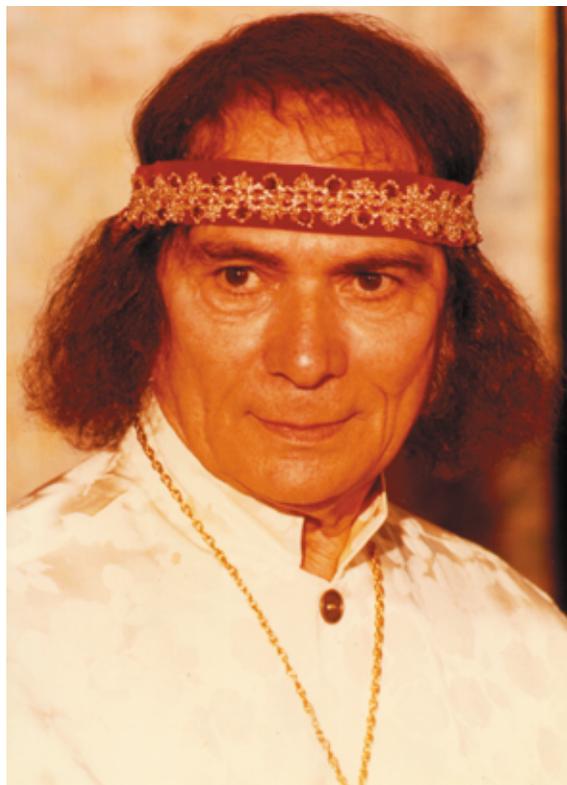


My First Encounter with a Master



A picture of the Maha Genii in the late 1970s

There is something about Easter that reminds me of my first teacher, Maha Genii Turriziani. Much in his message was strongly Christian; listening with a certain filter, one might imagine that he was a Christian minister, who peppered his message with so many quotes from the *Bible*.

But there was much more in his message that was clearly not what you would hear from a pulpit. His was not a sermon, prepared from study of the scriptures, but rather a living, moment-to-moment inspiration, spoken with power and Grace. His teaching was satsang: it the voice of the Master, speaking through his mouth.

In some ways, the short thematic satsang we receive at the end of a Light Sitting is similar to the powerful messages that Maha Genii would utter forth in his Gatherings. But imagine this lyric, inspired speech going on for three to five hours, changing from topic to topic—ranging from scriptural quotations, to revelation of the mysteries of the Great Ages, to the Masters of the Hierarchy.

Sitting with the Maha Genii, one was privy to the mysteries of the Ages—cryptic, enigmatic, pithy nuggets of wisdom that encapsulated the insights of many lifetimes, the stages of the Path, the realizations born from years of immersion in the Cosmic Light and Fire.

For the Maha Genii was a mighty fountain of the Cosmic Light and Fire. It radiated through his Presence, even when he was not emanating the Grace Waves from the Vortex—when he was sitting in the chair from which he conducted his Gatherings. And through his presence, the Light was palpable, powerful, and profound.

I studied with my first teacher in 1969, when I was a confused and desperate seeker, only marginally connected to the world, and caught up in my longing for God. Only two years before, my life had been radically changed by becoming a born again Christian—and when suddenly, after receiving the Divine Command (Agya) irrevocably altered the stable pattern of my life and sent me on a pilgrimage back to Los Angeles—it seems that the mystic loom of my destiny brought me irresistibly to him.

During this period, I clung to the only semblance of normality I could still grasp and that made sense to me, to go back to college and to study science and psychology. But in my spare time, I read book after book on spirituality: Sant Mat, Ram Das, Sir Evans Wentz, Alan Watts, Paramahansa Yogananda, and Theosophical writers.

All of this created such a longing to go back to God and to gain spiritual realization that it was hard to focus on anything else. I was in college, dutifully studying my subjects, but my heart was somewhere far away—trying to follow this mystic Voice that resounded in the sky, and that called me back to the Origin.

I had started studying the Self Realization lessons. I was looking for a Sant Mat Sat Guru. I wanted to know about Eckankar™. I was trying to reconcile the exclusive only-Jesus mindset I had absorbed from immersion in a Christian cult for six months, and the Christian-Hindu synthesis of Yogananda that admitted many other beings to the mansion of Mastery, other than Jesus Christ.

In the midst of this intellectual and emotional turmoil that encircled me like a writhing octopus, I received a phone call. It was Shelley, my long-time friend, who told me that she had just attended a meeting with a man who “gave the Light, and painted pictures of the Ascended Masters.”

She told me his name. I made a note of it: Vincentii Turriziani—artist, anointed mystic, and clairvoyant. I immediately labeled him as someone “in the Astral.” Little did I know what I was in for!

A few weeks later, I was in the Carlton Bookstore in Santa Monica, California, looking for a book on Eckankar™. Out of the corner of my eye, I glimpsed a small picture of an angel. Something attracted me to it. When I went over to look at it, there on the lower right corner of the painting was that name—Vincentii Turriziani.

Here is the painting.



“Archangel Gabriel”

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This same voice of intuition, this same inner command that had uprooted me from the Christian commune in 1968, asked me to approach the owner of the store, and to ask me where this man lived. I questioned why the owner would know this information. The inner guidance persisted, “Ask him.”

Mr. Carlton was a long time student of the Maha Genii. He smiled and said, “He lives at 220 California Avenue, apartment seven. He holds gatherings there twice a week.”

A little stunned, I thanked him. The voice of intuition told me, “Go there right now.”

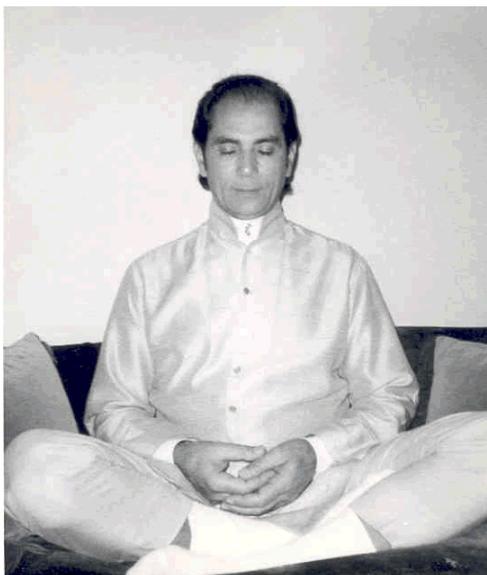
“But he’s not expecting me!” I mentally stammered back to the inner voice. “He might have me arrested!”

“No, no, don’t worry,” the voice comforted me. “Go there, right now,” it again commanded me.

I walked the mile and a half to his apartment in inner turmoil. When I finally arrived, I knocked on the door in trepidation.

I began to feel this energy coming through the door. It felt like something was scanning me at all levels of my mind and soul. It felt like there was an angel, looking into the core of me. Then the door opened.

The Maha Genii Turriziani looked me up and down. He said, “Oh, you’ve come for the Light, haven’t you?” Dressed in his impeccable Nehru suit, the apartment was hissing silent. He reached into the air, and held his hands over my head. I felt a column of fire and light filing the core of my being. I was lifted into ecstasy.



Maha Genii in his Nehru suit

I studied with him for about six months. Then he mysteriously disappeared.

I had some additional contacts with him sporadically during the next few years, including on May 2, 1971, when he signed his book, *The Manugenesis Speaks*, for me.

Through this teacher I first experienced Samadhi. Through this teacher, I first felt the Light of Translation move my Astral Soul to a new state of being—conferring Initiation upon me. During my time under his overshadowing, I experienced full track remembrance of all of my past lives in this cycle of time. I traveled with him to the Presence of the Christ and the Father God in the Cosmic Hierarchy.

After studying with him, I was completely gone. I was so caught up into the realm of spiritual ecstasy and beauty; it became increasingly difficult to remain focused on my studies, and to find any value in career preparation. The only thing that mattered to me was finding God.

I tell you this story because the Maha Genii was the first time I encountered a Master. It was the first time I tore open the fear-soaked capsule of faith and belief, and entered into immediate and direct experience of God.

It changed my life utterly and profoundly. It catapulted me into a period in my life when I was totally immersed in spirituality, and the quest for the Transcendent.

It took me to the door of madness. It led me to a place where I could no longer function as a person; no longer feel my feelings; no longer use my will and my mind to move forward in my human life.

As Maha Genii said, “I had become a mystic; and a mystic floats in the air.” I was floating in the air; and I hung there in terror.

I tell you this story to inspire you, but also to warn you. Go not blindly into the beyond, my friends, but build your bridge to the Other Shore with clarity, with knowledge, and with great skill, mastering each step on the journey. For you leap ahead in peril—but starting where you are, and taking each step of the journey progressively, you arrive at your destination whole and sound.

Meditation on the Christ and the Hierarchy

The Hierarchy of Light can be located on a number of inner Planes. In each of these presentations of the Hierarchy, there is the following layout.

- The Masters (16 Offices on each of the Seven Rays—not all are occupied)
- The Chohans (Ray Lords, one for each of the Seven Rays)
- The Maha Chohan (Lord of Synthesis)
- The Inner Circle (includes beings like the Manu, Kumaras, Bodhisattva)
- The World Teacher (The Christ, the Avatar)
- Pratyeka Buddhas
- The Father God

The Hierarchy is ahead of you on the Path, veiled by your own karmic accretions, by your own unconscious mind. It exists on the following Planes:

Plane	Keynote	Invocation
(1) Biophysical Universe (Etheria)	The Fire and Light of God	Purify me with your cleansing fire. Make me thy pure instrument.
(2) The Psychic Realm (Heavenly Realms)	The Splendor (Glory) of God	I worship you in the glory of your Majesty.
(3) The First Mesoteric Initiation	The Love of God	Instill in me a loving heart, and let me be the pure channel of your love.

Plane	Keynote	Invocation
(4) Second Initiation (Ascended Masters Subplane)	The Power of God	Imbue me with your mighty Power, and activate the Mighty I AM Presence within me.
(5) Third Initiation (The Lords of Mind)	The Plan of God	Guide me to know and embody the Purpose and Plan; Let your inspiration and guidance flow through me.
(6) Fourth Initiation (The Guardian Wall)	The Light of God	Illumine me that I may be the instrument of Divine Wisdom and Compassion.
(7) The Planetary Hierarchy	The Dispensation of God to Humanity	Attune me with the Will Divine: Guide me to right activity and service.
(8) The Cosmic Hierarchy	The Cosmic Dispensation of God	Anoint me with your Cosmic Fire: make me thy pure instrument of Love and Grace.
(9) The Supracosmic Hierarchy	The Supracosmic Dispensation of God	May the work that I do upon this Path be for the merit of all living beings.
(10) The Transcendental Hierarchy	The Transcendental Dispensation of God	Empower me and illumine me that I may be of service to those upon every Path.

To meditate upon the Hierarchy, you focus on each level within yourself that is in alignment with the Hierarchy. So you **align** as follows:

- Your form upon Etheria
- Your form in the Heavenly Realms Subplane
- Your Moon Soul or Christ Child
- Your Solar Angel
- Your Manasic Vortex
- Your Illumined Mind
- Your Soul
- Your Astral Soul
- Your Supracosmic Soul
- Your active Transcendental ensouling entity

You then **remember** the Presence of the Hierarchy, the World Teacher and the Father at each level of the Hierarchy.

You then invite, or **invoke**, the Hierarchy to send its Light to you and through you.

You then **receive** the downpour of Light and Illumination that comes to you.

You **share** that Light and illumination with others.

You **ground** yourself to bring the illumination you have received into concrete expression.

You then **reflect** on the guidance you have received.



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