

Earth Centered Spirituality

In today's webinar, we will explore the types of spirituality in the Middle Subtle Realm, the Lower Astral, and the Biophysical Universe. In the Middle Subtle, the dominant keynote is civilization, as it influences each group of people in the world. In the Lower Astral, the keynote is dominion and mastery of the forces of the unconscious. In the Biophysical Universe, it is harmony with the natural world.

These earth-centered forms of spirituality influence vast numbers of humanity; we will explore the patterns underlying these traditions, and how they influence humanity.

We will begin by looking at the ministry of the Maha Chohan, and his impact on world civilizations in the Subtle Realm. The Maha Chohan is that Initiate in the Hierarchy of Light who coordinates the activities of the Seven Rays on each Plane of Creation.

Exploring the Rays of Civilization

In one of my meditations, Swami Prabhu Maharaj, took me up to meditate upon the forms of the Maha Chohan. He gave me two assignments: (1) identify the dominant Plane Rays in the Middle Subtle Realm, and determine how they influence you; and (2) elaborate the grid of civilization as it is laid out on the ethers of the Subtle Plane.

So here's what I came up with in this assignment:

<i>Levels of the Subtle Rays</i>				
Civilization	Plane Ray	Exoteric Color	Esoteric Color	Activity It Inspires in Me
East Indian	7 th Ray	Saffron orange	Violet	Hatha yoga, study of scriptures
Chinese	4 th Ray	Red	Green	Exercise, use of healing herbs, martial arts

Civilization	Plane Ray	Exoteric Color	Esoteric Color	Activity It Inspires in Me
Greco-Roman	2 nd Ray	Golden yellow	Blue	Counseling, teaching, drama
Mesopotamian-Egyptian	5 th Ray	Gray	Salmon orange	Financial accounting, bookkeeping
Renaissance European	3 rd Ray	Green	Golden yellow	Music, art appreciation
Tibetan	6 th Ray	Black	Purple	Space cleaning, creating order and beauty
Modern Technological	1 st Ray	White	Ruby red	Travel, entrepreneurship, creating success
Post-Modern	7 th Ray	Infrared	Ultraviolet	Watching science fiction movies

For the second part of this assignment, I meditated on each of the Sub-Rays for each level of the Middle Subtle Realm, and I discerned these patterns. [Disclaimer: this information may not be 100% accurate]

East Indian – Dominant Ray 7th

Sub-Ray 1 – Tamil Nadu, Dravidian Cultures

Sub-Ray 2 – Hawaiian and Polynesian Cultures

Sub-Ray 3 – Mayan and Incan Cultures

Sub-Ray 4 – Balinese Culture

Sub-Ray 5 – African-Aboriginal Cultures of all continents

Sub-Ray 6 – Java, Indonesia (except for Bali)

★ Sub-Ray 7 – India (origin of Hindu and Buddhist faiths)

Chinese – Dominant Ray 4th

Sub-Ray 1– Mongolia

Sub-Ray 2 – Korea

Sub-Ray 3 – Vietnam

★ Sub-Ray 4 – China (origin of Confucian and Taoist religion)

Sub-Ray 5– Thailand, Burma, and Cambodia

Sub-Ray 6 – Malaysia

Sub-Ray 7 – Japan (origin of Shinto religion)

Greco Roman – Dominant Ray 2nd

Sub-Ray 1 – Macedonia

★ Sub-Ray 2 – Greece (origin of Democracy)

Sub-Ray 3 – Rome/Roman Empire

Sub-Ray 4 – Crete/Minoan

Sub-Ray 5 – Armenia

Sub-Ray 6 – Phoenicia, Carthage, Lebanon

Sub-Ray 7 – Nubian – Ethiopian

Mesopotamian – Dominant Ray 5th

Sub-Ray 1 – Hebrew, early Judea/Palestine (origin of Jewish faith)

Sub-Ray 2 – Turkish, Anatolia (Turkey)

Sub-Ray 3 – Babylon, Assyria (Syria)

Sub-Ray 4 – Persia (Iran) (origin of Zoroastrian faith)

★ Sub-Ray 5 – Chaldean (Iraq)

Sub-Ray 6 – Sumerian, Arabian (origin of Islamic faith)

Sub-Ray 7 – Egypt (origin of Egyptian religions)

Medieval European – Dominant Ray 3rd

Sub-Ray 1 – Germanic, Teutonic; Germany (origin of Protestant faith)

Sub-Ray 2 – Anglo-Saxon; England (origin of Anglican faith)

★ Sub-Ray 3 – Renaissance Italian; Italy, France, Belgium, Holland

Sub-Ray 4 – Irish, Celtic, and Welsh; Ireland, Wales, Scotland

Sub-Ray 5 – Scandinavia, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland

Sub-Ray 6 – Austria-Hungary, Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Switzerland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia

Sub-Ray 7 – Slavic; Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Russia

Tibetan – Dominant Ray 6th

Sub-Ray 1 – Kazakh; Central Asian

Sub-Ray 2 – Uzbek; Western Central Asian

Sub-Ray 3 – Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, Burma

Sub-Ray 4 – Siberian, Eastern and Northern Central Asian

Sub-Ray 5 – Hun; Caucasus, Ancient Ukraine, and Crimea

★ Sub-Ray 6 – Tibet (origin of Tibetan Buddhism)

Sub-Ray 7 – Aryan; Afghan, Eastern Persian

Modern Technological Civilization – Dominant Ray 1st

★ Ray 1 – Germany in WWI and WWII, rise of Nazism and Fascism; today, having a central role in uniting Europe

Ray 2 – England in the Victorian era: Imperial colonization of the world, industrial Revolution

Ray 3 – France's Glory during the Napoleonic era and achieving imperial power; today having a central role in uniting Europe

Ray 4 – Modern China; Rising world power; today, a manufacturing giant

Ray 5 – Japan; Power during WWII, technological innovator, spawning prosperity through technology

Ray 6 – United States; Superpower since WWII, champion of capitalism and Democracy

Ray 7 – Modern Russia; Birth of communism, superpower and space pioneer (origin of Communism)

Post Modern Civilization – Dominant Ray 7th

Sub-Ray 1 – Modern Israel

Sub-Ray 2 – Australia, New Zealand, Canada

Sub-Ray 3 – Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico

Sub-Ray 4 – South Africa

Sub-Ray 5 – Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Central America, Guyana

Sub-Ray 6 – Islamic fundamentalism; Iran, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Pakistan

★ Sub-Ray 7 – Nigeria, Central African

This master switchboard of the Rays governs the emergence of world powers and their decline; influences culture, cosmology and mythos; grants a sense of national and ethnic identity to each group; and gives a sense of social cohesiveness, common origins, and collective destiny.

To be able to have a glimpse into the all-encompassing vision of the Maha Chohan's role as Lord of Civilization is humbling and awe-inspiring. I share this vision with you. I don't fully understand it, and I don't expect you to understand it fully, either—and perhaps we won't truly understand it until we become a Maha Chohan.

What I can tell you that elements of the civilizations of the Post Modern era are beginning to emerge in our current time: the rise of Israel and Islamic fundamentalism, and the emergence of the Southern hemisphere appear to integral to this process. These epochs of civilizations, moreover, can span millennia.

As the Soul Spark journeys through the Middle Subtle Realm, it is exposed to the cosmology and myths, as well as the arts, skills, and knowledge each civilization shares with humanity. Something of this sojourn is retained in its intuitive knowledge; and something is retained in the practical skills that it learned.



How Does Civilization Impact You?

What civilizations have influenced your life?

What did you learn from that civilization about the nature of the world?

What customs do you practice from that civilization? For example, do you wear clothing from that civilization? Do you perform rituals that are practiced in that culture?

What skills do you practice that derive from that civilization?

What are the myths and beliefs of that civilization? Have you adopted any of them?

What is the collective aspiration of this civilization? What do they seek to achieve?

Is this civilization in conflict with groups from other civilizations?

Have you noticed that people who are strongly identified with that civilization pressure you to conform to their norms and mores? In what ways do you feel you are pressured?

Occult Spirituality

Occultism is the form of spirituality that operates in the Lower Astral Plane. In occultism, you make things happen, or create them.

In these teachings, will is supreme. In Lower Astral pathwork, the disciple uses different practices to activate the fifth octave of the will, which we call the Magical Will.



Across the Rays, we can see seven major pagan traditions that tap into this realm.

Ray	Tradition	Keynotes of Their Practice
1	Natural Magic (Wicca)	They use spells, structured magical rites, and invocation of the forces of Nature. They use herbs and potions for healing.
2	Voodoo and other West African spiritual traditions	They invoke spirits, and enter into trance states where they invite possession and channeling of spirits. They practice sympathetic magic (voodoo).
3	Sorcery	They ingest psychoactive substances to enter states of trance and inebriation to commune with spirits and to obtain visions.
4	Shamanism	They commune with the spirits of Nature. They gain intimate knowledge of the healing and psychoactive properties of plants. They learn the secrets of the indigenous environment to allow them to survive in that locale.

Ray	Tradition	Keynotes of Their Practice
5	Occult fraternal orders	They utilize ciphers, symbols, and anagrams to transmit “secret” knowledge. They may be involved in cabals or political intrigue. They commonly use their knowledge to gain worldly power and wealth. They may purport to uncover various conspiracy theories, such as those about the secret government of the world; the New Order of the Ages; and the cabal of bankers and wealthy families to rule the world. They may collect “power objects” to enable them to influence and control others. They may conceive racial superiority theories to justify oppression of ethnic and racial groups
6	Satanists	They worship Lucifer and the Occult Adepts. They may also become fans of heavy metal, punk rock, and other musical groups that draw upon the Lower Astral energies to inspire their music. They may also idolize vampires, werewolves, and other Lower Astral creatures.
7	Fantasy Magic	They are storytellers, fantasy artists, and science fiction writers, who draw upon the inspiration of the Lower Astral to weave tapestries of fancy and horror. They tell stories of vampires, alien empires, fairies and elves, magicians and wizards.

The symbol of Occult Spirituality is the pentagram. The pentagram is the symbol of the path through the Lower Astral.



Three pentagrams exist, which mirror the three stages of progression through this realm.

1. From the entrance of the Lower Astral to the doorway of the Occult Initiations – the path from the navel to the heart
2. Through the five Occult Initiations to the stage of the Occult Adept – the path from the heart to the point between the eyebrows
3. From the presence of Lucifer to the orange-red sun of Liberation from the Lower Astral – the path from the point between the eyebrows over the brain to the medulla center

There is powerful fascination with this realm. It exerts a magnetic, hypnotic influence on those who tap into its secrets. Paradoxically, though it grants powers over Nature and over others, it also enslaves.



How Has the Occult Touched Your Life?

Have you ever explored any of the varieties of occult spirituality?

Have you ever tried to alter your consciousness using a psychoactive chemical?

Have you ever used a talisman or good luck charm? Put on fragrant oil, or bring a candle supposed to bring something you desire into your life? Did you ever have someone do a spell for you?

Have you ever watched a horror movie or fantasy movie?

Have you ever dressed up for Halloween? Dressed up like a witch or a “Goth”? Have you ever worn a pentagram?

Have you ever used a Ouija board?

Have you ever believed in a conspiracy theory?

Spiritual Movements of the Biophysical Universe

Modern spiritual movements of the Biophysical Universe are syncretistic: they draw from traditions of ancient civilizations, elements of occultism, and may frame their world vision with the insights of modern science. Spirituality that is anchored in the Biophysical Universe includes:

The Hippies – These individuals typically gravitate to use of psychedelics, practice free sexuality, and become seekers and wanderers, sometimes settling into communes with like-minded individuals.

The Native American Religions – These individuals seek to attune with the spirits of Nature through song and dance, to live in harmony with the environment around them, to cultivate gratitude for the blessings of Nature, and to honor their ancestors.

Tantric Sex Groups – Members of these groups seek to gain ecstatic union with their partners and experience higher states of consciousness through sustained sexual practices (maithuna, karezza)

Ecological Earth Guardians – These individuals experience the oneness of all living creatures, and take upon themselves the protection of animal and plant species



Have you ever adopted the hippie lifestyle?

Have you ever participated in Native American rituals, like the vision quest or a sweat lodge?

Have you ever explored tantric sexuality with a partner?

Have you ever participated in protests or activities to protect the Earth and its species? Have you ever experienced a feeling of Oneness with all life?

Thank you for attending our webinar today!

