

Going Gaga with the Guru

They have approached you in shopping malls, in parking lots, on your college campus, and on the street near churches, synagogues, or mosques. They seem extremely eager to deliver their “saving message” to you—perhaps even a little too eager. You notice that they seem to be somehow just too happy, too earnest—something seems artificial, like something is off here. It is...someone has gone gaga with spirituality.

Today’s webinar will explore how people get into this trance-like state, and how established religions and sundry spiritual groups unwittingly encourage their followers to live in this state, and propagate their message to everyone who breathes.

I am reminded of Swami Prem Dayal’s statement in *The Discourses of Swami Prem Dayal*, on page 21:

“Just because you are in second grade does not mean everyone has to learn the curriculum of second grade, that everyone has to see the world the way you see it when you are in second grade, and only the books you use in second grade are valid.”

“Actually there are some who are not ready for second grade, and others who have been through second grade long ago, and they are now studying the college curriculum, or have even gone on for their Master’s degree.”

“You should not make the assumption that everyone who is not in second grade is a terrible sinner, or is influenced by devils, or is in grave and mortal danger. Please enjoy your second grade, but do not assume that everyone should be there with you.”

We will excerpt from our articles on the subjects of conversion and cultism to shed light on today’s topic, which we have drawn from our book, *Religions, Cults, and Terrorism: What the Heck Are We Doing?*

Mirror, Mirror

It turns out that when someone remains in an altered state of consciousness, they see that altered state of consciousness in everyone else. If they have undergone what we call a fulcrum shift—where they begin to identify with that altered state of consciousness, and their normal personality seems unreal—they will look at you, and wonder why you are not up there with them.

We examined this phenomenon of mirroring in our article, “Everybody Wants You to Be Just Like Them.” We excerpt from it below.

Excerpted from *Religions, Cults, and Terrorism: What the Heck Are We Doing?*

“Everybody Wants You to Be Just Like Them”: Reflections on a Lyric in One of Bob Dylan’s Songs

People who have become identified with altered states of consciousness often see this state in others, and seek to bring others into that same state of identification. Common scenarios of projection and identification are shown in the table below.

| An individual identified with | Sees this essence in you and ministers to it or works with it | Seeks to establish you in union and identification with | This viewpoint is typical of |
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| The Soul Spark | Your Soul Spark | Your Soul Spark | Pagans, Wiccans, and Occult Initiates |
| The Soul established on the Biophysical Universe | Your form on the Subplane of the Biophysical Universe on which they dwell | Your form on that Subplane of the Biophysical Universe | Hippies, Nature Religions, practitioners of Tantric Sex, scientists, and atheists |

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| The Soul established on the Abstract Mind Plane (Subplanes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7) | Your form and abilities on the Subplane of the Abstract Mind Plane on which they dwell | Your form on that Subplane of the Abstract Mind Plane | Athletes, Scientists, Artists, Philosophers, and those affiliated with religions of the Universal Mind Subplane |
| The Soul established on the Abstract Mind Plane (Subplanes 5 and 6) | The wave of the present time (Akashic Records Subplane) and the Light of your Soul entering the present time | Attentional principle and the Soul | Groups that use process meditation such as Scientology™, the Forum™, and Avatar™ |
| The Soul established on the Psychic Realm | Your form and abilities on the Subplane of the Psychic Realm on which they dwell | Your form on that Subplane of the Psychic Realm, and with the Soul beyond it | Metaphysical and spiritual groups of the Psychic Realm, including Spiritualism, the Mormon faith, New Age and UFO groups |
| The Soul established on the Wisdom Plane | Your form and abilities on the Subplane of the Wisdom Plane on which they dwell | Your form on that Subplane of the Wisdom Plane, and the Soul beyond it | Groups that focus on forgiveness and healing through insight, wisdom, and self-reform |
| The Moon Soul nucleus of identity in the First Exoteric and Mesoteric Initiation | Your Moon Soul nucleus of identity, incorrectly perceiving this as your Soul | Your Moon Soul nucleus of identity | Jewish and Christian groups, particularly Evangelical, Charismatic, and Born Again sects |

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| The Moon Soul nucleus of identity in the First Esoteric Initiation | Your Moon Soul nucleus of identity, your spiritual form within their Mystery School, and the Soul beyond it | Your Moon Soul nucleus of identity and the Soul | Mystery School teachings |
| The Solar Angel nucleus of identity | Your Solar Angel nucleus of identity incorrectly perceiving this as your Soul | Your Solar Angel nucleus of identity | I AM Movement teachings, Church Universal and Triumphant |
| The Manasic Vortex nucleus of identity | Your Manasic Vortex nucleus of identity, with the overshadowing Soul and Monad above it | The Manasic Vortex, the transpersonal will, and your Soul | Theosophy, Alice Bailey groups, and those aligned with the New Group of World Servers |
| The Soul on its own Plane | The Soul and its vehicles of consciousness, your attentional principle and your spirit | The Soul | Adepts and their most advanced disciples |
| The Monad | The Monad, animating the Soul and the Soul Spark | The active ensouling entity in you: Soul Spark, Soul, or Monad | Adept Masters and advanced Initiates of the Transplanetary Sphere |
| The Cosmic Consciousness nucleus of identity | The Cosmic Consciousness nucleus of identity and associated chakras of the vehicles of the Astral Soul | Your Cosmic Consciousness nucleus of identity | Yogi Preceptor Lineages 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 |

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| The Divine Eye center | The Divine Eye Center and its whirling wheels (chakras) | Your Divine Eye Center, ultimately merging into Cosmic Consciousness in the Great Void | Yogi Preceptor Lineage 5 |
| The Astral Soul in the First Cosmic Initiation | Your Astral Soul | Your Astral Soul | Yogi Preceptor Lineages 7, 8, and 9 |
| The Cosmic Soul Awareness nucleus of identity (Second Cosmic Initiation) | The Cosmic Soul Awareness nucleus of identity, and the spirit on the fourth path of the Nada | Your Cosmic Soul Awareness nucleus of identity, and your spirit on the fourth path of the Nada | Groups affiliated with Light Masters, such as MSIA |
| The Astral Soul (Third, Fourth and Fifth Cosmic Initiations) | Your Astral Soul and its vehicles | Your Astral Soul | Cosmic Masters |
| The Supracosmic Seed Atom of a Supracosmic Path | The Supracosmic Seed Atom of that Supracosmic Path | The Supracosmic Seed Atom of that Supracosmic Path, to ultimately arrive at union with the Void beyond Creation and the Path's Guru—either with or without the Supracosmic Soul | Religious and spiritual groups that dwell in the Supracosmic Sphere |

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| The spirit of T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, or T7 and the ensouling entity of that Path | Your spirit and your ensouling entity on that Path | Your spirit and your ensouling entity on that Path | Spiritual traditions that dwell in the Transcendental Sphere, including Subud (T1), Sant Mat (T2), Sufism Reoriented (Meher Baba - T3), <i>Urantia Book</i> groups (T4), Eckankar (T5), and Élan Vital (T7) |
| The Soul of the Bridge Path | Each of your spiritual essences, each of your ensouling entities, each of your nuclei of identity, each of your vehicles of consciousness, your attention and your attentional principle | The ensouling entity animated by the Ray of Alaya (your cutting edge of spirituality) and its associated spirit, nucleus of identity, and vehicles of consciousness | Mudrashram® lineage |

“The approach of the Mudrashram® lineage is unique in that it does not seek to bring an individual up to their level and establish attentional union and identification with the Soul of the Bridge Path, but rather, to identify the cutting edge of spirituality—as determined by inspection of the Ray of Alaya—and unite the individual with their cutting edge.

“The Mudrashram® lineage, in effect, reveals your path at your cutting edge, and assists you to unfold at that level. *So instead of wanting to make you just like us, we make you just like you.*”

“It is our hope that aspirants will reflect on these perceptual perspectives of spiritual traditions at different levels of the Great Continuum of Consciousness, and aim to identify their own core of resonant and congruent truth, so that they may correctly find that spiritual tradition that allows them to make progress in keeping with the Divine Purpose and Plan out-pictured for them.”

One of our articles explains in greater detail how this shift occurs to bring about this trance-like state, and how this state changes with further spiritual development outside the cutting edge of spirituality.

Markers of Inappropriate Higher Octave Work

Excerpted from *A Mudrashram® Reader*

When aspirants work at an octave of spirituality other than their cutting edge, there is a predictable series of changes that occur. We see these changes when we do *Spiritual Teacher/Teaching Readings* on individuals who are pursuing spiritual paths that do not activate their spiritual evolutionary potentials at their cutting edge, but activate other octaves of being. These changes are detailed below.

| Stage | Marker | Description |
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| 1 | Auric wobble | Marked by momentary lapses, moments of spacing out, loss of train of thought, or temporary disorientation. You will usually notice that this occurs during normal waking consciousness. |
| 2 | Reverie | Marked by periods of lapsing into a hypnotic, dreamlike state in which images arise spontaneously into conscious awareness. This state is pleasant and evokes fascination to the point that you may actively wish to experience it again. It generally occurs when going to sleep or beginning to meditate, but can occur any time your brain waves shift into an alpha rhythm [e.g., watching television or a movie, driving, reading a book, etc.] |

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| 3 | Pendulum shift | Marked by wormhole phenomena, where you are suddenly transported into union with the higher octave of awareness. This may occur without notice or warning in meditation. You may also shift when reminded of this other state by sensory cues that remind you of it (e.g., incense, pictures or the spiritual teacher, etc.). You can, however, bring your awareness back readily. |
| 4 | Fulcrum shift | When you reach the fulcrum point, your energy and awareness shift so that you become fully identified with the other octave of awareness. Here you may find that your attention becomes locked or fixed in this other octave of awareness and you can, only with great difficulty, return it to normal waking awareness. |
| 5 | Vistas of illusion | At this stage, your waking life and your cutting edge of spirituality appear to be dreamlike and unreal. You are uplifted into a state of ecstasy and you find it increasingly difficult to focus on daily chores, to carry out your job duties, to study or research, or genuinely listen or relate to others in social situations. You may experience your first catatonic episode—the samadhic trance—in which you cannot move and you are completely merged in the bliss of this altered state. |
| 6 | Visionary cascade | At this stage, visions and voices come to you spontaneously. Your Master may appear to you in a glorified, radiant form, and you may see angels, gods and goddesses. Sometimes objects or even forms of people may be seen to appear (materialize) then disappear (dematerialize) right before your eyes. This hallucinatory stage ebbs and flows. When it is active, you may not be able to function at all. When it recedes, you may be able to engage in daily activities again. If you cannot or do not find a way to integrate and understand these experiences, then you can all too readily slip into delusional thinking at this particular stage, and may even begin to evidence all of the symptoms of psychosis. |

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| 7 | Illumination and union | If you pursue this other octave of awareness to its fullest development, then you will gain illumination and Mastery at this higher octave. The active suppression of personality and your spiritual cutting edge engendered by this state, however, may result in irrational thinking, rapid mood swings and ongoing patterns of disordered functioning (personality disorders). Though you will have great powers, wisdom and compassion at this stage, you may also be eccentric, capricious and moody. You will often make contradictory statements, act on “inspiration” or give advisement to others that does not make any sense. Because others will sense a powerful presence around you, they will usually be reticent to give you feedback about your curious observations, your impenetrable insights and your increasingly odd behavior for fear of offending you. When these social reality checks are withdrawn from you, there is no longer anything or anyone to check your drifting into complete madness. You become illumined and Masterful, and sometimes, completely, permanently mad. |

“If you can recognize that you are on the wrong path by early stage three, marked by your first experiences of the wormhole phenomenon, then you may be able to stop the progression of these changes. While you may continue to have emergence from your unconscious and some lapses of attention, you will be able to function relatively normally.”

“If you then unfold yourself at your cutting edge, you will gradually correct the imbalance that you have created until you have finally overcome it. Then your daily activities will be uninterrupted by this emergence from the unconscious, you will make progress in an integrated way, and you will function normally in your personality.”



- Have you met people who related to you from an altered state of consciousness? How did this make you feel encountering them?
- Have you ever met some of these individuals who tried to convince you to be in their altered state of consciousness? What were their arguments?
- Did you sense they tried to frighten you or make you feel guilty, so you would want to be in their same state of consciousness to escape fearful consequences or be relieved of guilt.
- Can you identify what state of consciousness they were trying to get you to enter and join them?
- What altered states of consciousness have you experienced that you can identify from the descriptions in the chart?
- Do you believe that you may have experienced any of the states of imbalance in any of the spiritual practices you may have done in the past?
- If you experienced these states, did they go away when you stopped doing the practices? Or do they continue?

Thank you for attending our webinar today!

