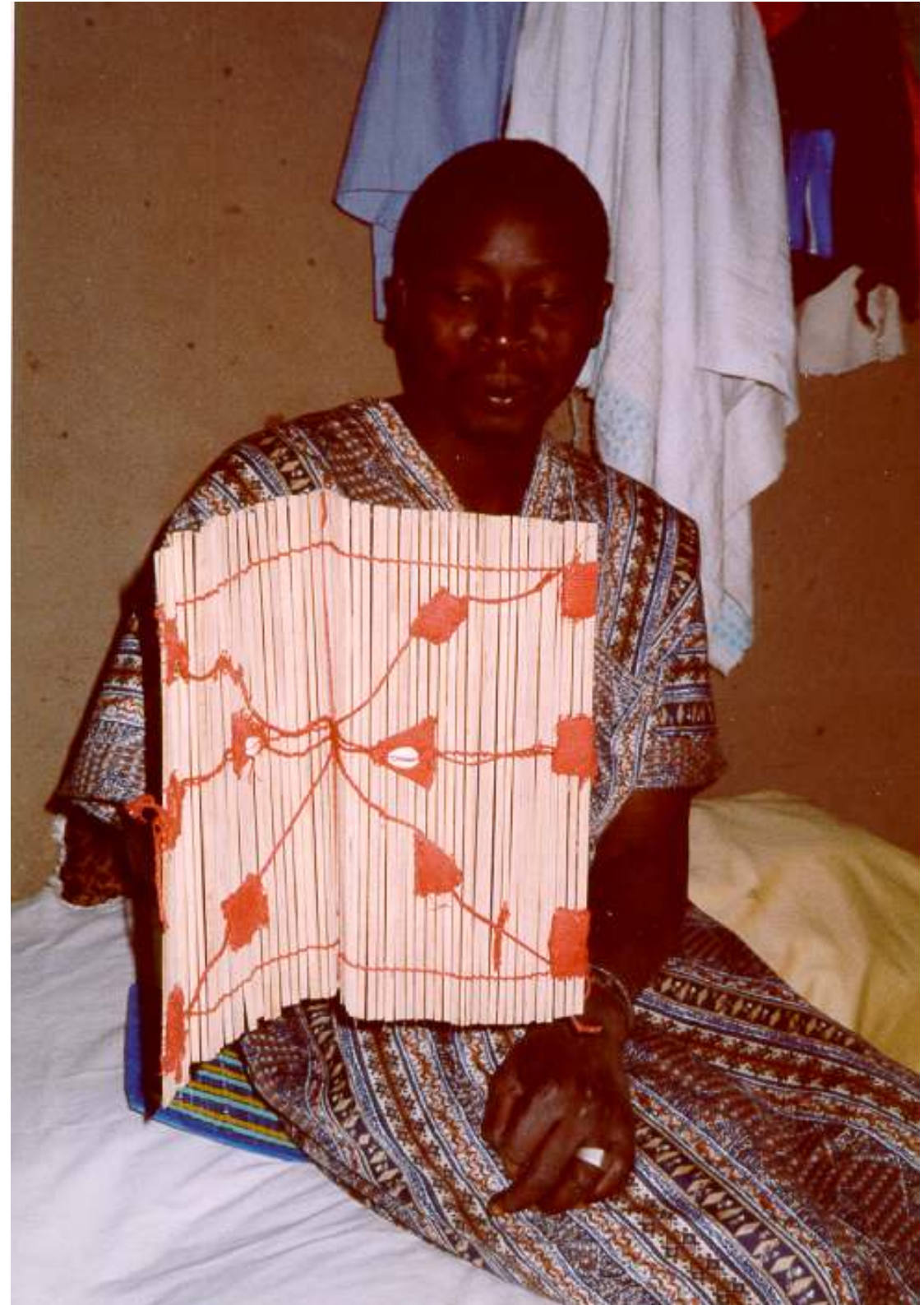
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## Immediate working and force of the divinatory consultation

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B. Intentional and cultural resonance

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C. Active transformation of individual  
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