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The Enduring Navaho

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Hand Trembling is one of the lesser rituals. The ceremony is given to recover lost or stolen property, or to diagnose illness. For illness the ceremony is more elaborate, involving the sprinkling of pollen on the patient, the singing of special songs, (always four in number) and the presentation of gifts to Gilla Monster to whom the ceremony belongs. It is believed that Gila Monster sees everything that occurs, and keeps track of the actions of all people. *Beads* In the case of stolen property, the hand of the Hand Trembler *leads* to the location of the property, or the Trembler hears the far-away voice of the Gila Monster.

The Navaho name for this ritual is "To search for Something without looking."

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