

Exploring What Influences Identity

For our webinar today, we will examine some of the factors that influence secular, religious, and spiritual states of identity. We will share with you some of our recent writing on thought streams, and how they impact identity—and their role in conversion to other belief systems.

Reflections on Thought Streams

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When we evaluate the character of people, there are several criteria we can examine. Each will reveal another facet of what people believe themselves to be, and what feelings, beliefs, and values are anchored in that identity state. This subjective side of people becomes known by their actions and their words.

But identity is conditioned through the *thought stream* in which it is embedded, and reified by thought leaders, who disseminate this thought stream to humanity. Speech, writing, or other media are used to disseminate a thought stream. The thought stream is the underlying nexus that informs identity, values, beliefs, emotions, actions, and words.



A thought stream

1. Specifies an ideal state of identity, and encourages people to identify with it and live it
2. Dictates certain, ideals, laws, moral principles, truths, or axioms that are the bedrock of human character in this thought stream
3. Constructs belief systems supporting these values; describes a cosmology, worldview, or Creation myth that defines the world as it can be known from this identity perspective
4. Conditions beliefs about those who have different identity perspectives, and shapes emotionalized beliefs (attitudes) about their values, beliefs, and behavior
5. Stirs emotion to motivate this behavior, and advocates on behalf of the group or movement that follows this thought stream
6. Describes what behavior is encouraged, and are considered good actions; what behavior is to be suppressed, and are considered shameful actions; and what behavior is to be avoided, and is considered evil actions.
7. Creates doctrinal messages, cites inspirational or revelatory texts (scriptures or holy books), or records speeches of the thought leader that influence those who follow this thought stream



Thought streams arise out of the vortices of Mastery on the inner Planes. They are accessible to anyone who is on the Path leading to that inner horizon—who are effectively downstream from that vortex—and to those who operate from the vortex of Mastery anchored upon that apparent inner horizon. These 28 thought streams, together with the major thought leaders who disseminate them, and the level of the Continuum at which they are anchored, are described in the table below.

	Thought Stream	Thought leaders	Level at which the thought stream operates
1	Tribal	Tribal chiefs or shamans	Lower Subtle Realm
2	Subtle Realm Civilizations	Those who tap into the thought stream of the gods or goddesses [or human leaders] of the pantheon governing that civilization; those who invoke them on behalf of others; and those who communicate their guidance, moral commandments, and directives	<p>Middle Subtle Realm</p> <p>Thought streams emanated by the gods and goddesses, and the humans who have gained heroic or mythic forms among them, for the following civilizations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subtle Physical (East Indian) 2. Subtle Etheric (Chinese) 3. Subtle Emotional (Greco-Roman) 4. Subtle Mental (Mesopotamian, Hebrew, and Egyptian) 5. Subtle Intellectual (Medieval and Renaissance European, and Scandinavian) 6. Subtle Self (Tibetan and Indonesian) 7. Subtle Social (Modern Technological)

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3	Lower Astral, currents arising from the Occult Hierarchy	Occult Adepts dwelling in the Occult Hierarchy, who disseminate this thought stream to others	Lower Astral Plane [Each “project” of an Occult Adept generates a thought stream]
4	Upper Subtle (Subtle Illumined Mind)	Those who dwell in the Subtle Illumined Mind, who communicate their ideas through writing speech and other media	Subtle Illumined Mind (Intellechy)
5	Biophysical Universe	Scientists, those who study contemporary human culture, Native American shamans, ecologists, and tantric sex practitioners, who communicate their ideas through writing, speech, and other media	Biophysical Universe
6	Abstract Mind Plane	Athletes, scientists, artists, philosophers, coaches, and metaphysical/religious practitioners, who communicate their ideas through writing, speech, and other media	Abstract Mind Plane



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7	Psychic Realm	Conspiracy theorists, those who advocate Utopian civilizations, who practice intuitive and holistic healing arts, spiritualists, adherents of Psychic Realm spiritual and UFO groups, and channelers and visionaries who receive inspiration from sources arising in this realm, who communicate their ideas though writing, speech, and other media	Psychic Realm
8	Wisdom Plane	Those on the Wisdom Plane who teach others to use forgiveness, understanding, and modifying the seeds of karma underlying character and habits, who communicate their ideas though writing, speech, and other media	Wisdom Plane
9	First Exoteric Initiation	Rabbis, politicians, Catholic priests, angelic and nature healers, human rights advocates, evangelical ministers, and Kabala teachers, who communicate their ideas though writing, speech, and other media	First Exoteric Initiation

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10	First Mesoteric Initiation	Mystics, saints, and others who disseminate the Holy Spirit to humanity; living Prophets, who communicate their ideas though writing, speech, and other media	First Mesoteric Initiation
11	First Esoteric Initiation	Anointed healers, representatives of the Mystic Orders, and initiates and lodge officers of the 12 Mystery Schools, who disseminate ideas from this realm through writing, speech, and other media	First Esoteric Initiation
12	Second Initiation (Solar Angelic)	Ascended Masters, leaders of I AM groups and movements, and Light Workers of the 2nd Planetary Initiation, who disseminate their teachings through writing, speech, and other media	Second Initiation
13	Third Initiation (Manasic)	New World Servers, who receive inspiration and guidance from the Planetary Hierarchy of Light, and who disseminate these teachings through writing, speech, and other media.	Third Initiation

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14	Fourth Initiation (Buddhic)	Planetary “Avatars” who work with humanity; inspired creative geniuses who share their guidance and inspiration through writing, speech, and other media	Fourth Initiation
15	Fifth Initiation (Nirvanic)	Planetary Adepts, who give guidance and direction to the Souls of humanity, and who teach them and initiate them	Fifth Initiation
16	Planetary Hierarchy	Members of the Planetary Hierarchy, who work with humanity to actualize personal and spiritual potentials, and to align them with the Divine Will and Purpose	Planetary Hierarchy in the Transplanetary Realm, which extends its influence throughout the Planetary, Subtle, Personal bands of the mind, and to the Animal, Plant, and Mineral Kingdoms
17	Pleiadean Vortex	Those who have gained Mastery in one of the Planetary or Stellar Hierarchies in the Transplanetary Realm, and who guide those who dwell at that level	Throughout the Transplanetary Realm
18	Yogi Preceptor	Yogi Preceptors and their disciples who disseminate their teaching through writing, speech, and other media	First Cosmic Initiation

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19	Light Master	Light Masters and advanced disciples who promulgate their teachings through writing, speech, and other media; MSIA is a major conduit of these teachings	Second Cosmic Initiation
20	Cosmic Master	Cosmic Masters and their advanced disciples, who awaken, teach, and initiate the Astral Soul	Cosmic Hierarchy, encompassing the entire Cosmic Sphere; some Cosmic Masters may extend their ministry beyond the Cosmic to awaken vehicles of consciousness in the Transplanetary, Planetary, Subtle, and Personal bands
21	Supracosmic Master (Guru)	Gurus of the Supracosmic Paths and their advanced disciples, who disseminate teachings of their Path through writing, speech, and other media	Supracosmic Sphere The path of the Supracosmic seed atom tracks through the Cosmic Sphere and the Path to its origin There are 64 active thought streams arising from this realm, one for each extant Supracosmic Path



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22	Multiplane Master	Multiplane Masters of the Mudrashram® lineage, their prepared representatives, and advanced teaching disciples, who share their message through inspired speech (satsang), writing, and other media	The Bridge Path Directed to the ensouling entity and spirit at the cutting edge of spirituality at any level of the Continuum; this thought stream operates throughout the Transcendental, Supracosmic, Cosmic, Transplanetary, Planetary, Subtle, and Personal zones of the Continuum
23	T1	Subud Masters and their disciples, who share their message through inspired speech (satsang), writing, and other media	The First Transcendental Path
24	T2	Sant Sat Gurus, Shabd Masters and their disciples, who share their message through inspired speech (satsang), writing, and other media	The Second Transcendental Path
25	T3	The Avatar, Perfect Masters, and their disciples, who share their message through inspired speech (satsang), writing, and other media	The Third Transcendental Path

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26	T4	The Paradise Masters, and their disciples, who share their message through inspired speech (satsang), writing, and other media	The Fourth Transcendental Path
27	T5	The ECK Master (Mahanta), Madhis, and their disciples, who share their message through inspired speech (satsang), writing, and other media	The Fifth Transcendental Path
28	T7	The T7 Sat Guru, Mahatmas, and their devoted disciples (premies), who share their message through inspired speech (satsang), writing, and other media	The Seventh Transcendental Path

People learn about thought streams from those who are immersed in them, and who advocate that others adopt the identity, values, and beliefs of that thought stream. They may encounter these thought streams through:

- Articles, pamphlets, or flyers
- Advertisements
- Books or scriptures
- Images or pictures
- Songs or chants
- Videos, or multimedia presentations

- Recorded audio talks or sermons
- Web pages
- Radio shows, teleseminars, or webinars
- Public talks that thought leaders give
- Seminars or classes
- Word-of-mouth, discussion with a follower
- Inspired speech—preaching, satsang

The thought streams of these groups can inspire

- Desire to follow the same Path, or achieve the same level of knowledge, mastery, or attainment
- Idealization of the thought leader
- Advocacy of the thought leader's ideas
- Teaching or sharing the thought leader's ideas
- Following the behavioral directives or the moral injunctions of the thought leader
- Offering financial and volunteer support to advance the aims of the thought leader
- Enacting secular or religious rites and rituals that embed the thought leader's beliefs and practices in the fabric of culture

In our webinar presented to our advanced meditation students on 11/2/14, we detailed the “projects” of members of the Occult Hierarchy, who generate a variety of thought streams—several of which appear to spawn human suffering, violence, and exploitation of others. We caution aspirants that **not** all thought streams are

- Benign
- Are appropriate and germane to your Soul's work
- Are suitable for you, given your cutting edge stage of spiritual evolution

- Will guide you into behavior and practices that will support your personal and spiritual growth—indeed, some may lead you instead into cult-like obedience to a thought leader, who can dictate every aspect of your life

Aspirants must exercise discernment and good judgment: for the emotional excitement surrounding these thought streams may lead well-meaning individuals to the unwitting commission of evil, to activities not in alignment with their Soul's purpose, and to abandon the cultivation of personal and spiritual growth in a quest for a state of spiritual beatitude out of alignment with the cutting edge of spirituality.

We encourage you to study these thought streams, and identify their content. Before you launch your mind and life into one of these thought streams, we urge you to

- Know what journey you will be undertaking (Path)
- Be clear as to where it will lead (Outcome)
- Determine whether this outcome is appropriate for your Soul's purpose, and for your life direction that your Soul Purpose guides (Relevance)

Consider the many thought streams that guide humanity. Reflect upon the movements they spawn and the many people they inspire. Decide upon what thought streams are appropriate for you right now.





- What thought streams have influenced your life?
- What thought streams have been the dominant influences that shaped you?
- Have you ever rejected or abandoned a thought stream? What made you decide to no longer participate in it?
- As you examine the thought streams that have influenced you, what state of identity did they draw out in you?
- How did they influence your values?
- How did they shape your beliefs?
- What emotional states do they evoke in you?
- What actions do you take that have been influenced by this thought stream?
- How do you express the ideas of that thought stream in your speech?
- As you consider where you are on the spiritual Path right now, what thought streams might be valuable for you to investigate?
- Are there any thought streams that still influence you that no longer fit with who you are today? What would it mean for you to let go of this?
- What thought streams do you want to continue to allow into your life? Why?

Thank you for attending our webinar today!

