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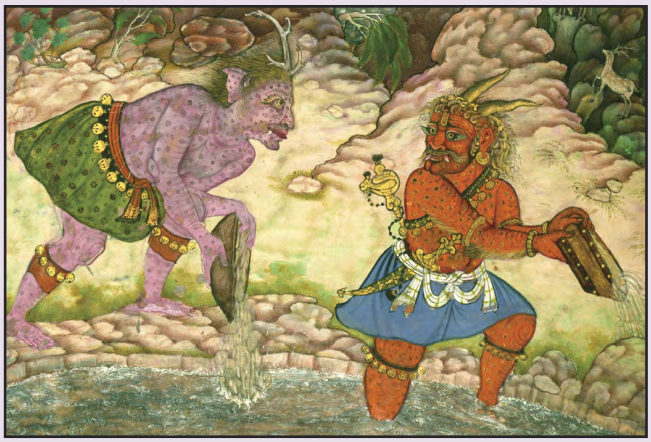

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Here we are with Issue 128, and we have a slightly different issue this time, rather heavily focused on Iran and the surrounding areas....'

Iran often gets a bad press, and it is true its government leaves a lot to be desired, but there is far more to the country than the oppression of women and Islamic fundamentalism.

If you read any travellers' tales, they will generally tell you that the people of Iran are kind, courteous and friendly - unlike thier leaders - and if you scratch beneath the Islamic surface, you will find a wide variety of ancient, pre-Islamic sacred traditions, which have been brought there by the many shamanistic and animistic peoples who have migrated through the region over the centuries.

And so we take a bite of these rich, tasty, Persian delicacies, as well as looking at the power of the human mind in healing and a Siberian type of dreamcatcher.

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Blessings to all Beings
Nicholas Breeze Wood

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