

Spirituality of the 2nd and 3rd Planetary Initiations

In today's webinar, we will continue our exploration of the spiritual groups that colonize different bands of the Great Continuum of Consciousness with a discussion of the groups that are active in the Second and Third Planetary Initiations. You will learn about the state of consciousness with which members of these groups identify, the types of spiritual practices they use, and the ministry they engage in at these levels.

Groups of the Second Planetary Initiation activate the higher vehicle that we call the Solar Angel, and identify with the essence we call the Mighty I AM Presence.

Groups of the Third Planetary Initiation activate a form we call the Manasic Vortex—they usually identify either as the attentional principle or the Soul—if the Soul is taking the Third Initiation. One group that works at this level teaches to identify with the spirit of the fourth path.

Identification of the Mind and the Mighty I AM Presence

To understand the Mighty I AM Presence state of consciousness, it is important to investigate the faculty of identification within the mind. In the Yogic philosophies, the ability of the mind to identify with mental objects is called *ahamkara*.

It appears to take several forms within the personality.

Identification	Level of Mind	Content
Doing	Conscious mind	This is a moment to moment description of action, which takes the form, e.g., I am gardening, I am sewing

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Sensing	Conscious mind	This is a moment to moment description of what you perceive through the senses, e.g., I am seeing the beautiful flowers of Spring
Experiencing	Conscious mind	This is the felt sense of embodiment that arises in each moment, which comprises both the direct sensing of what is going on in the body and the emotional reaction—e.g., feeling physical pain with an emotional reaction of aversion to the sensation, expressed as “I am in pain”
Feeling	Conscious mind	This is the state of ownership of emotional reactions, e.g., I like Sue, or I love my spouse, as statements of relationship, I am Sue’s friend, and I am in love with my spouse
Knowing	Conscious mind	This is the state of certainty arising from mentally proving or verifying something, expressed as “I am certain that is correct”
Having	Conscious mind	This is the sense of ownership for the objects you possess, expressed by the sense that something belongs to you, e.g., this is mine. This identification takes the form of I am a car owner.
Belonging	Conscious mind	This is a sense of belonging of membership in a group, e.g., I am a country club member, I am a Christian, or I am a Republican
Attribution	Conscious mind	These are the adjectives by which you describe yourself, e.g., I am handsome, I am sexy, I am wildly successful, and incredibly rich

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Being	Conscious mind	This is identification with roles that you play, e.g., I am a husband, I am a father, or I am an accountant.
Recollection	Subconscious mind	This is a recollection of roles that you might have been in the past, e.g., I was a soccer player in the fifth grade
Unconscious identification	Unconscious mind	These are the disowned feeling complexes that dwell in your unconscious mind that embody parts of your nature, about which you might feel shame, self hatred, fear, rage, unhappiness, resentment, or grief—e.g., I am ugly and no body loves me
Imagination	Metaconscious mind	This is the ability to pretend, to personify social roles, to imitate other people, to dramatize something you imagine, or to express your sense of humor—e.g., "Hello, darling, I am Marilyn, and I think that you are so wonderful!"
Core identification	Metaconscious mind	This is the core experience of the Self, which you experience when you do centering techniques. It takes the form of "I am the Self"
Voidness of Being	Metaconscious mind	This is the state of vacuum or void in which there appears to be no sense of identity; everything appears to unfold in the moment. This is the alternative posture used in Zen Buddhism, and other Buddhist meditation traditions that believe in Annata, the principle that there is no self.

The Permutations of identity

In one of his discourses, Swami Charan Das refers to the permutations of I AM THAT I AM, and what each element comprises. I have appended this list, together with mantras you can use to contact this state.

Statement	Reference	Mantra
I	The center of the field of consciousness, the attentional principle	HAN SA
I AM	The statement of identity of the Self, called the Human Soul in Theosophy	SWAHA
I AM THAT	The Soul or Higher Self	SO HAM
I AM THAT I	The Nirvanic Flame from which the Soul was emanated	The Soundless Sound, called the Vach or Iao in Theosophy
I AM THAT I AM	The Monad	OM PARAMATMA NAMAHA

The higher octave of human identity, I AM, is contained in the conception of the Mighty I AM Presence, the Nucleus of Identity of the Second Planetary Initiation. These progressive expansions of I AM, from the human personality to the Mighty I AM Presence take seven steps

1. **Mythic** - At this level, the I AM becomes identified with a mythic or archetypal form of the Subtle Realms, e.g., I am Adonis; I am RA
2. **Hologram** - The I AM recognizes that the individual brain contains the hologram of the entire universe; this is the state of awakening of the I AM in the Biophysical Universe

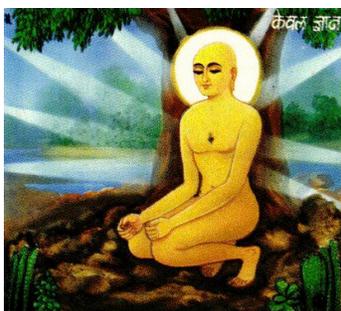
3. **Universal Mind** – The I AM at this level becomes identified as the atom of mind; this is a state of creativity and genius as the individual becomes a conduit for the inspiration of the Abstract Mind Plane
4. **Crystalline Atom** – The I AM appears as a inner star surrounded by a mandala-like structure that appears to be crystalline; as the I AM unfolds at this level, the crystalline structure becomes more complex.
5. **Sage** – **At this level**, the I AM embodies a form of wisdom—a wise old man or woman, who guides the personality
6. **Christ Consciousness** – Here, the I AM becomes identified as the Moon Soul nucleus of identity, and incarnates the moral principles and saintly virtues that are at the core of this essence
7. **Mighty I AM Presence** – In this state, the Mighty I AM Presence within the sacred heart center (Hridaya) of the Solar Angel awakens, and you become identified with this god-like essence, which feels like it is omnipotent and all-powerful—able to speak into creation anything it visualizes through spoken decree.

Five higher states of identification are found in the varieties of Planetary Realm I AM Spirituality.

8. **Spiritual heart identification** – In this type, you focus your attention on the spiritual heart on the fourth Path of the Nada at the entrance to the Third Initiation until you become one with this essence. This type of identification is common in the MSIA group.



9. **Manasic vortex identification** – Here you sense that your I AM essence is a vortex of Light that radiates out in a series of beams, like a star emanating many scintillating shafts of light, and connects with your personality and the vehicles of your Superconscious mind. You may sense that a crown of purpose overshadows you, or alternately, that you respond to the aegis of the Soul's inner direction through its transpersonal will. This I AM constellation is common among those who are undergoing the Third Planetary Initiation.
10. **Augoiedes** – In this state, you sense that your I AM essence dwells in a golden body surrounded by a golden sun, which radiates illumination through every pore. Here you become the embodiment of the Buddhi, or the Illumined Mind. This state of identification occurs only in those rare individuals who undergo the Fourth Planetary Initiation.
11. **Atma** – In this state, the sense of I AM shifts from the personality to the Soul, and you sense that your identity has fused with the Soul. This state allows access to the Soul's higher vehicles—this activates the abilities of the higher octaves of the will, and grants spiritual powers, or siddhis. This state of identification occurs during the Fifth Planetary Initiation.
12. **Monad** – At this stage, which occurs after the Soul has merged into the Nirvanic Flame, you become completely identified with the Monad. You are the embodiment of the I AM THAT I AM. This stage is present in the Adept.



Groups of the Second Planetary Initiation

According to the Wikipedia article on the I AM Movement

[\[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%22I_AM%22_Activity\]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%22I_AM%22_Activity)

Guy Ballard (AKA Godfre Ray King) and his wife, Edna Ballard, popularized the I AM Movement during the 1920s and 1930s. Modern groups that tap into the octaves of the Second Planetary Initiation include the Church Universal and Triumphant (Elizabeth Claire Prophet), and the Bridge to Freedom (Geraldine Innocente)—and there are a variety of other I AM groups that tap into these sources of inspiration.

The original teaching emphasized that the I AM Presence was the Soul, and believed that through communion with the Violet Flame, and with the Ascended Masters through channeled decrees, that this I AM Presence would make its ascension and become an Ascended Master.

It appears that in practice, however, these groups lead their followers to identify with the Mighty I AM Presence nucleus of identity within the Solar Angel—not the Soul. Some of these groups, in addition to channeling inspired messages—purportedly from the Ascended Masters—also use mantras, decrees, or attunements to move this Solar Angelic vehicle and the I AM Presence nucleus of identity along its track until its vibration has been raised up into the presence of the Ascended Masters.

Some of these individuals, who have contacted me in my capacity as a consultant to the meditation community on kundalini emergencies, apparently have experienced the “ascension” of this vehicle to some degree. It appears to me that at least for some of those who perform this work, it is not entirely blissful and ecstatic—for their kundalini energy remains fixed in the Mighty I AM Presence, and they cannot return to waking awareness. They also evidence a variety of emergence phenomena, which suggests that a serious vehicular imbalance has been generated through these methods.

We caution our students to stay away from “Ascension” practices—be they advocated by New Age groups of the Psychic Realm, and those who advocate unfolding the nuclei of identity of the First and Second Initiation—as whenever vehicles of consciousness are moved out of alignment with the axis of being, it can lead to kundalini syndromes and a variety of perceptual and cognitive anomalies.



Have you ever explored any of the varieties of I AM Presence Spirituality? Have you attended churches or temples of these organizations, or participated in their religious services? What are some of their basic assumptions?

Have you read books written by authors that tap the teachings and beliefs of the Second Initiation? Have you read books by Godfre Ray King, Elizabeth Claire Prophet, Analee Skarin, or Baird Spaulding?

Have you ever used decrees, intoned the violet flame invocation, or called upon a particular Ascended Master to send you Light and inspiration?

Have you ever experienced miraculous manifestations, fulfillment of your desires, or the removal of life obstacles as a result of using these practices?



Groups of the Third Planetary Initiation

The original teachings that were given to the New World Servers that colonize the Higher Mental Plane (Manasic Plane) appear to have come through the teachings of Theosophy (Helena P. Blavatsky), and expanded and augmented in the writings of Alice Bailey. In this work, individuals are trained to raise their attentional principle to the level of the Manasic Vortex.

At this level, they may

- Meditate on seed thoughts that spark discernment, insight, and understanding
- Receive the downpour of Light and Inspiration from the Masters of the Planetary Hierarchy, and radiate this to others (Transmission meditation)
- Receive guidance relevant to their Soul's purpose, and learn how to carry out this work for humanity
- Contemplate the Seven Rays, or astrological correspondences
- Create linkages, or practice "triangulation" with other New World Servers, to create a group aligned to a common purpose
- Work to refine their abilities and their connection to their Soul, so the personality can be trained to be an instrument or channel for the Soul's gifts
- Prepare others who are traversing the Probationary Path, or taking the First or Second Initiation, through writing, lecturing, or teaching about the themes of the Third Planetary Initiation

At this level, individuals are able to tap into the intuitive thought stream coming down from the Buddhic Plane from the Masters, which introduces fewer fanciful and odd ideas than the material that is channeled from the Planetary Astral Band—which comprises the bands of the Continuum from the Psychic Plane to the top of the Second Planetary Initiation.

Some of the keynotes that characterize Third Initiation work include:

- Selfless service, completion of the Soul's work without interference from personality
- Dispassion and detachment from astral glamour
- Ministry by thought, in contrast to the ministry that uses spoken word invocation (decree or affirmation), invocation through faith, or calling upon angels or Ascended Masters
- Developing discernment through contemplating seed thoughts
- Establishing an intuitive connection with the Soul, the Monad, and the Master in the Hierarchy that supervises your spiritual development
- Attunement with Soul through the Manasic Vortex, instead of from other nuclei of identity
- Learning to discern and express the Soul's transpersonal will and illumined mind



Have you ever explored any of the varieties of Spirituality of the Third Initiation? Have you ever attended gatherings of these organizations, or participated in their study groups? What are some of their basic assumptions?

Have you read books written by authors that tap the teachings and beliefs of the Third Initiation? Have you read books by Helena Blavatsky or other Theosophical authors? Alice Bailey? The Meditation Group for the New Age? Georgia Lambert?

Have you ever contemplated a seed thought meditation, or done receptive meditation or a transmission meditation that receives the Light and inspiration of the Masters of the Hierarchy? Have you ever attended a full moon meditation put on by any of the New World Server groups?

Have you ever focused on the Manasic Vortex and received its intuitive guidance?

We teach some of the practices such as reflective meditation and receptive meditation in the Mudrashram® Master Course in Meditation and the Accelerated Meditation Program, and introduce the more advanced practices of seed thought meditation and reception of intuitive guidance from the Planetary Hierarchy in the Mudrashram® Advanced Course in Meditation.

We encourage you to learn these methods, so you may begin to commune with your Soul in a way where you can begin to reduce some of the distortions of the Planetary Astral Bands. You may also wish to do some reading of sources from the Second and Third Initiations, to familiarize yourself with the quality and content of these teachings.

These higher bands of the Planetary Realm certainly do not have the pervasive influence of the Judeo-Christian faiths of the First Planetary Initiation, whose groups include over one billion people throughout the world. People who belong to these groups of the higher Planetary Initiations probably number in the tens of thousands, but their teachings are lesser known and much less widely disseminated.

I began my meditation training in 1965 by reading the Buddhist scriptures and the teachings of Theosophy. I will encourage you to likewise explore these deep teachings of the Third Initiation.

Thank you for attending our webinar today!

