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Introduction

Do yogis need psychic defense? Most certainly, when the nature of psychic attack is understood. I want to speak about these two phenomena of psychic attack and psychic defense that are believed in by millions throughout the world but at the same time are never “in the public eye” because of the prevailing unbelief and skepticism of the people who shape public opinion and those who dislike thinking or speaking about anything negative or superstitious. In the motion picture “Dracula” with Bela Lugosi, the vampire hunter Dr. Van Helsing says: “The strength of the vampire is in the refusal of people to believe in him.” This is true of all forms of evil.

It is a common occurrence that medical students develop the symptoms of the diseases they are studying. Although what I am going to tell you is accurate and not at all exaggerated, you must not let yourself become fearful and see danger lurking all around. Sometimes people get so absorbed in the idea of psychic attack that they forget there is psychic defense.

The most important principle in the consideration of psychic attack and psychic defense is to beware of both oversimplification and over-romanticizing. It is a serious mistake to cry “psychic attack” at every disturbance when, as Scrooge told Marley’s ghost, it might just be “a bit of undigested cheese or underdone potato” that has been eaten, or some other alteration in body chemistry that we are experiencing. However, it is also serious mistake to ignore the signals and be slow in determining the real state of things. I am saying this because caution and balance of mind are necessary lest our knowledge of these things degenerate into either baseless superstition or baseless skepticism.

First of all, what do we mean by “psychic,” “psychic attack” and “psychic defense”? The word “psychic” refers to the subtle levels of our own nature and that of the worlds which metaphysicians call “astral” and “causal.” These are very real levels of subtle energies that exist in us and all things in the material universe. The astral and causal levels and energies link us and the world of relative existence with the level of spirit which is above and separate from them. Each one of us is a complex entity consisting of four basic levels: spirit, causal energies, astral energies and matter—all of which is vibrating energy of various sorts.

Since these simple facts are unknown to most people, most of the time psychic attack is not even recognized for what it is, and if it is, few people know how to shield themselves from it. For we are speaking of psychic defense, not counterattack. Negative occultists and “magicians” love engaging in what they call “magickal wars.” (The misspelling of “magical” indicates that they are to some degree followers of the notorious “magician” Aleister Crowley.) About thirty-five years ago someone contacted our ashram to warn us that a group of “magicians” in another state had “declared a magickal war” on us. We laughed. And that was the

end of the matter.

However, psychic attack is a very real thing. I well recall sitting all night with a spiritual friend whom a very evil person was trying to murder by occult means. Another friend of mine had also fallen afoul of the same occultist and had nearly been killed by the attack. It was no joke—and very real. Although I again urge you to not become fearful, yet you should be aware that these things are real lest you become attacked and do not realize it. Many people think they are just “out of sorts” or “coming down with something” when they are actually being bombarded with destructive vibrations beamed at them by malicious people. On the other hand there are those who think they are “under attack” if they just get the flu or “feel funny.” Hopefully what I am going to present will help you understand and be safe.

Chapter One

The Yogi and Psychic Phenomena

What is a human being?

Perhaps the first step of our inquiry into psychic phenomena as they relate to the yogi is a definition of just what constitutes the human being and what constitutes psychic phenomena.

A human being consists of five layers—koshas, sheaths or bodies. These are, in ascending levels of subtle energies:

1) Annamaya kosha: “The sheath of food (anna).” The physical, material body, made of food.

2) Pranamaya kosha: “The sheath of vital air (prana).” The sheath consisting of vital forces and the (psychic) nervous system, including the karmendriyas.

3) Manomaya kosha: “The sheath of the mind (manas—mental substance).” The level (kosha) of the sensory mind. The astral body.

4) Jnanamaya kosha: “The sheath of intellect (buddhi).” The level of intelligent thought and conceptualization. Sometimes called the Vijnanamaya kosha. The astral-causal body.

5) Anandamaya kosha: “The sheath of bliss (ananda).” The causal body (karana sharira). The borderline of the Self (atman).

The pranamaya, manomaya and jnanamaya koshas together comprise the psyche, the psychic nature, of the human being. Psychic activity and perception take place in or through them. Someone in whom they are awake and active is a “psychic,” and is aware of and produces psychic phenomena, which originate in the hidden regions of the mind.

In Genesis we are told: “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (Genesis 2:7). Saint Paul wrote: “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul” (I Corinthians 15:45). The word Saint Paul used that is translated “soul,” is *psyche*—the psychic levels of the human being. Adam, the first human being, was psychic. That is, his consciousness was centered in his psychic bodies rather than his physical body.

A yogi becomes aware of and fully functional in his psychic nature which when purified and empowered by sadhana makes it possible for for him to ascend into the consciousness of his spiritual nature his Self (Atman). In the Bible some psychic abilities are classified as gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The invisible worlds

The psychic faculty is invisible, and functions in the invisible realms. In those invisible realms there are various types of beings we may perceive or even

communicate with. Some are negative, ignorant and foolish, and some are positive, knowlegous and wise. Some are spiritually unevolved and others are highly evolved in the spirit. We should not fall prey to the superstitious fear that even a slight peep into the psychic realm will bring devils crowding around ready to pounce on us—unless, of course, we are the kind of people who habitually associate with human “demons” and like their company. In that case their astral counterparts will be only too ready to contact us.

God is the creator of the invisible worlds as well as this visible one. In those, too, he is the supreme power, and his children need fear nothing therein, though as in this world caution is not a bad idea.

The Lord Jesus said: “In My Father’s house are many mansions” (John 14:2). The invisible worlds are populated by many types of beings, busily pursuing their life. The psychically awakened and sensitive yogi opens a window or door into those worlds for either observation or communication. It is only natural that there may be a response from those that live there. The type of response will be determined by the psychic character of the observer and the responder. Therefore a person moving into the psychic world may be influenced by the intelligences he finds there. So the yogi must be able to tell which influences are desirable and which are not, and know how to resist and banish any undesirable influences.

Psychic attunement

In one sense a yogi is operating his innate psychic radio or television. A radio or television set can only pick up the frequencies which it is programmed or built to receive. It is the same with the psychic faculty. It is our attunement, our state of psychic and spiritual evolution, which determines what worlds and what types of beings we will perceive. Those who are old enough will remember the days when television was only VHF, so our sets only got the programs broadcasted on the VHF frequencies. Later when UHF broadcasts were introduced, we had to add on some equipment to enable our sets to pick them up. Also in those early days those of us who did not live in the cities where the broadcasts originated needed aerials with motors to turn them in the direction of the broadcast we wanted to receive. It took a lot of tuning and turning to get the picture. So it is with the psychic realms. It is not enough to know that everyone has innate psychic abilities and can develop them. We must first see that our inner receivers are rightly refined and attuned through spiritual practice, especially meditation. For the degree of our development will determine what inner worlds we will contact.

Evil intelligences

Although I said we should not fear, I also said we needed wise caution. For it is true that when Lucifer rebelled and was thrown from the heights of astral existence called “heaven,” he and his unseen cohorts moved into the lower regions, including this material plane, seeking to dominate the worlds themselves and all who dwelt in them.

The evil intelligences under the leadership of Lucifer especially seek to influence the human mind. (See *Robe of Light*.) Lucifer did not come to Eve and say: "Hello, I am Lucifer. I am your enemy and I want to deceive you." Instead he came to Eve and claimed to be her friend who wished to give her the key to unlimited knowledge which would make her like God (Genesis 3:1-7).

Things have not changed since then. There are evil, ignorant and foolish entities in the astral world—just like there are evil, ignorant and foolish people in this world—sitting at the gates and waiting for someone to poke their head through or jump in completely. Just as we hear someone knocking at the door, so they perceive when a human being is trying to reach into their world. They will do what they can to "help" in hopes that in time the human being will be the means of their entering into the earth plane through obsession or possession. To ensure this they will lure the unsuspecting with phenomena of various sorts or at least make many promises that will remain unfulfilled once they attain their will.

Foolish and dangerous practices and phenomena

One very perilous practice is "automatic writing." The person sits with a pencil, or with a device called a planchette, and blanks his mind. After awhile his hand begins to move, and behold: he gets written messages "from the other side." (Mostly they are only from his subconscious mind.) In many cases after some time he loses the ability to write anything on his own, often writing against his will.

Other dangerous practices are those which the individual becomes a psychic telephone or television set, either through "channeling" or through clairvoyant vision. The person eventually has no control over that, either. Sometimes he cannot have an uninterrupted conversation. He will be talking to somebody and in the midst of it say: "Oh, there is a little old man in the corner of the room. Was your grandfather named Benjamin?" As if the grandchild did not know the name of their grandfather! Then will come some inane stuff such as: "He used to take you fishing" or: "He loved taffy apples." Utter trivia, and what is already known.

The kind of entities that usually are perceived are quite unintelligent, and like their human counterparts they never stop talking and they never say a single thing worth hearing. We all know humans like that, and there are spirits like that, as well. All day and all night: "Tell Edna the ink pen she lost twelve years ago was stolen by the milkman." "Ben must know that the back right tire on his car is going flat." "Helen is lying. I never told her she could have my best dishes when I was gone." The people who relay such drivel have no on/off switch, so it happens at any time. As I say, they are no more than telephones or television sets.

I remember a psychic in New Delhi trying to stop me at Connaught Circle to give me a "reading." "I know your mother's name," he told me. "So do I," I answered, and kept on walking. "But I can tell you your mother's name," he persisted, as he walked along beside me. "I can tell you her name, also. What will you pay me?" I asked him. "No, no, you do not understand! How is it that I know your mother's name?" "I don't know," I called back as I hastened away, "but a

better question is just what you are going to do with such useless information.” Things get even worse with wandering spirits that are bored on the other side and want to get back here: a sure sign of ignorance. Unhappily the silly and the shallow think this kind of thing is wonderful.

Some entities are smarter, and they can tell us things we do not know, and even things that have a practical application. This is more dangerous, for they are clever enough to want more than mere relaying of messages. There are truly vicious spirits who wish to invade our auras or bodies and live through us, defying the natural laws of rebirth. If they cannot possess someone permanently, they content themselves with short-term possession through their host’s physical weakness, drunkenness or use of drugs. On a more formal and overt level they temporarily possess so-called “trance mediums.” Or they draw the life-substance from the medium’s body and create “materializations,” the very touching of which can seriously harm the medium. These are the most degraded, immoral and criminal type of beings.

It must not be overlooked that oftentimes these phenomena are merely tricks of the medium’s subconscious mind and there are no spirits whatsoever in contact with or through them. Their minds fake it all. But whichever it may be, deception is still deception and can only produce negative results.

Slaves of spirits

In the Bible those who mistakenly deal with such entities are warned away. There were certain people even in Biblical times that were “married” to spirits: linked irrevocably with them. In later times these entities were called “familiars.” A television documentary once showed a Moslem woman of this type in the Middle East who every year on her “wedding” anniversary would kill a goat and smear herself with its blood in offering to her “husband.” Such persons, being constant channels of evil and completely beyond correction, were condemned to banishment or death in the Old Testament. That may seem harsh, but when we understand the harm that is worked through them and the lack of adequate psychic defense against them it is comprehensible, though not the right reaction. Through the power of Soham such persons can be rendered harmless so such drastic measures are not necessary.

The positive side

We should also consider the positive side of the matter. For there is a very positive and beneficial mode of psychic communication and phenomena. What we are speaking of in this context is the opening of the highest part of ourselves, our immortal spirit, to the world of God so that through our own evolution (not through the interference or action of other intelligences) the ability to perceive and function meaningfully on the higher psychic planes (and beyond) arises within us as a part of our own being and is wielded through our own divinely inspired and empowered will. That is, spiritualized psychic experience occurs as a natural

consequence of our increasing level of evolution. The yogi becomes aware on many levels, including the psychic, even though that should never be his goal. The ultimate aim of his entire life should be Self-realization.

Revelation

Perhaps the most striking psychic record in the Bible is the book of Revelation in which the psychic visions of Saint John the Apostle are recounted. I say “psychic visions” but in actuality they were spiritual communications transmitted through the purified psychic faculties of the Apostle. We know this is so, for he tells us: “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day” (Revelation 1:10). He was not in his psyche, but *in the spirit*. Further, the term “Lord’s day” means not just Sunday, but the eighth “day” or level of existence which transcends and yet embraces all the seven planes or modes of relative existence. In this way Saint John assures us that what he is about to tell us is coming from the highest point of consciousness that transcends all conditioned, relative states of consciousness. And what follows are symbols of spiritual realities, nearly all linked into yogic phenomena.

Moreover, we must not miss the point that everything Saint John tells us was his direct experience. He was not acting as a medium for any being, however high. He himself had ascended to the highest and witnessed all this directly. What he received he received directly from the Infinite. This is why none of the holy prophets of the Bible ever said: “Thus says my control,” or “thus says my guide.” Nor did they ever say: “Thus says the angel.” Rather, they said: “Thus saith the Lord.” For their spirits were in perfect union with the One Spirit; the finite was joined with the Infinite; the parts were one with the Whole. And so they spoke with the Divine Breath, the Holy Spirit.

Adam and Eve

Originally, Adam and Eve were citizens of the astral region of Paradise, functioning in that vehicle we call the astral body, which is also known as the “mind body.” (Again: see *Robe of Light*.) In other words, they did not communicate through eyes and ears and mouth, but through their minds, which included their psychic faculties. For in the astral world all experience is psychic experience.

Eve could not distinguish between the Elohim, the Matrikas, the Creator Mothers, and Lucifer because she was not in touch with her higher, spiritual faculties that would have enabled her to perceive the difference. Also, Lucifer was an archangel and therefore likely to be mistaken for one of the Elohim. Eve was deceived through her psychic nature, something that would have been impossible if her awareness had been established in her spirit.

Not only did Lucifer look all right to Eve’s psychic eye, so also did the astral fruit that brought about her psychic death. If she had looked with the eye of the spirit, she would have understood the nature of both and understood they were deadly: Lucifer because he was maleficent, and the fruit because she was not yet ready for the energies and the psychic opening it would convey. (This, too, is

discussed in *Robe of Light*.) God meant for Eve to eat of the Tree of Knowledge, but not yet. She had only just come into Paradise and still had much development and learning ahead of her. If she had been back down on the earth and in the physical body, she could not have even seen or heard Lucifer; she would have been safe. But in Paradise she was susceptible to deception.

Our situation

Since we are ourselves “poor banished children of Eve,” as the prayer says, we are in the same predicament psychically. Therefore it is indeed true that we must be cautious about the psychic realms, and must endeavor to center our consciousness in the spirit through meditation before probing into it. However, Adam and Eve had to enter the astral world of Paradise and evolve there. And so must we. Since as yogi initiates we are to evolve simultaneously on the physical, psychic, and causal levels, we must prepare ourselves for incursions into all those levels in time.

True intuition is spiritual intuition, not psychic intuition, just as there is spiritual clairvoyance which is much higher than psychic clairvoyance. It is crucial that we are aware of these differences, because the merely psychic is often mistaken for the spiritual. And although there can be errors in the psychic realms, in the higher realms of the spirit, only truth and higher spiritual reality prevail. It is a natural part of evolution to develop psychic faculties, but we must move on higher and not get distracted by the merely psychic, though such experiences must come to us in our ascent to Self-realization. Spiritual intuition is actually the higher faculty which replaces the ordinary intellect as we ascend to spiritual perfection. But until we attain the highest awareness, much of what we may mistakenly think is spiritual experience or phenomena is really astral/psychic in character. That, too, is necessary for us, but we must not get distracted or sidetracked, but must keep pressing onward to the highest attainment of Self-realization.

As is usual with life, even spiritual life, the situation seems contradictory. We must in time experience psychic phenomena and perceptions, and yet must also be cautious regarding them and understand that they, too, must be transcended as much as material experience. We should think of our experience of the psychic world as a journey. We must know the difficulties that may be encountered, the precautions that must be taken, and the mishaps and even dangers for which we must be prepared. We must know the danger zones and the safe zones. We must know the bad roads and the good roads. Yes, we must know them all. And we must make the trip. Without it there is stagnation. The same thing can be said of the development of consciousness as has been said about the American expansion into the West: “The cowards never started, and the weak died along the way.” We must be neither.

Being safe and in control

What then should we do to ensure our safety in psychic matters? A principle that must be continually held in mind is the Biblical statement: “The spirits of the

prophets are subject to the prophets” (1Corinthians 14:32). This implies that the higher, spiritual psychic abilities are the result of mastery of our inner faculties. And that mastery is the mastery that leads to the spirit, not short-sightedly to psychic experience as an end in itself. For though we must indeed journey through the realm of the psychic, we must go beyond it into total spiritual awakening, the realization: Soham–I Am That.

The opening of the psychic powers within the yogi comes as a result of spiritual evolution. This is why Blavatsky was insistent that ordinary, solely psychic abilities cannot be fully trusted. Rather, she insisted that only those who through spiritual cultivation open their own inner, illumined consciousness can trust their psychic perceptions or be trusted by others. Spiritual development is essential. Yoga is the way.

The statement that the prophet’s spirit is subject to him indicates that he is not under the control of anyone, not even of God. For God only accepts willing service, not slavery. The psychic yogi will never be under the control of any external intelligence whatsoever. Such a state would utterly negate the very nature of the prophet.

A psychic yogi never speaks or perceives under compulsion. All is done according to his spiritually developed will, a will that transcends ego and egoic ways. The psychic yogi is never overcome or controlled by psychic experience. Rather, like a truly gifted artist who can create at will, he can exercise his ability whenever he wills. He is at all times a psychic adult. The yogi psychic’s control over his spirit implies that at no time does he pass out cold and later come to and say he has no memory of what happened and ask if the “messages” the “came through” were good. That is the dangerous way of spiritualist mediums.

Positive psychic experiences are good and true. Not only that, they are necessary. God Himself has intended them for our unfolding spiritual life. As I have said, they are signposts along the way of our development as yogis.

The more excellent way

Saint Paul wrote: “Covet earnestly the best gifts [charisms–spiritual abilities]: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way” (I Corinthians 12:31.) The “more excellent way” is the way of spiritual perceptions. It is true and right that we should pass through the various phases of psychic development, but we pass through them, we do not remain there. Having experienced the invisible realities of the psychic realm we are prepared for experience of the spiritual realm, of spiritual phenomena.

In the world there are two types of supernormal contact: psychic and spiritual. We who are yogis must become increasingly more intent on the spiritual and less on the psychic side, not because there is anything wrong with the psychic but because it can sidetrack us in our quest for higher consciousness if we do not grow beyond it. But we should always respect it and use it when the situation is appropriate.

We must never confuse the psychic with the spiritual. It is common for people to think that psychics are spiritually developed when they are not, or that a psychic experience is a spiritual experience. When we do this we fall into two serious errors: we assume that because a psychic is accurate he is also a reliable spiritual advisor and guide, and we become satisfied with the psychic and neglect the spiritual—a logical consequence if we do not understand their difference. Psychic proficiency is not spiritual proficiency, and even miracles are no sign of spiritual worth in a person. There is a vast difference between psychic clairvoyance and spiritual clairvoyance and between all spiritual and psychic phenomena.

So please be aware that psychic advisors and healers are not spiritual advisors and healers. We must move onward to higher places as we evolve. The psychic world is normal and good, but the spiritual world is supernatural and “more excellent.” “God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,... hath quickened us... and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places.... For we are his workmanship” (Ephesians 2:4, 6, 10).

Chapter Two

Forms of Psychic Attack

What is psychic attack and what are its forms?

In essence, a psychic attack—or a psychic invasion, which is a close relative—is the incursion of negative energy or intelligence (one or more conscious entities) into an individual’s energy fields—aura, etheric body, magnetic field, mental and emotional levels, etc. The labels are not important, the fact of invasion is. Keeping this definition in mind, let us consider various types of psychic attack.

1) Encountering wandering bands or fields of “natural” negative energies.

As winds circle the earth, so there are energy currents circulating worldwide as well, some of which can have negative effects on the individual’s physical or psychic nature. This is especially common in our days of nuclear energy and other deadly activities and substances. Often what a person experiences is simply an echo of some negative or unbalancing event in the earth’s magnetic field. Of course, often it is purely physical, a result of some type of atmospheric pollution.

Just as sound moves through the atmosphere, so also do negative emotional vibrations. Often we are struck by wandering clouds of negative energies released by anger and violence from those around us or in our neighborhood. A husband and wife may have an argument and even strike one another. Then the evil magnetism emanating from their auras detaches itself and floats around like a malevolent cloud until it is absorbed by a person or object whose aura is susceptible or defenseless, or who is also vibrating with similar anger.

It is not uncommon for people to walk through a crowded building and come out feeling ill—especially with a headache. Sometimes when sitting in the supposed safety of our homes we suddenly feel the onslaught of anxiety, depression, fear or other negative states. Walls are not always defenses against the wandering clouds of released malevolent energies or intelligences.

Traffic seems to evoke the most violence in people. It is not uncommon for someone’s car to develop a problem after some fellow driver has released a burst of anger at them for some supposed driving offense.

Armed conflicts produce tidal waves of such energies and sweep over the face of the earth catching others up into their poisonous vortices. In psychic levels, especially, “no man is an island.”

Certain places can also be gathering points for various types of destructive energies. Hospitals, mental institutions and prisons head the list, closely followed by “adult” motion picture theaters and stores and sexually-oriented “clubs.” Unhappily, certain churches that capitalize on hatred and fear are power centers of negativity and radiate a very real psychic poison.

(2) The effect of coming in contact with negative, deadening, or destructive energy fields emanating from physical substances or objects—either by innate nature or through magnetization by someone, intentionally or unintentionally.

Heading the list of this type would be contact with radioactive materials, which are not only dangerous from the simple standpoint of radiation, but they weaken the psychic fabric of the earth plane and permit or produce “bleed over” or outright invasion from negative psychic planes. Also, some substances bear very definite anti-life vibrations or attract anti-life entities. Low “magic” uses poisonous and disgusting substances because they vibrate on the anti-life wavelengths of death and decay. Certain types of entities are also attracted to substances in a state of breakdown to draw off the released energy. Shed blood and reproductive fluids are in this category.

Certain malevolent people like to implant such substances in the bodies or environments of intended victims. They may often take a perfectly innocent object and subject it to ritual defilement so it will be a channel for evil power. Sometimes this is not a conscious act on the part of negative individuals who have no formal knowledge of occult principles, but just by handling an object with intense thought or feeling they turn it into a vehicle for negativity.

Often evil people give their victims some object which then acts as a link between them and the person. The only solution is for the victim to destroy the object, get rid of it or neutralize the magnetization and then bless it. Here is an example.

Once a woman came to our ashram asked if I would bless her house. She had married a man whose mother was an overt sorceress in an Eastern European country. After she came on a visit to them, everything went wrong between them and even with the house. So strong was the malevolence that the husband gave up and divorced our friend, hoping in that way to at least get his mother’s curse off of him. After the divorce things calmed down, but our friend felt that something was still not right, and asked if I thought a house blessing would help. Since it is a good thing to bless a house in all circumstances I suggested that one be done.

Along with another monk I went and blessed the house, which had a very normal atmosphere right from the first. Because of this I assumed there was no problem. Right at the end of the blessing I asked the woman to open the doors of a glass-fronted cabinet where I could see many items of china displayed. “Oh!” she exclaimed, “my mother-in-law gave me those. She brought them from Europe and made a big point about my having them.” “Then I know they should be blessed,” I replied. She tried to open the doors and found them locked. “But I never lock them,” she said. It took a while to find the key, but she managed. The moment the blessed water touched that china a tremendous negative force exploded out of them, terrifying our friend and certainly impressing us. In a moment the force was gone, literally running out the door. So all was well from then on. The potential

harm had been defused. What exactly had been done to the dishes was unknown, but they had become a nest of deadly power.

The moral of this story is: accept no gifts from a person you suspect of harboring ill will for you, and get rid of or cleanse any such if a friendship goes sour and the donor begins reacting to you negatively. Also, never eat the food of someone who may be malevolent toward you. This is no time for misplaced “good manners.” Some people in no way merit politeness.

Beware especially of supposedly blessed or magnetized objects whose source of blessing is unknown to you. Not all blessings really *are* blessings. “The blessings of evil men are curses,” is an ancient axiom to keep in mind. Often the “blessers” are either negative people or fools who impart evil or unbalanced energies to objects and give them out for “luck.” The “Blessed Be” crowd are leaders in this travesty.

Once I spent time at a yoga center which had psychic disturbances. Several people had seen spirits there, as well. The director told me about the situation and asked me to go through the building and see if there was anything I could sense about it. I did so, and found nothing. So I walked around the building. When I came to the back door I found tacked to it a block print of a complex tantric diagram that had been given to the center. That was the problem. They took it down, burnt it and everything was all right immediately. No doubt the person that gave it to them did so in good faith, thinking that it was a spiritual object and therefore would impart positive vibrations

(3) Bombardment of negative personal thoughts or emotions emanating from another person, intentionally or unintentionally.

This is the most common type of psychic attack. As I say, some people consciously send vibrations of hate and destruction to others, but most do it quite unconsciously, and have no idea they are really broadcasting negative energies to the people they are brooding about.

Contributing to the effectiveness of this type of attack is its not being identified as such. For when we say “psychic attack,” we think of something like the Wicked Witch of the West’s dramatic antics against Dorothy, or of someone in magical robes hurling curses from a tower in a crumbling castle. But we do not give any consideration to common, nasty thought vibrations that can easily penetrate our auras and surroundings and affect us greatly.

Also, this form of attack often comes from our own families—not necessarily through thoughts of anger or hatred, but through intense pessimism about our future or our health, or convictions (or wish) that we will fail in some endeavor. It is a common phenomenon that a person with a terminal illness becomes immediately much worse when the family is told of the diagnosis—even if the ill person is unaware of the diagnosis. This is because we are strongly connected to our family magnetically and subliminally. Their thoughts are often much more acceptable to our minds than our own. Therefore the effect of such bombardment is exceedingly difficult to counter.

In small communities such as small towns the negative convictions of the residents about one of their number can be overwhelming. This is especially true in the case of a child whom the community becomes convinced is “bad” or surely headed for a criminal future. Swept away by the thought power of so many adults, the child fulfills their expectations.

On a much smaller scale, you can even experience an unintentional psychic attack from someone who becomes angered at you for some reason and swears or rails at you, either aloud or in their mind. The effects can be no joke or fantasy.

(4) Experiencing the consciously directed negative energies methodically produced by esoteric means (magic, etc.) and sent forth specifically or generally.

Yes, it is true—there are those people who use occult means to injure and even destroy others. This is very real, and not to be discounted one bit. Some of them actually make a living as psychic assassins. Sometimes the psychic attacks launched by such evil ones are not with a special individual in mind, but are directed against either humanity in general or against certain groups or types of people. The effects are just as harmful, however.

(5) Invasion by another intelligence, usually disembodied, either by its own volition or under the command of another will.

Earthbound souls, especially those of a negative character, can cause psychic disturbance.

The presence of ignorantly or willfully harmful entities in the earth plane—usually called in by evil occultists—is a tragic fact. These wanderers, for a variety of motivations, often seek to invade human beings, their homes or environment, either to possess their bodies, feed off their energies (they are especially attracted to the auras of those who use alcohol, nicotine, and/or drugs), or simply to experience some type of contact with another intelligence. Whatever the motives, the results are always harmful to some degree.

It is definitely true that some workers of evil make use of “familiar spirits” who are invoked and bound by them and sent to work their will—often to injure and even destroy. Some create evil “robots” of negative thought, emotion, and will energies to accomplish the same intentions. (It sounds insane when stated so baldly, but that is because the act is insane.) Sometimes the purpose of these entities is to seduce us into their ways, as well. These frequently appear to their targets and use psychokinetic force and other external manifestations.

Certain occult initiations produce obsession. The auric invasion of such beings can produce mental illness and even suicide. Sincerity of intention is no sure safeguard in these matters. One particularly foolish but nevertheless harmful group actually promises its prospective candidates that after their initiation an “elemental” spirit will be permanently imbedded in their aura.

There are all kinds of entities that can bother people, but the most commonly

(because easily) employed entities by negative or foolish occultists are the spirits called “elementals.” An elemental is a type of low-developed nature spirit, not very intelligent but possessing definite powers. They often become, without their understanding the nature of the situation, a kind of servant/slave of an occult individual or group and are sent to bother a designated person or persons.

There are four kinds of elementals: earth elementals, water elementals, fire elementals and air elementals. They are too unintelligent to know that what they are doing is attacking, they just “do” what they are told. (I have no idea how they are told to do it by those who send them.) Elementals have no concept of either injury or death.

Earth elementals make their targets feel heavy, depressed, tired and mentally inert, even vegetative. Water elementals make people feel confused, vague, unsure and weak. Fire elementals make people feel restless, nervous, jittery, hyperactive, volatile, easily angered and even violent. Air elementals make people feel mentally and physically numb, spacey, mentally and emotionally unsure, compulsive and of course: flighty.

People who swim out to sea so far they cannot swim back to the shore or divers who stay down too long and experience the “ecstasy of the deeps” and throw away their breathing equipment and drown, often have been lured to their death by water elementals who have no concept of drowning. Air elementals subliminally urge people to jump out into the air and fly with them, not knowing that humans cannot fly. Earth elementals often want people to stay with them, so they produce cave-ins to keep them, having no idea it will kill them.

When elementals do not succeed in their mission, and especially if they become disturbed or feel resisted, or even “burnt” by their target invoking higher vibrations that can banish them, they become confused and angry. When that happens their target or anyone around them often smell the vibration of their confusion and anger. So if you should do so, know that an elemental has been thwarted in attempting to harm you. Earth elementals produce a smell like an open sewer or septic tank which also has a powerful metallic, almost caustic, overtone. Water elementals produce a smell like fish (sometimes decaying fish). Fire elementals produce a smell like burning tobacco smoke. Air elementals produce a smell like either wet, decaying leaves, stagnant water, ozone or chlorine.

Although elementals are sent to do harm, when they become disturbed or angry they often stop their attack and return to their senders and may do them very real harm—which they deserve.

6) Auric invasion by others through physical touch

Our etheric body extends about an inch from our physical body. Psychically sensitive people can sometimes see it as a light or halo around someone’s body. I once gave a talk at a psychic fair about psychic attack. At one point I asked the sponsor of the fair to come stand by me. I then just put my hand on his shoulder and told the people, “I am now in his etheric body, and will be so as long as I am

touching him. So beware and ‘be wary’ of anyone touching you like this. Huggers and strokers are invading you. Do not allow it unless you know them well and know their intentions are positive. It is the same with shaking hands. In just a few moments you can be invaded and affected by shaking hands. And never let someone you do not know well keep holding your hand. Those who take your hand, look in your eyes and keep speaking to you are totally invading you. Their intentions may not be bad, but be wary. You cannot avoid shaking hands sometimes, but consciously resist any influence.”

7) Invasion by food

When food is cooked its vibration is changed and it absorbs the bio-energies of whoever cooks it or serves it. This is why in traditional Indian households there are many rules about food and its consumption. They all have a very real basis.

You can absorb the mental energies of the cook in a restaurant, for example. My friend, Dr. A. K. Bhattacharya, the son of Dr. Benoytosh Bhattacharya, the father of modern radionics, told me that he was unable to eat any food but that cooked by his wife or daughter. One time a very close friend who was warden of a prison invited him for lunch. He broke his rule and went there to eat. The food was especially good tasting, but when he returned home he felt pervaded by negative energies that were even violent. He had never raised his voice to his wife in their entire marriage, but he did so shortly after returning home. This shocked him. Pondering the matter he thought it might have been the food he ate. So he telephoned his warden friend and asked who had cooked the food. The warden told him that one of the prisoners, an excellent cook that had been diagnosed as criminally insane, had cooked it!

Another, not uncommon, form of psychic invasion through food is done by someone taking food from their plate and putting it on yours, saying: “Oh! Try some of this. It is very good.” Many negative or chronically ill people do this frequently, for in this manner they are passing their negative or disease energies on to you. Also, some people often take food from your plate, saying: “May I try some of that?” They are taking your positive or healthy vibrations. Those who swap food in this way are trading their negative vibrations for your positive vibrations. Do not allow this. When very close friends or family members do this it can be harmless. But if it is continual, then know something is wrong and stop it.

Places susceptible to psychic invasion

Houses and other buildings are powerful thoughtforms. Since they are built with the idea of closing out undesirable things it is not easy for negative energies to invade them. (Remember the idea that a vampire has to be invited into a house?) But certain areas of a building are weak in this way and negativity may enter through them. They are corners, closets, attics, and basements. Corners are not walls, but are a kind of “no-man’s-land,” so entities and energies that cannot pierce a wall sometimes penetrate them. For some reason the northeast corner of a building or a room is particularly vulnerable to this kind of psychic invasion. For

that reason the Russian Orthodox Christians often hang an icon across the northeast corner of a room. Closets, attics, basements—and sometimes bathrooms—are susceptible to invasion because they are not really parts of the house intended for human habitation. So they, too, become neutral territory and liable to penetration.

Chapter Three

Symptoms of Psychic Attack

(1) Vague unease, a sense of something indefinable being wrong or about to happen.

This is usually the initial symptom of a psychic attack. You cannot put your finger on what it is, but something just does not feel right. There is a little nagging at the back of your mind. What I am describing may not be an intense feeling, but one so slight and subtle that you are often hardly aware you are experiencing it. In fact, if you are busy or intent on some train of thought it may be a while before you come to realize that for some time a peripheral area of your mind has been experiencing this type of unease.

The usual way this develops, when it is really the symptom of a psychic attack, is this:

(a) A slight feeling that something is not quite right—a feeling you might get if something was out of place or missing from a familiar room. This is followed by:

(b) A feeling of vague apprehension, the “prickling of the hairs on the back of the neck”—but so subtle, so almost subliminal that it barely registers until (as it will) it grows into a more perceptible feeling that something is definitely wrong. Some people do not feel fear or apprehension, but instead experience this as a feeling of intense restlessness or the jitters. Parents should be very careful about reprimanding their children for being hyper or extremely restless and rushing around unable to calm down. Often they are experiencing a psychic attack that their parents are unaware of. They may even be absorbing the energies of an attack that is directed at the parents but is deflecting onto them.

(c) Because of the tension produced by this, headache or other mild symptoms of tension may result. When this happens, the person rationalizes that their first feelings of unease must have been indications of a developing physical problem, and so the possibility of detecting the psychic attack is very unlikely. Also, a person often attributes the symptoms of illness to the strain of being unable to figure out what is going on—often for the very purpose of providing a reasonable explanation. This is especially true of very rational personalities.

(d) On the other hand, if the above-described process does not take place, the next step is usually:

(2) Baseless fear, even escalating into terror.

This is one of the worst symptoms of psychic attack, for not only is it terrible to experience, it also destroys the objectivity of the mind, causing it to relinquish its defenses.

Fear opens the aura, rendering the person utterly defenseless, and therefore

almost totally in the power of the attacking forces, for fear truly is paralyzing, as we often say. Moreover, being gripped by fear, the individual becomes frantic and confused—therefore unable to realize the source of the problem.

Almost always the conclusion is that the problem is psychological. The person may even go so far as to get medication to deaden his sensitivity to the attack. Some of these drugs in turn open the psyche even more to outside psychic influence, though physically they appear to shut down the individual. Caught in this vicious cycle, the person may become temporarily or permanently more susceptible to evil forces.

However, there is a piece of knowledge that when kept in mind can mean the difference between immunity and full surrender to a psychic attack: *At the onset of the psychic attack, it is not genuine fear which you feel, but rather, the purely physical sensation of apprehension or fear.* That is, you are not really afraid at first, but you *feel* afraid. Sometimes this is because the attacking energies penetrating your aura and body are causing your adrenal glands to respond in defense. But most of the time it is a deliberate implanting of a false experience of fear with the intention of producing real fear in you. This usually works, since few people are able to experience their feelings objectively, and so from the *feeling* of fear, *actual* fear arises. This is the deceit of the evil forces: by making you *feel* afraid, they make you become genuinely fearful, and therefore helpless before them. So, when you find yourself feeling fearful or apprehensive without a cause, realize that you perhaps are being bombarded by destructive energies and take steps to protect yourself.

As you can see so far, the major difficulty in the matter of psychic attack is our frequent inability to recognize it for what it is and then act accordingly and defend ourselves.

Although fear is the most common—because the most effective—emotion resulting from psychic attack, another symptom is:

(3) Negative emotions which in general have no basis.

Naturally, we all get irritated on occasion, or disgusted, or repelled by various situations. And sometimes our negative emotions seem to come from nowhere or have no basis when they are instinctive defense reactions against the unknown. But there are times when irrational feelings of anger, resentment or infatuation and desire (we tend to miss the fact that positive or attracting emotions can also be manipulations from psychic attack), etc., are produced in us—again, usually as physical sensations at first, which then turn into the actual mental states—as a result of a psychic attack.

Often we condemn a person for their unreasonable emotional outbursts, labeling them immature or unstable, when they are the victims of psychic attack, and need protection. We must always be thinking of what we can do to rectify a situation—not to just put a label on it and pass by like those in the parable of the Good Samaritan who would not help the wounded man.

Depression and feelings of helplessness are common manifestations of psychic

invasion. And, like all these others, such states are automatically interpreted by us as mere psychological difficulties and therefore not diagnosed or treated correctly. Here, too, people often resort to medications that only compound the problem.

Again, be aware that emotions of intense attraction and desire can also be effects of psychic attack. Many leaders—both political and religious—have strong powers of domination which manifest in their victims as intense love and devotion for them. I have been in the presence of people who in actuality were shallow, ignorant and outright unintelligent (as was Hitler), yet they could cast such a “glamor” over the minds of the people in the room that they appeared wise and worthy of being followed to the death. The disciple of one contemporary “guru” once remarked to me that whenever he spoke to the “master” about any problems, he felt he was being given great wisdom, and would be overwhelmed with feelings of exaltation and gratitude. But the moment he left the room or building, he realized that the things said to him were actually inane, stupid and pointless. I knew a yogi who could get people to do completely idiotic things. Whatever he said or ordered seemed perfectly right and sensible to them. Later they would be astounded at having agreed to his directions. This was a result of his psychic domination of them.

I think we have all had dreams in which something seemed either very profound or very funny, but upon awakening we realized that it made no sense at all or was a commonplace thought without any special wit or wisdom. This is because we were in a subconscious state when we experienced it. So, also, psychic attack is mostly on the subconscious level, and when we are under its influence our evaluations can be totally false. Also, since they are subconscious, the effects of psychic attack can be very like post-hypnotic suggestions.

Some people under psychic attack become a type of awake sleepwalker with their perceptions completely distorted, even seeing, hearing and feeling completely at the will of the one attacking them. They will see on a page words that are not there, will see figures or hear sounds that are not real, and will feel emotions not their own. These cases are often not simple matters of psychic influence by a person, but the result of obsession by evil spirits—for a human occultist would quickly burn out from the intensity of effort required to sustain this state in another. However, the obsessing entity may be under the command of some malevolent person, and will have been specifically sent by him to produce this state in the victim.

This phenomenon is most commonly encountered when entire groups are under the influence of a particular person or emotion. This includes highly emotional religious gatherings. Usually the invasion of the entity comes from the victim being either personally “blessed” (or even “exorcised”!) by the attacker(s). I knew a man who could make anyone “talk in tongues” by simply touching them on the back of the neck where the chakra that controls speech is located. Politics runs a close second with religion in psychic domination and delusion.

Sincerity of intention is no sure safeguard in these matters.

(4) Nausea, headache, inexplicable pains (usually sharp).

Although headache and minor pains were mentioned before as results of the mind's tension at being unable to understand what is going on in a psychic attack, many pains are direct effects of psychic attack, often being the results intended by the attacker. Actually, the most common conception of psychic attack is the "voodoo doll" with pins stuck in it to produce pains in the victim. This is not mere fantasy, though a doll or image is not necessary for this kind of attack. The pains are usually of the "shooting" kind, though "the spike through the head" sensation is not uncommon. (I knew a woman who was expert in this just for her own malicious amusement and the need to feel powerful and superior to others.) Migraine attacks are often psychically induced. On occasion the pains and nausea are products of the energy imbalance that result from the alien energies entering the victim's body and overloading it.

(5) Mental confusion, mental inertia, inability to think or comprehend what is going on.

Psychic attack often affects us like a blow on the head or a slap in the face—it completely disorients us and keeps us from getting our bearings. This, of course, produces a feeling of helplessness, which then results in fear which then breaks down any defenses we might have. Also, part of a psychic attack often is the deliberate prevention of our being able to realize what is happening to us. Often, this state is produced in us to keep us from accomplishing something the evil forces do not want done. This is often tied up with:

(6) Irrational feelings of exhaustion, listlessness, heaviness, and energy drain. Conviction of the inability to do anything.

This is very common. And it is almost never combated because of its mundane, unspectacular character. Not being a painful experience, and by its very dullness not fitting in with our glamorous thunder-and-lightning image of what a psychic attack is, we usually accept this as being the true state of things, figuring that we have not been sleeping well lately, or that we need to eat better, etc.

When you think of something you need to do, it can seem like a tremendous task, a herculean labor that you just do not have the stamina or energy to carry through. It seems completely beyond you, either impossible or requiring more effort or trouble than you want to expend. Even though intellectually you know how easy and virtually effortless the task or project may be, it will loom in your mind as something requiring overwhelming effort. This is hypnosis of a sort, and incredibly dangerous.

Alternately, you may feel drained of all energy, worn out, and weighed down, even though you have done nothing that could have resulted in such a dramatic loss of energy or fatigue. The enemy is trying to trick you into inaction so he can work unhindered while you "rest up." Beware!

(7) Flashing of hypnogogic images. You keep “seeing things” out of the corner of your eye, or dream-type images keep flashing before you, especially when you are sitting or relaxed.

Frequently you get the impression of objects flying past your head, as if thrown at you. If you tend to be clairvoyant, you will experience this very clearly, even ducking to avoid being hit. Or you suddenly feel that some person or thing is lunging at you. Often these experiences are just mental blips whose very insubstantiality makes you tend to disregard them or pass them off as a symptom of fatigue or “brain fag.” This type of attack has two purposes: (a) to feed into your mind images of yourself being injured in some way (usually violently), of being seriously ill, or even of being dead or dying. If accepted, these images can be turned into actualities or else used to produce terrible fears or paralyzing convictions of impending disaster in you. Or, (b), they are meant to frighten you by making you think you are hallucinating and perhaps going crazy, or to make those around you think you are mentally unbalanced (especially if you flinch or cry out when you see things flying past you).

On occasion, though, these are not images being sent to you by an attacker, but are instead the signaling of your subconscious mind that you are under a psychic attack. Since the subconscious deals in pictures and not words, it sends you images of disaster and injury to alert you. What it shows you may not be the literal intentions of the attacker, but just a general message. For example, if the attacker wants you physically injured, you may see all kinds of pictures of accidents or assault. The actual pictures do not matter—it is the *theme* of injury. The attacker might want you to break a leg, but your mind would show you all kinds of images, from being hit by a train to falling in a hole. So do not take the images as literal prophecies of coming events. The thing is to realize that you are being attacked, though for some reason you are not picking up on it, and your inner mind is signaling you to defend yourself.

Do not discount the reality of such imagery even if the images seem silly or memories of old horror movies you have seen. Malevolent people often send images of movie monsters and such like to their intended victim’s mind so the victim will not take them seriously, or so that anyone they tell about their experiences will think they are fools or crazy. This is not speculation. I once read a book that gave instructions about this very kind of mental persecution. Some years later I met a man who told me that at one time in his life he would actually see Frankenstein’s monster. He laughed about it while telling me because he did not realize its nature and purpose.

(8) Symptoms of illness, but no actual problem detectable.

This is particularly insidious, because the victim can die with family and physician swearing it is “all in his head.” Or at best the person endures much suffering which, when it disappears, only strengthens the mistaken conviction that “there was nothing to it.” Since we tend to let others shape our opinions about

ourselves, this type of thing can cause us to lose confidence in our own perceptions and experiences. And that can be as disastrous as overconfidence.

But the most important thing about this symptom is that it usually indicates an attempt at psychic murder. (Do not think that such things are impossible—I have witnessed them). There have been cases where psychic assassins have produced the symptoms of diseases so the medical treatment itself would kill the victim.

I have witnessed this, also. In one case the assassins produced false symptoms of lymphatic cancer in a man. Chemotherapy was administered, which the man barely survived. Then the doctor declared that the man had not had cancer at all, but that he wanted him to have more chemotherapy “to make sure.” Such outrageous stupidity was of course the result of psychic influence on the doctor’s mind. The second bout of chemotherapy destroyed the victim’s natural immunities. He caught a respiratory flu that was going around and became unable to even walk. His family members had to carry him into the doctor’s office. The doctor—again under evil psychic influence—told him he was fine and to quit being a hypochondriac. After some days he went into a coma and convulsions, so his family had him taken to a hospital. The doctor came, expressing great anger at “all this fuss about nothing.” Seeing the man’s condition, even psychic influence could no longer blind him to the seriousness of the matter. However, he refused to accept that the problem was respiratory, but announced that the man had “Laetrile poisoning.” Now, this was most interesting, since the family preferred alternative therapies and in the past had successfully used Laetrile, though the doctor did not know that. The psychic assassins knew, however, and worked to produce the symptoms of cyanide poisoning, hoping that the family would have given him Laetrile. Then not only would the victim die, the family could be indicted for manslaughter and go to jail, as well. The doctor had tests run, which showed no traces of Laetrile. Then he at last conceded that the problem was respiratory, but began to pressure the family to “let him die in peace,” and “why run up a big bill by putting him in intensive care?” It was evident that the doctor (under negative psychic influence) wanted the man to die. Ultimately the man was killed by the supposed treatment, as one of the hospital staff later confessed.

(9) Sudden illness with no prior basis, often from an encounter with a worker of evil.

This type of illness is the kind that used to be attributed to the “evil eye.” This is a tricky one, because we do not want to be like the medieval farmers who blamed witches every time their cows got sick. Still, the possibility must be kept in mind.

The usual revealing factor in this type of psychic attack is the incredible suddenness of the illness and the intense virulence of it. Most illnesses develop, but psychically induced ones often strike like lightning—unless the attacker is particularly clever and realizes that unless he takes his time someone may be alerted to the real nature of the illness. The usual strategy, though, is to kill the victim before any force can be rallied against it.

A perfectly healthy attorney went into court against some criminals who had connections with psychic assassins. The atmosphere was truly hellish in the courtroom, and when the attorney came away he was barely able to walk. Within a few hours he *could* not walk, and had to be taken by ambulance to a hospital where he was found to have advanced rheumatoid arthritis. He eventually died. One of his legal partners took up the case, and in less than a week was taken to the hospital with a strange blood disease that could not be identified or (therefore) treated. Prayer—intense prayer—saved his life, but in just a day or so the third partner, who was in excellent health, was stricken with an unidentifiable kidney ailment and nearly died within eight hours. Only their accidental learning of his problem enabled the “prayer people” to get to work and save him. The next day he was perfect—and the doctors were mystified. The cure was swift because of prayer being brought to bear so quickly. The partner with the blood disorder took several weeks to completely clear up, because prayer had not been brought into the picture until nearly two weeks after the appearance of the “illness.”

(10) Disturbances in the near environment, especially electrical burnout and malfunction.

When negative energies directed at us do not or cannot enter our auras, they often ricochet off and strike persons or objects in our immediate locale. Other people, or animals, may pick up the symptoms intended for us. This is true of inanimate objects, as well. Inexplicably, machinery that has always functioned well may break down. This is especially true of electrical problems, for psychic attack is directed at the human nervous system, and the electrical system of a house or machine is, in a way, its nervous system.

One man had two cars, a lawnmower, and several household appliances burn out in three days. At the same time both his wife and a hired worker had to be taken to the hospital. He asked me what might be the matter, and I explained that it was definitely a psychic attack. Being knowledgeable about esoteric things, he realized the truth of my diagnosis and set to work correcting matters and had no more troubles.

Again, we must not attribute everything that goes wrong to a psychic attack, but we must not ignore the possibility, either.

(11) Hallucinations.

Visual and auditory hallucinations may be symptoms of psychic attack.

(12) Smells.

However outlandish it may seem, occasionally, as already mentioned, psychic attacks are accompanied by smells, or to be more exact, the types of energies or entities used by the attacker may produce a distinctive smell. I want to repeat here what I said before.

Disturbance or presence of earth elements known as gnomes may produce a

smell like a sewer or septic tank has been opened. Yet, there is no mistaking this awful smell for that of a real septic tank, for its predominant characteristic is a powerful metallic, almost caustic, overtone which does not occur in nature. However, the excrement of an obsessed or possessed person may have this same smell, and is one of the traits by which a diagnosis of obsession or possession may be confirmed. I have encountered this twice. Hopefully you will never have to experience it, but once you do, you will know well what it is.

Interestingly enough, the presence of fire elementals known as salamanders (not the lizards) may be known by a smell like burning tobacco.

A smell like wet leaves, stagnant water or a “fishy” smell, is produced by the presence of water elementals known as undines.

A smell like ozone or chlorine indicates the presence of air elementals known as sylphs.

Along with the smells of elementals you can sometimes pick up the “feeling,” or vibration, of the person who is behind the attack.

(13) Depression.

This is not so much the depression that results from being disappointed in others or in a life situation, but the type of depression in which the person feels he is worthless or helpless—in other words, a depression that produces a belittling self-image. For the attacker is wanting to convince the victim that he is nothing, and therefore helpless. Isolation is the key note of this type of depression, as well.

Usually the attacker simply wants to reduce the victim to inactive, psychic jelly, but occasionally urges to suicide will also accompany the depression. This latter type of depression is usually accompanied by bursts of violence that at first may be directed towards others, but eventually turns into self-violence.

(14) Addiction

Addiction—especially to alcohol, drugs, and sex—is frequently a result of psychic attack or psychic invasion. Often earthbound spirits that were addicted to those things in their previous life, and are still obsessed with them, invade the aura of a person and continually urge them through their subconscious minds to use those things. Homicidal maniacs often enter someone’s aura and incite them to violence and even murder. People who after years of normal life suddenly “discover” that they have abnormal sexual proclivities have usually been invaded by a perverted spirit that is driving them toward aberrative behavior.

In sum

All these people described desperately need psychic defense.

From all this you should be able to correctly diagnose whenever you are yourself under psychic attack.

Susceptibility to Psychic Attack

Certain substances in your body make you more susceptible to psychic attack, such as meat, alcohol, nicotine, or other drugs. Avoid them assiduously. Also, do not be constipated, as the buildup of toxic waste in the body also increases your susceptibility. All these things I have listed are attuned to the vibrations of death and can even draw negative energies and entities to us.

During the time of an actual psychic attack, it is good to eat something every few hours, such as root vegetables or grains, which stabilize the energy body, for fasting increases your sensitivity to psychic forces in general, and during time of psychic attack a little positive desensitization does no harm.

Most important: one of the best exorcisms and defenses is a good laugh. I once read in a book that the world's most powerful black magician could have no effect on someone who was sitting in a theatre laughing at a comedy.

Almost as important as laughter is good, positive company. When you have done what you can to counter a psychic attack, go find some cheerful people with whom you can enjoy yourself, and be with them.

The greatest of defenses is prayer. If you are praying or reciting a true spiritual prayer or mantra your aura will be impenetrable—unless you need to be made aware of the attack or have some lesson to learn or karma to reap.

Often negativity within ourselves opens us up to psychic attack, so examine your own conscience, your thoughts, emotions, and deeds, and see if you need some inner housecleaning to make yourself strong against evil.

Remember that preventive medicine is the best medicine, and be always strong in your spiritual life.

Chapter Four

Defending and Strengthening Yourself

God, being Light in which there is no darkness, there can be no mightier or more effective defense in any situation whatsoever than the invocation of Higher Consciousness. This is because evil–darkness–does not really exist as an entity in itself. Rather, it is merely a lack, an absence of Light and Truth–of God. God being effectively invoked, evil is no more. For it never was. Therefore sacred thoughts and sacred objects are the perfect defense against all evils.

On the previous page I said a rather amazing truth: “If you are praying or reciting a true spiritual prayer or mantra your aura will be impenetrable.” There are many sacred mantras that became known to the sages of India through their inner research into the things of the spirit–the divine Self (Atman) of every human being. But the supreme mantra that embodies the highest consciousness and enlightenment is Soham.

Soham

Sound is the foundation of the universe, of all existence. Everything is vibrating energy, and that energy in its essential nature is sound. The Primal Sound, the root vibration that is manifesting as everything that exists, is the sacred mantra Soham. Soham (which is pronounced like “Sohum”) means: I Am That. It is the natural vibration of the Self, which occurs spontaneously with each incoming and outgoing breath. Through becoming aware of it on the conscious level by mentally repeating it in time with the breath (*So* when inhaling and *Ham* when exhaling), a yogi experiences the identity between his individual Self and the Supreme Self.

There are mantras that change things and others that reveal the eternal nature of things. Soham does both. Soham has existed within the depths of God from eternity; and the same is true of every sentient being. The simple intonation of Soham in time with the breath will do everything in the unfolding of the yogi’s spiritual consciousness and will empower and transmute his entire being, including the subtle bodies that comprise his aura. Therefore it is the supreme psychic and spiritual defense. It is very important that you obtain and read the book, *Soham Yoga: The Yoga of the Self*, which gives the complete picture. Meanwhile here are the basic instructions on Soham Yoga Meditation.

The Practice of Soham Yoga Meditation

1) Sit upright, comfortable and relaxed, with your hands on your knees or thighs or resting, one on the other, in your lap.

2) Turn your eyes slightly downward and close them gently. This removes visual distractions and reduces your brain-wave activity by about seventy-five percent,

thus helping to calm the mind. During meditation your eyes may move upward and downward naturally of their own accord. This is as it should be when it happens spontaneously. But start out with them turned slightly downward without any strain.

3) Be aware of your breath naturally (automatically) flowing in and out. Your mouth should be closed so that all breathing is done through the nose. This also aids in quieting the mind. Though your mouth is closed, the jaw muscles should be relaxed so the upper and lower teeth are not clenched or touching one another, but parted. Breathe naturally, spontaneously. Your breathing should always be easeful and natural, not deliberate or artificial.

4) Then in a very quiet and gentle manner begin *mentally* intoning Soham in time with your breathing. (Remember: Soham is pronounced like our English words *So* and *Hum*.)

Intone *Soooooo*, prolonging a single intonation throughout each inhalation, and *Huuuuuuuu*, prolonging a single intonation throughout each exhalation, “singing” the syllables on a single note.

There is no need to pull or push the mind. Let your relaxed attention sink into and get absorbed in the mental sound of your inner intonations of Soham.

Fit the intonations to the breath—not the breath to the intonations. If the breath is short, then the intonation should be short. If the breath is long, then the intonation should be long. It does not matter if the inhalations and exhalations are not of equal length. Whatever is natural and spontaneous is what is right.

Your intonation of *Soooooo* should begin when your inhalation begins, and *Huuuuuuuu* should begin when your exhalation begins. In this way your intonations should be virtually continuous, that is:

SooooooHuuuuuuuuSooooooHuuuuuuuuSooooooHuuuuuuuuSooooooHuuuuuuuu.

Do not torture yourself about this—basically continuous is good enough.

5) For the rest of your meditation time keep on intoning Soham in time with your breath, calmly listening to the mental sound.

6) In Soham meditation we do not deliberately concentrate on any particular point of the body such as the third eye, as we want the subtle energies of Soham to be free to manifest themselves as is best at the moment. However, as you meditate you may become aware of one or more areas of your brain or body at different times. This is all right when such sensations come and go spontaneously, but keep centered on your intonations of Soham in time with your breath.

7) In time your inner mental intonations of Soham may change to a more mellow or softer form, even to an inner whispering that is almost silent, but the syllables are always fully present and effective. Your intonations may even become silent, like a soundless mouthing of Soham or just the thought or movement of Soham, yet you will still be intoning Soham in your intention. And of this be sure: *Soham never ceases*. Never. You may find that your intonations of Soham move back and forth from more objective to more subtle and back to more objective. Just intone in the manner that is natural at the moment.

8) In the same way you will find that your breath will also become more subtle and refined, and slow down. Sometimes the breath may not be perceived as movement of the lungs, but just as the subtle pranic energy movement which causes the physical breath. Your breath can even become so light that it seems as though you are not breathing at all, just *thinking* the breath (or almost so).

9) Thoughts, impressions, memories, inner sensations, and suchlike may also arise during meditation. Be calmly aware of all these things in a detached and objective manner, but keep your attention centered in your intonations of Soham in time with your breath. Do not let your attention become centered on or caught up in any inner or outer phenomena. Be calmly aware of all these things in a detached and objective manner. They are part of the transforming work of Soham, and are perfectly all right, but keep your attention centered in your intonations of Soham in time with your breath. Even though something feels very right or good when it occurs, it should not be forced or hung on to. The sum and substance of it all is this: It is not the experience we are after, but the effect. Also, since we are all different, no one can say exactly what a person's experiences in meditation are going to be like.

10) Soham japa and meditation can make us aware of the subtle levels of our being, many of which are out of phase with one another and are either confused or reversed in their polarity. The japa and meditation correct these things, but sometimes, especially at the beginning of meditation, we can experience these aberrations as uncomfortable or uneasy sensations, a feeling of heaviness or stasis or other peculiar sensations that are generally uncomfortable and somehow feel "not right." When this occurs, do not try to interfere with it or "make it better." Rather, just relax, keep on with the japa/meditation, calmly aware and let it be as it is. In time the problem in the subtle energy levels will be corrected and the feeling will become easy and pleasant. Simple as the practice is, it has deep and far-reaching effects, as you will see for yourself.

11) If you find yourself getting restless, distracted, fuzzy, anxious or tense in any degree, just take a deep breath and let it out fully, feeling that you are releasing and breathing out all tensions, and continue as before.

12) Remember: Soham Yoga meditation basically consists of four things: a) sitting with the eyes closed; b) being aware of our breath as it moves in and out; c) mentally intoning Soham in time with the breath; and d) listening to those mental intonations: all in a relaxed and easeful manner, without strain.

Breath and sound are the two major spiritual powers possessed by us, so they are combined for Soham Yoga practice. It is very natural to intone Soham in time with the breathing. It is simple and easy.

13) At the end of your meditation time, keep on intoning Soham in time with your breath as you go about your various activities, listening to the inner mantric sound, just as in meditation. One of the cardinal virtues of Soham sadhana is its capacity to be practiced throughout the day. The *Yoga Rasyanam* in verse 303 says: "Before and after the regular [meditation] practice, the repetition of Soham should

be continuously done [in time with the breath] while walking, sitting or even sleeping.... This leads to ultimate success.” By intentionally intoning *So* and *Ham* with the breath we are linking the conscious with the superconscious mind, bringing the superconscious onto the conscious level and merging them until they become one.

Chapter Five

Blessing and Defence Through Soham Theurgy

Theurgy is a word rarely used. It is a Greek word meaning “Divine Work.” It may be called religious or spiritual magic, since its application is totally an invocation of divine consciousness and power. Theurgy can involve many forms of invocation, but obviously Soham Theurgy is based entirely on Soham as the ultimate Word of Power.

Let’s begin. Remember: whenever I say “intone Soham” I mean mentally intone Soham in time with your natural, spontaneous breath.

Filling a place with Soham vibrations



When you mentally intone Soham with your attention at the Sahasrara chakra, the brain, the light and power of Soham keeps on building up throughout your aura and expanding it as long as you keep on intoning Soham. Everyone and everything encompassed by that light and power will be uplifted and benefitted. In this way you can fill a room, an entire building or large outdoor area with the vibrations of Soham. In this way you can bless a limitless number of people wherever you go. Please do not neglect this simple but wondrous practice.

In the next chapter I will be telling you about the freeing of some earthbound spirits and an “outside” spirit trapped in the earth plane through the work of Marcel Vogel and myself. But here I want to tell you about another thing that occurred at the same time. After Marcel had freed the “outside” spirit we went through the second floor of the building building easily freeing the earthbound spirits. Then we came to the ground floor. The pastor of the metaphysical church had told everyone who had offices or other quarters in the building to be sure and leave all doors unlocked so Marcel and I could go into each room in our investigation. We came to a room that was locked, although the New Age psychologist who used it had been

told to leave it unlocked. Marcel and I looked at one another. We understood the situation, because a truly negative and malicious energy radiated through the door. “Let’s go in,” said Marcel, so we projected into the room. Immediately I said, “I see a great sphere of rainbow light, and it feels absolutely positive.” “Yes it is,” replied Marcel, “That is me! Let’s get to work.” We did and filled the room with sacred vibrations. The tangible negativity melted away and light pervaded everywhere. “Let’s go out,” said Marcel, and so we did. Marcel, who was a no-nonsense person, made sure that the pastor learned about the incident. But the pastor did not need to take any action. The next day when no one was around the psychologist came and took all his things from the room and was never heard from again. Sometimes humans need to be exorcised from a place along with negative energies and entities.

Sending Soham vibrations to an individual who is present

Simply look at a person (directly or indirectly) and silently intone Soham, feeling or imagining it vibrating through them.



If they or others present will not be able to see you doing it, raise your right hand—cupped, not flat—with the palm turned toward them. Mentally intone Soham in time with your breath, aware of the vibrations of Soham flowing through them. Do this until you feel you have done enough.

Sending Soham vibrations to an individual who is not present

Sit or stand quietly, raise your cupped right hand and bring the person to mind. Then mentally intone Soham, feeling and intending that the vibrations are pervading them. Continue until you feel you have done enough. Do this facing the general direction where they are. If you do not know the direction where they are, then do this turned to the north, holding the intention that the Soham vibrations are reaching them.

If others are with you, then simply fix your mind on the person and intone Soham with the intention that the vibrations are reaching them.

You can do the same thing in relation to a place in general, including a group of people.

Wherever you sense help is needed, turn in that direction (or north if you do not

know the general direction), hold up your right hand and intone Soham intending it to reach the “target.”

Blessing objects with Soham

Blessed objects are powerful defenses and empowerments. You bless objects, places, people—anything, even the whole world—by filling them with Soham vibrations.

One way is to extend your right hand—cupped with the palm turned toward them—and intone Soham while willing the vibrations to emanate from your hand and enter them and permeate them. Three intonations of Soham in time with the breath is often sufficient, but use your intuition as to how many intonations are needed.

Another way is to extend your cupped right hand, palm outward, toward the object while touching the center of your chest with the palm of your opened left hand as you intone Soham.

A third way is to actually touch the object(s) with either your right hand (left palm on chest) or to touch them with both hands as you intone Soham.

All food, drink and medicine—anything to be ingested—should be first magnetized with Soham through the palm of the right hand or the gaze of your eyes. In public just look at them.

Blessed Water, Salt and Oil

Blessed water, salt and oil are very helpful tools for purification, blessing and protection. You bless them in the manners just described. You need not touch them directly, but can if you wish. It is a good idea to repeat the blessing every time you are going to use them, since some elements hold vibrations longer than others. According to the circumstances, you might want to keep some water, salt and oil in your automobile or other vehicle and even to carry small containers in your pocket or purse.

Blessed Water

Use the blessed water to purify and elevate the vibrations of an object or place by sprinkling it with the water.

Drawing a line with water at the threshold of a room or house is a powerful protection against the incursion of negative entities or energies.

Drinking blessed water is an effective blessing, purification and protection.

If possible the water should be pure, natural water—not distilled or with added chemicals—unless there is nothing else at hand.

Blessed Salt

Use blessed salt to break negative psychic links and clear an object or place by lightly sprinkling it around. This is why in earlier centuries blessed salt was put on the tongue of those about to be baptized. Putting blessed salt in the food of

someone who is obsessed or possessed can dislodge the evil entities or energies. I once saw a severely obsessed person freed in three days just by having blessed salt put in her food or water (without her knowing it, of course). A tiny pinch is enough.

It is good to cook with blessed salt.

The salt should be pure, natural salt—organic is preferred.

Blessed Oil

Blessed oil strengthens and heals. It should be put on a person's forehead and any place where there is pain or injury, etc.

Blessed oil with a pinch of blessed salt added is very good for shielding and expelling negative energies and influences. An object that seems to be negatively magnetized can be touched with it. Touch a bit to your forehead or any place where you feel there might be negative energies. You can even put a touch of the oil in the center of the sole of each foot, and in the palm of each hand as well as the forehead and the crown of the head. This is very helpful in time of psychic attack or when you are about to encounter some negativity.

The oil should be pure, olive oil—organic if possible.

Incense

Bless with Soham one or more sticks of incense, then light them while mentally intoning Soham. The incense will radiate the vibrations of Soham as long as it burns. This is very purifying and uplifting.

Stick incense that has been blessed is very effective in psychic defense, much like blessed candles. Genuine sandalwood incense is particularly effective, as sandalwood has extremely high vibrations. Stick incense made of powdered frankincense is also very good. One of the best brands to use is Goloka or Auroshika, as the ingredients are genuine and pure.

Candles

Bless a candle with Soham. Light the wick of the candle mentally intoning Soham. The candle will radiate the blessing and purifying vibrations of Soham as long as it burns, blessing everything the light touches. You can also hold an intention or purpose in mind as you bless and light the candle.

Holy objects

Holy depictions or sacred symbols that have been blessed by Soham become channels for the sacred energies of those depicted and are powerful defenses—especially if Soham candles are lit before them, as this creates an energy exchange between the earth and the higher planes where the Holy Ones ever dwell.

Shielding yourself

To shield yourself from a psychic attack or negative vibrations and general you

can light a blessed candle or incense, or put some blessed salt on your tongue, or drink some blessed water, or put some blessed oil on the center of your forehead (just a dot will do). Or do all of these things. If you are with someone who needs shielding, do the same for them.

Chapter Six

Obsession and Possession by Spirits

Evil spirits exist

There are such things as evil spirits. Some are earthbound human beings and some are non-human spirits that have wandered into our dimension from other universes. Others were involved in the creation of our universe, yet became corrupted and fell into the ways of evil. These are the beings called “fallen angels,” though that is not exactly correct. They are all real and malevolent, so I am not expounding to you the false Positive Thinking philosophy that denies the existence of evil and evil spirits and terrible things such as black magic and worship of evil beings. Misguided and mistaken “positive thinking” can be very negative in its effects when it denies what truly exists and leaves us defenseless because we do not like the truth.

A “New Thought” church bought a large house adjacent to their property to use for various church activities, but they found they could not use it because of its unsettling and eerie atmosphere. No one could handle the negative energies, and people who went there for Sunday School classes in a short while ended up out in the yard. Since the church denied the existence of evil and evil spirits the minister and members were helpless to do anything. All their “white light” meditations and affirmations did nothing to clear things up. So when the great scientist and metaphysician Marcel Vogel came to speak at the church, they asked him to go to the house and see what he could do. He asked me to go along and investigate with him. The next morning we went and discovered that there were a few harmless earthbound spirits in the house, which we freed. But the real problem was a spirit-being in the attic apartment at the top of the house. We both could see it, and Marcel perceived that it was a non-human entity that had somehow gotten into our dimension and become trapped there and was frantic to get out. People felt its agitation and panic and that was what drove them out of the building. Marcel simply opened the way for the entity to return to its natural world and it was gone in an instant. Then all was well.

I have had a goodly bit of experience with spirits, and it is not at all uncommon for people to encounter them, but they often do not know what they are faced with. Sometimes both the human and the spirit frighten each other!

Never believe the threats of spirits. It is all noise and bluff. But never laugh, mock or speak with contempt or hatred to them, because that can empower them. And besides, it is wrong to do because they are God’s children also. Just be calm and refuse to be affected by them. On occasion simply ignoring them can make them leave because it unsettles their ego and frustrates them. I must admit that sometimes I have gotten rid of a spirit simply by saying: “If you don’t go away I will

bless you,” or: “If you don’t go away I will pray to God that he will give you his love and deliver you from your evil.” Neither of these appeal to truly evil spirits.

Negative and foolish entities can oppress and harm human beings in various ways, but the worst are obsession and possession by such spirits.

Obsession

Obsession by a spirit occurs when a spirit lodges itself in the aura of a someone or enters into his body—usually only partially. That is, the entity does not pervade the victim’s entire body, mind and personality. Often obsessed people think they are only ill in some manner, that they just hurt for some physical reason.

In obsession there is usually no outright control of the person or of his mind, but rather distraction and confusion. He feels mentally foggy or senses that “something is not just right,” but has no idea what. He may consult a physician and be told he is perfectly all right, and therefore he worries that something is wrong with him mentally or he is just imagining there is a problem.

In obsession the victim is influenced, but not completely controlled as in possession. However, obsessing spirits often insinuate negative ideas or impulses into the obsessed person’s mind and body—even addictions.

Obsession in varying degrees is all around us. And it often comes and goes erratically. Yogis may have obsessed people react to them in a very marked way. Obsessed persons may become hostile to them on sight and be very rude or insulting in conversations with other people around. One yogi wrote to me that after he began Soham sadhana some people on the street would make faces at him at first sight, and others would turn around and run away as through terrified at seeing him.

One sign of obsession is a person’s reluctance or refusal to enter a yogi’s house. Somehow they just no longer find the time for a visit since you became a yogi. Through the years we have experienced people being unable to even walk onto our ashram property.

Some years ago I gave talks on the Bhagavad Gita on Friday evenings at our ashram. Above the main ashram door I put a picture of Ganesha, who guards and protects. When I put up the picture I looked at him and said, “Ganapati, please do not let anyone in this door that you don’t like.” A short time later I transcribed some exorcistic protection mantras and attached them to the back of the picture. A few weeks later a car drove up on a Friday evening and four people got out and came up the walk to the ashram. Three of them came right in, but the fourth just stood outside, seeming to be pushing into an invisible barrier. “Come on in!” urged the three, but the man seemingly could not do it. Suddenly he turned around and ran to the car, jumped in and roared off, leaving the others stranded. Later we learned that this man was involved in some very negative and vicious occult practices.

A great deal of mental and physical suffering, imbalance and upset can result from obsession, but it is very slight compared with possession.

Possession

Possession occurs when a spirit enters and completely controls someone—literally begins living through the victim’s body. Often the subtle body of the victim is pushed right out of his body into his aura, the field of bio-energies surrounding it. So he is outside his body observing the possessing spirit’s total control. This is a terrifying and mind-bending experience.

On rare occasions the possessing entity completely and permanently breaks the possessed person’s connections with the body and “kills” him.

Interestingly, the possessed person’s pulse may reveal the two conditions. In ordinary possession the victim’s heart may keep skipping a beat in a steady pattern of an exact number of normal beats before one beat fails to occur. When the victim has been completely expelled from his body and thus is for all practical purposes “dead,” there is no heartbeat at all, but rather a kind of heavy electrical “current” moving through the heart and veins.

Serious advice

Do not attempt exorcism of a possessed person, or of one just suspected of being possessed in the presence of that person. Do everything from a distance. This is crucial, for the possessing entity often physically attacks those trying to exorcise them. Also a possessing entity often threatens that it will kill the possessed person if there is an attempt to exorcise him.

Both exorcism from a distance and in the presence of the possessed person is written about in the Bible: “God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded” (Acts 19:11-16).

Here we see two means of exorcism: from a distance and in person. And we see the results of the exorcism being attempted in person. So do not attempt in-person exorcism unless you are suddenly confronted with a possessed person. Even then, do nothing overt in relation to the possessed one, but work unobserved.

Soham Theurgy At A Distance For Obsession and Possession

If possible, before doing any formal work see if salt blessed with Soham can be put in the person’s food or or water blessed with Soham be given to them to drink. That may be sufficient and you will not need to do anything else. You need not should not be present at this—others can do it.

If possible, have blessed incense or a blessed candle lit where the person is. But if there is a negative or violent reaction they should be immediately extinguished.

To work from a distance:

1) Sit for Soham Meditation for some time to fill yourself and the place you are in with the vibrations of Soham.

2) Sit or stand quietly, raise your cupped right hand and bring the afflicted person to mind. Then mentally intone Soham, feeling and intending that the vibrations are pervading them. Continue until you feel you have done enough. Do this facing the general direction where they are. If you do not know the direction where they are, then do this turned to the north, holding the intention that the Soham vibrations are reaching them.

You can do steps 1 & 2 more than once, according to your intuition or perceived need

As much as is practical, keep your attention at the Sahasrara chakra during this process. (This is not absolutely necessary, but can be a definite help in obtaining the needed effect.)

If no results are obtained, you can repeat everything, but use your intuition as to when you should stop and leave it alone. Also, whether you suspect obsession or possession, be aware that it may just be a case of negativity on the part of a negative person.

It is also a good idea before formal working to put some blessed salt on your tongue, or drink some blessed water, or put some blessed oil on the center of your forehead (just a dot will do).

Chapter Seven

Some Questions and Answers

While getting this book ready for publication I came across some questions that had been sent to me and my replies. I felt the information in them might be of benefit, though there may be some repetition of points I have already written. So here they are.

Why would yogis encounter evil or earthbound, wandering spirits?

Everything that happens to us externally is a matter of karma, the result of past life action. Everything that arises from within us is a manifestation of samskaras, habit patterns and impressions (including memories) from past lives. So everything in our life comes from, and in one sense is a continuation and reaction of/to, our past deeds and mental states—in other words: from us! Therefore the yogi must from the very first realize that whatever happens inwardly or outwardly is a result of his own previous deeds and thoughts. He must understand that his inner and outer life is a revealing of himself, hopefully leading to the revelation of his Self.

There is a Chinese proverb: “When mean-spirited people live behind a door, mean-spirited people come to that door.” The entire universe is a field of vibrating energy, and that energy is magnetic—it gathers around itself energies of like character. Our inner and outer experience is determined by our present vibration. This is a fundamental principle that is wise to keep in mind. It means that when something is said or done to us it is an echo of our own speech and action. We say and do it to ourselves. This is very bitter for the ego to face, but unless we do so we will never understand anything about our life. It is all karma, and it is *our* karma.

“Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:5). If you “walk in the light, as he is in the light” (I John 1:7), you will be in the light. But if “the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!” (Matthew 6:23). This is how you discern whether you are really “in the light” or not. If demons flock around, you are in the dark and likely to stay that way if your religion is so oriented. When you are in a place where pigs are rooting all around, you are in a sty. Where there are no pigs at all, you are not in a sty. The dwellers in the religious sties rationalize that the demons are roused against and jealous of them because they are following the truth, and those who are not bothered by demons are in league with them, and that is why they leave them alone. Not true.

Now we should consider what could bring about encounters with evil spirits.

Karma

As already pointed out the first cause of such encounters is karma. Those (including yogis) who created karma with evil spirits in past lives by intentionally

contacting them in some manner, by practicing witchcraft or magic, or by having it done for them, certainly may encounter evil spirits, but can easily deal with the situation as I will outline later.

Religion

A great deal of demonic attack by evil spirits is caused by the very nature of a person's religion. For example, if much of their beliefs are false such as eternal hell and damnation (especially for others not part of their religion or sect), and they denounce beliefs that are true such as reincarnation, karma, evolution of consciousness and the ultimate salvation of all sentient beings, then they are vulnerable to such misfortune. For Jesus said to such religionists: "Ye are of your father the devil,... for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44). So a religion that propagates lies is of Satan. Lies have negative, destructive vibrations even if they are declared to be theological truth, and even if those who speak them are sincere in their belief. Therefore a religion that is a mixture of truth and lies—and therefore propagates lies—will naturally be in tune with evil, including evil spirits. What other "spiritual" experience would its adherents have but demonic contact? Sincerity in believing lies does not shield you from their negative effects.

Jesus said: "As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee,... According to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 8:13; 9:29). If you keep thinking that you deserve to go to hell, the messengers of hell will come to help you get there! The mind and emotion are powerful magnets. If someone thinks of evil spirits and either fears or hates them, he attracts them to himself and by his own will makes himself vulnerable to them. And often this is what he wants subconsciously. Sri Ramakrishna once told a young man who was a spiritualist medium: "My boy, if you think of ghosts you will become a ghost. If you think of God you will become god. Which do you prefer?"

The Lord Jesus also said: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). So those who dwell on evil and evil spirits do so because they have an affinity, even a liking, for evil and evil beings. Those obsessed with sin, damnation and demons have made their choice and will get it. And those who know that God Is All and the destiny of all sentient beings is conscious oneness with God will attain that.

"If ye then be risen with Christ,... your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1-3). If a religion is truly of God, then practice of that religion will protect from and banish such spirits.

Saint James, the Son of Thunder, wrote: "Resist the devil, and *he will flee from you*" (James 4:7-8), not: "He will come back again and again and beat and torment you." And he told the way to be safe and free from evil: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:7-8). In Saint Mark's Gospel (4:10) he tells us that when Satan tempted Jesus, all Jesus had to do was to tell him to get out, and out he got! This is true religion, including Christianity. Anything else is blasphemous superstition and evil which naturally attracts demons and demonic people.

Worship

Obviously some religions such as voodoo and black magic invoke evil spirits intentionally, but the worship of ignorant religion can unintentionally do the same. The worship of exoteric Christians draws to them invasion of evil spirits, for the worship itself goes on and on about sin and sinfulness and unworthiness for salvation. Such “affirmations” must bear fruit. This is especially true of Lent which emphasizes sin and penance, judgment and hell and God’s “righteous wrath.” Accounts through the centuries tell (brag?) about how during Lent demons manifest much more, and how possessed people become more actively so. On the other hand, the Lenten season of esoteric Christians is a true preparation for Easter, and the days become brighter and brighter until they are prepared to consciously participate in the Resurrection. I have seen this contrast for decades.

Inner negativity

When the mind is dark and clouded and inclined toward that cloudy darkness, then it becomes itself demonic and the person becomes also a demon in human form. I well remember a spiritual director saying to me about a man who had abandoned spiritual life: “He was never bothered by demons. He was his own demon.” Just as I have read and heard ridiculous “enlightenment” experiences that came solely from the deluded minds of the narrators, in the same way I have read and heard “demonic attack” experiences that also came from the same source: a distorted and deluded mind.

We all have subconscious minds, and those minds can hold much negativity and foolishness from previous lives. Just as hypochondriacs conjure up illnesses for themselves, the negativity of our subconscious can project all sorts of imaginations and even hallucinations. If we realize this, then dealing with them will not be difficult, even if tedious. This can be the case with beginning yogis, since there may be a good deal of negative karmas and energies that must be cleared away before the yoga life can really be lived.

One of my closest yogi friends one day saw the decaying face of a corpse in meditation. Overcome by terror, she stopped meditating. From then on, every time she sat for meditation the horrid face would appear along with paralyzing fear. Instead of going to an experienced yogi for advice (she knew several), she went to a psychiatrist who convinced her that yoga meditation was bad for her, and for all non-orientals. So she stopped meditation and ended her spiritual quest.

Recently I read a rather lengthy book in which the author recounts his “warfare” with demons. If he had understood about reincarnation, and how we all have had many lives filled with evil deeds and thoughts much of which remain buried in our subconscious, he would have known that the temptations and attacks came from his own mind, that the apparitions of demons and various threatening phenomena came right out of himself. He was his own Satan. Some of the things he told were so obviously from his mind and not from any other source that it would have been

amusing in a child. But in an adult it was tragic. And he is teaching others to follow him in the same path. “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12).

Deluded asceticism

The Bhagavad Gita rightly and reasonably says: “Asceticism [tapasya] which is practiced with deluded notions of the Self, and with self-torture... is declared to be of the principle of darkness and ignorance [tamas]” (17:19). Unfortunately, such deluded asceticism can be found in every religion. In Hinduism and Buddhism it is based on the delusion that self-torture of the body is a discipline that somehow develops the will and enables the mind to master itself. This is like the mother of the spoiled boy that told his schoolteacher: “If he misbehaves, just slap the boy next to him and he will straighten up.” Torturing, weakening and ultimately destroying the health of the body in no way improves the mind, but is a symptom of mental and moral aberration. In Christianity it is based on delusion in the form of belief that God is pleased with self-torture, that the body (and not the mind) is the cause of evil and therefore torturing the body somehow expiates sin. Such “discipline” is based squarely on self-loathing justified by the idea that God is angry with us, and therefore loathes us, and we really only merit the torments of hell. So such ascetics create and live in hell in their own body, mind and life. Such hellish delusion proves that they are the real demons, and naturally they attract evil spirits of like mind. Their own comes to them.

Dispelling evil entities

Negative spirits detest that which is positive, therefore a positive environment repels them. The best way to keep away or banish evil—or insane or ignorant—spirits is to keep yourself in a positive frame of mind and to see that your home is filled with positive vibrations. If something does not feel right and you think some kind of negative entities (or even wandering negative energies) are around, mentally begin gently intoning Soham over and over again in time with your breath. Sprinkling the place with water blessed by intonations of Soham as described in the main part of this book can also help greatly, as can incense or candles blessed as already described.

But the best aid of all is meditation. I have seen spirits that had haunted a place for a long while easily banished by the regular meditation of a single person in the house.

Positive attitude

Always remember that the positive expels the negative and do not fear or feel animosity for the spirits, for fear and hatred attract evil. Many of the exorcism prayers for both Eastern and Western Christianity are ridiculously negative and even hateful, and can prolong the disturbance and even guarantee its continuation. Furthermore, a psychotic individual pretending to be possessed by spirits and

undergoing such exorcism is capable of producing all kinds of phenomena that read like the best of horror stories. I have witnessed this nonsense myself. Here, too, sincerity on the part of the exorcist is no safeguard.

Blessing is usually the best form of exorcism. I have seen possessed and obsessed people freed quickly and easily (and without drama) by such means. On occasion I have found that praying for an entity can benefit it. This is because some spirits actually come for help, but at the same time their deep negativity may impel them to be hostile and threatening—they cannot help themselves. On the other hand, do not let spirits fool you by pretending they need you to keep on “helping” them by praying and suchlike. This is just a way to tie you to them. If something does not get rid of them right away, then another approach is needed.

One of Swami Sivananda’s disciples told me that in an Indian scripture it is written that once many evil spirits came to Brahma the Creator and asked how they could be delivered from their negative condition, for their evil rendered them unable to help themselves. Brahma told them to seek out true yogis and sadhakas and stay near them and in time they would be freed. In India I have been in some ashrams and holy places that were incredibly haunted by such spirits. I once read an account by a Westerner who had encountered negative spirits in one of the holiest shrines of Shiva, who is merciful to evil and crazy spirits.

I know of another yogi who began seeing a terrifying and threatening entity every time he sat for meditation. He determinedly ignored it and forced himself to keep sitting and meditating. After about four times the thing no longer appeared.

As I have said, the yogi may have such experiences because of some previous life karma. Usually, though, the japa and meditation of Soham draw that which is good and repel that which is evil. If evil in the form of entities or energies approaches and japa and meditation are maintained calmly by the yogi, then it leaves, dissolves or is transmuted.

Transmutation into a higher plane

As I have said, spirits come to us for help. Even though a lot spend their time harming and terrifying people because of their hatred and malice, some really do want to be freed from their miserable state, even though because of their addiction to evil they still manifest hostility toward the people or place from which they seek help. They cannot help themselves, just as humans with evil habits both want to rid themselves of their addictions and at the same time want to hold on to them.

Omkar Sahai, a yogi friend, told me that once when he was standing with a group of people where Anandamayi Ma was sitting under a tree, one of the tree’s branches began to move up and down, at first gently and then violently. At the same time everyone backed away as though some force was pushing them away. Ma continued to sit there quietly, and slowly the branch stopped moving. Then everyone came forward to where they had been standing. Later Ma said that a brahmarakshasa (see the article “Brahmarakshasa” on Wikipedia) had come and was moving the branch to get her attention. That was all she told, but it was

assumed that she had freed it from being earthbound.

It is a common practice in India for there to be continual (akhanda) kirtan (singing of Holy Names) for some hours, days and or even months. One time I participated in an akhanda kirtan at Sapta Rishi Ashram north of the holy city of Hardwar. I had stayed at the ashram five years before and found it one of those places where spirits come for release or at least some relief. It was still the same, and early on in the kirtan I saw quite a few wandering spirits at some distance away, obviously both attracted and repelled by the sacred vibrations.

One of them was a very frightening spirit of the type called *pishacha*—a blood-drinker. After some hours this spirit came right into the area of the kirtan and began shouting and obviously threatening the singers, who of course had no idea he was there. But I saw and heard him and was on guard, to put it mildly. Fortunately, he ignored me and kept on raving and threatening. After some time he stopped and just stood there. Pishachas are intensely black, like a total void rather than a color. But after more time he became more like a normal black hue, and then began to become lighter and lighter in color. Finally he was glowing white and suddenly was gone. He had gone to a higher world. I have witnessed less dramatic transmutations at other times, some of them in kirtan and others in ritualistic worship and meditation. On occasion the released spirits express gratitude before passing upward.

Always remember: the core of the evil spirit is the same divine spirit at the core of all beings. Otherwise they could not be freed.

Earthbound spirits

I mentioned earthbound spirits before. They can be encountered also, some of them malevolent, some of them insane and some them suffering and frightened. These, too, may show up around a yogi. Prayer and good will go a great deal to healing them. They, too, can be lifted into a higher level where they would be if they had not for some karmic reason become earthbound.

Those who see a demon behind every bush or grain of sand will say: “Aha! he is telling people to sympathize with them and in that way get under their power!” There is no doubt that a foolish and sentimental sympathy will not help those spirits, and they can start pestering and even tormenting those that do not try to help them in the right way. And in fact, there are times when they must kindly be told: “I cannot help you. Please go elsewhere.” I have had to do so myself on occasion, because otherwise the incautious yogi can become swamped by such spirits. Knowing our limitations and acting accordingly is an important asset in many aspects of life, including this.

If the spirit does not go, then japa and meditation of Soham, sprinkling of water blessed by Soham and fire (candles) blessed by Soham as I described earlier must come into use.

Be cautious, but fear not.

Animal spirits

Animal spirits can be earthbound, too. Since they do not have human intelligence you cannot talk to them, but you can pray for them and even ask their guardian spirits (they have them) to come help them or to ask holy angels to come to their aid.

A final word

Avoid those who are obsessed with the Devil, demons and black magicians, etc., and keep company with those who are devoted to God and his holy ones.

Though thousands of words have been produced on the subject of psychic defense, in the final summation it will be seen that the secret of psychic defense is simply strength within one's own self. If our physical, psychic and spiritual levels are all strongly vibrating with higher consciousness, the "whole armor of God" (Ephesians 6:11-13), then we are effortlessly invincible. The motto: "God is my strength," is no poetic fancy, but bedrock fact. So our real defense is good spiritual health.

The best psychic defense is to keep up the level of your personal energies. If you do so, many onslaughts of negativity will be so effortlessly and automatically turned back that you will not even realize you have been attacked. However, there are two instances in which you *will* perceive an attack of negativity: (1) when you are aware of an attack because its coming against you is the "reaping" of negative forces you yourself have previously set in motion—either intentionally or unintentionally—in this life or in an earlier one, and (2) when your inner mind allows you to experience the negative energy so you will be warned as to what is happening and defend yourself.

In time of negative bombardment, the correct method of defense is to put your mind fully on God. For the essence of defense is strength of personal vibration. When your aura is strong with the Divine Light, no evil thing can penetrate it. Therefore the constant japa and meditation of Soham as given in the following Appendix are the highest defenses. I strongly recommend that you obtain and read the book, *Soham Yoga: The Yoga of the Self*.

Glossary

Anandamaya kosha: “The sheath of bliss (ananda).” The causal body (karana sharira). The borderline of the Self (atman).

Annamaya kosha: “The sheath of food (anna).” The physical–or gross–body, made of food.

Ashram: A place for spiritual discipline and study, usually a monastic residence.

Atman: The individual spirit or Self that is one with Brahman; the essential being, nature or identity of each sentient being.

Brahman: The Absolute Reality; the Truth proclaimed in the Upanishads; the Supreme Reality that is one and indivisible, infinite, and eternal; all-pervading, changeless Existence; Existence-knowledge-bliss Absolute (Satchidananda); Absolute Consciousness; it is not only all-powerful but all-power itself; not only all-knowing and blissful but all-knowledge and all-bliss itself.

Chakra: Wheel. Plexus; center of psychic energy in the human system, particularly in the spine or head.

Chakras: The nine chakras as enumerated by the Nath Yogis are: 1) The Muladhara, located at the base of the spine; 2) The Swadhishtana, located in the spine a little less than midway between the base of the spine and the area opposite the navel; 3) The Manipura, located in the spine at the point opposite the navel; 4) The Anahata, located in the spine opposite the midpoint of the sternum bone; 5) The Vishuddha chakra, located in the spine opposite the hollow of the throat; 6) The Talu chakra, located at the root of the palate (opposite the tip of the nose); 7) The Ajna chakra, located at the point between the eyebrows—the “third eye;” 8) The Nirvana chakra, located in the midst of the brain: opposite the middle of the forehead, directly beneath the crown of the head; 9) The Brahmrandhra chakra, located at the crown of the head, also known as the Sahasrara: The “thousand-petalled lotus” of the brain. The highest center of consciousness, the point at which the spirit (atma) and the bodies (koshas) are integrated and from which they are disengaged.

Jnanamaya kosha: “The sheath of intellect (buddhi).” The level of intelligent thought and conceptualization. Sometimes called the Vijnanamaya kosha. The astral-causal body.

Karma: Karma, derived from the Sanskrit root *kri*, which means to act, do, or make, means any kind of action, including thought and feeling. It also means the effects of action. Karma is both action and reaction, the metaphysical equivalent of the principle: “For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.” “Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Galatians 6:7). It is karma operating through the law of cause and effect that binds the jiva or the individual soul to the wheel of birth and death. There are three forms of karma: sanchita, agami, and prarabdha. Sanchita karma is the vast store of accumulated actions done

in the past, the fruits of which have not yet been reaped. Agami karma is the action that will be done by the individual in the future. Prarabdha karma is the action that has begun to fructify, the fruit of which is being reaped in this life.

Manomaya kosha: “The sheath of the mind (manas–mental substance).” The level (kosha) of the sensory mind. The astral body.

Mantra: Sacred syllable or word or set of words through the repetition and reflection of which one attains perfection or realization of the Self. Literally, “a transforming thought” (manat trayate). A mantra, then is a sound formula that transforms the consciousness.

Soham: “That am I;” the ultimate Atma mantra, the mantra of the Self; the Ajapa Gayatri formula of meditation in which “So” is intoned mentally during natural inhalation and “Ham” is intoned mentally during natural exhalation. Soham is pronounced “Sohum,” as the short “a” in Sanskrit is pronounced like the American “u” in “up.”

Soham Asmi: “I Am Soham;” realization of the Self as Soham.

Soham Bhava: The state of being and awareness: “THAT I am.” Gorakhnath says that So’ham Bhava includes total Self-comprehension (ahamta), total Self-mastery (akhanda aishwarya), unbroken awareness of the unity of the Self (swatmata), awareness of the unity of the Self with all phenomenal existence–as the Self (vishwanubhava), knowledge of all within and without the Self–united in the Self (sarvajñatwa).

Soham Sadhana: The practice of Soham Yoga.

Soham Yoga: The practice of the japa (repetition) of and meditation on the mantra Soham. See the books *Soham Yoga: The Yoga Of The Self* and *Light of Soham*.

Yoga: Literally, “joining” or “union” from the Sanskrit root yuj. Union with the Supreme Being, or any practice that makes for such union. Meditation that unites the individual spirit with God, the Supreme Spirit. The name of the philosophy expounded by the sage Patanjali, teaching the process of union of the individual with the Universal Soul.

Yogi: One who practices Yoga; one who strives earnestly for union with God; an aspirant going through any course of spiritual discipline.

Yogic: Having to do with Yoga.

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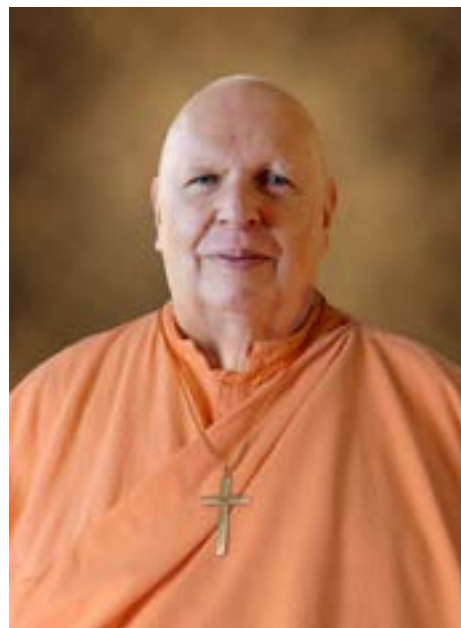
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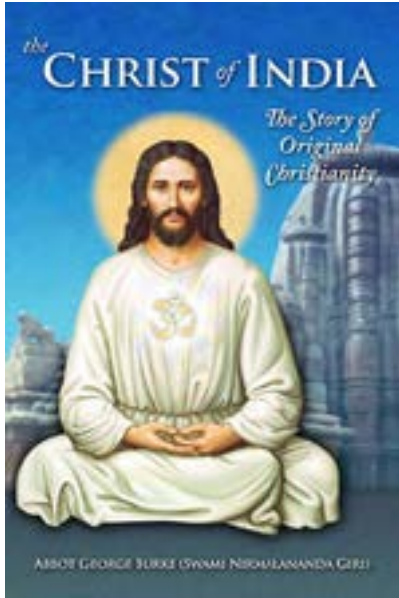
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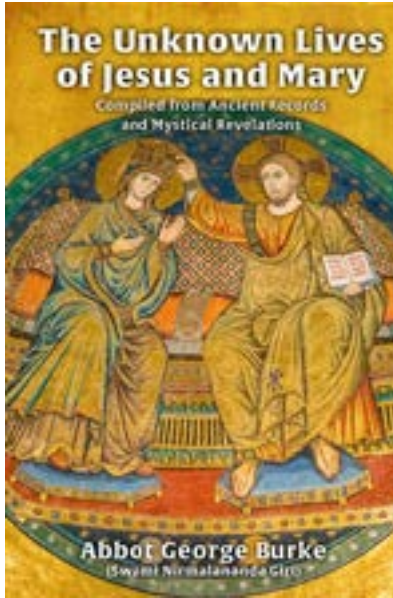
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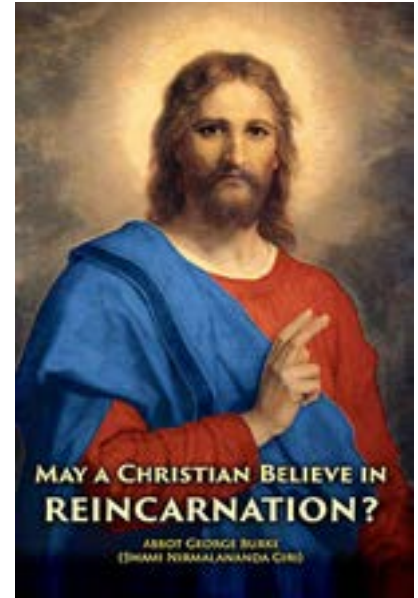
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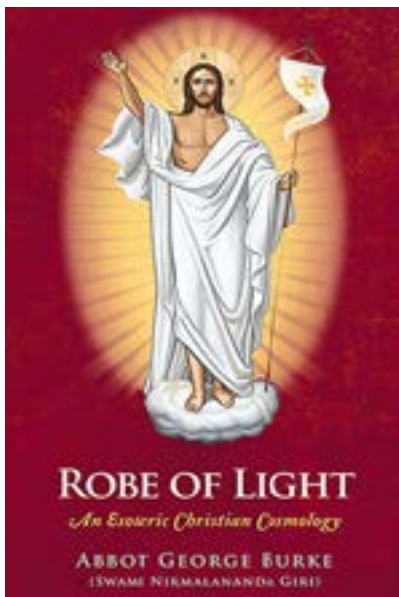
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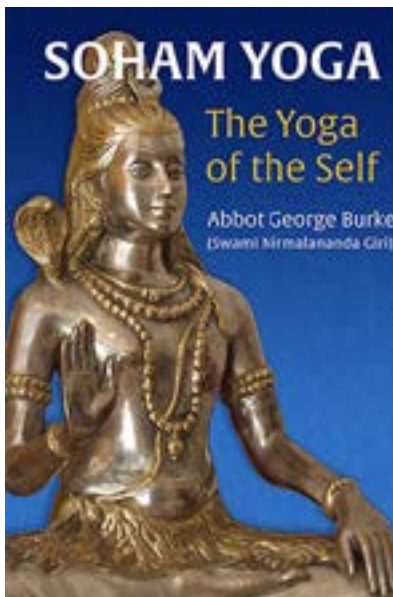
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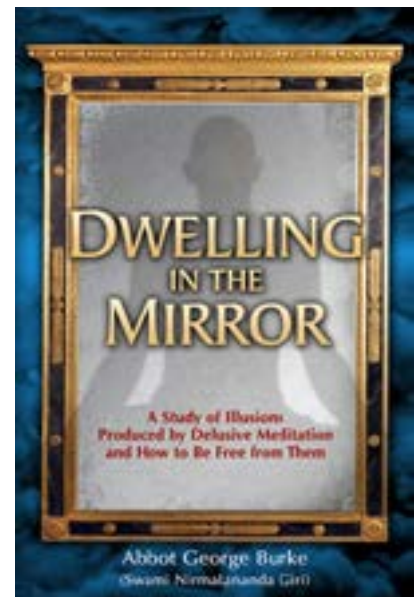
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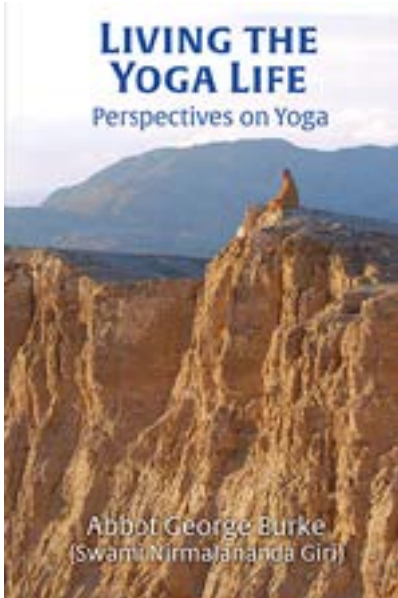
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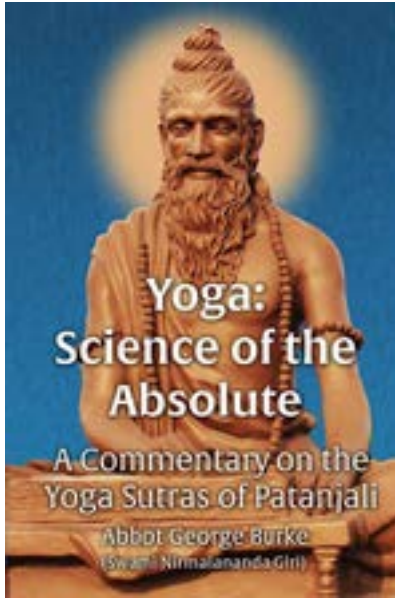
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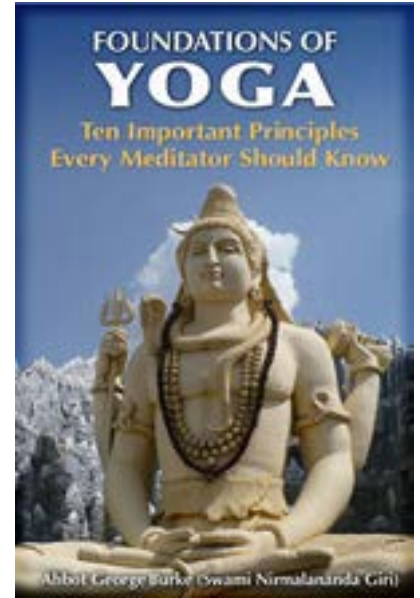
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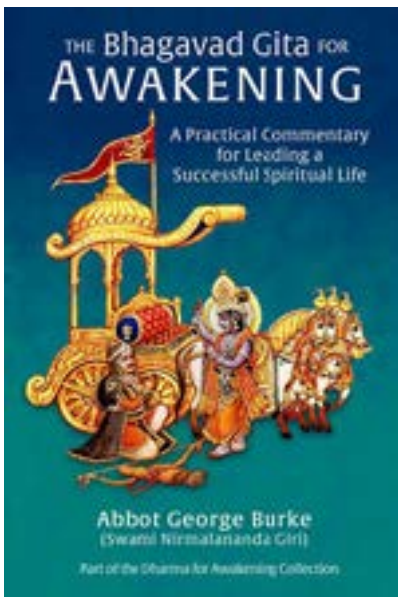
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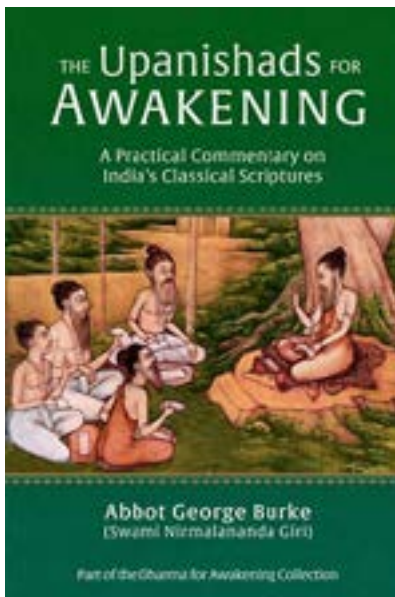
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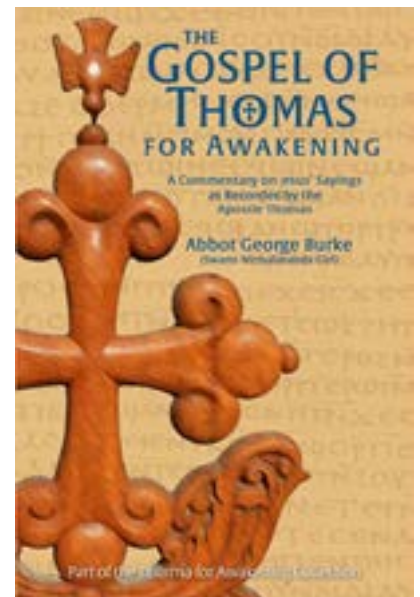
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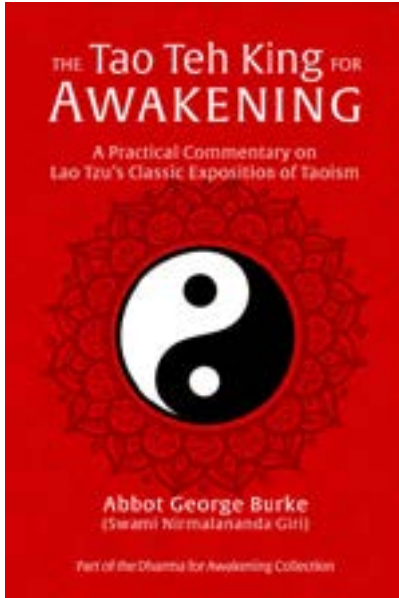


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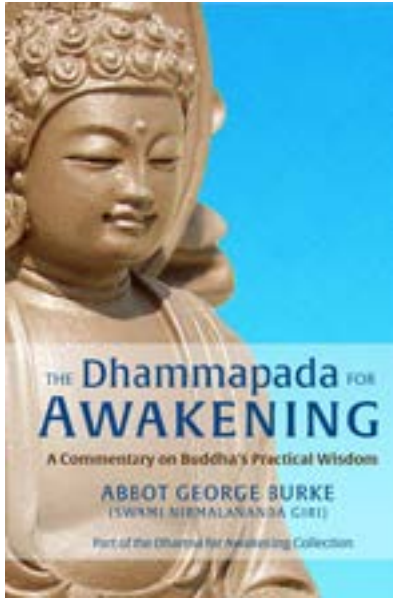


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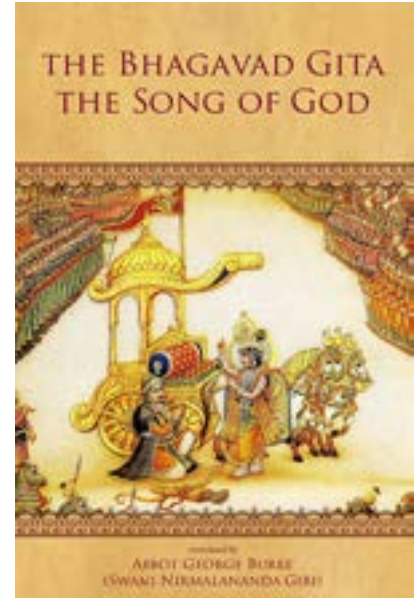
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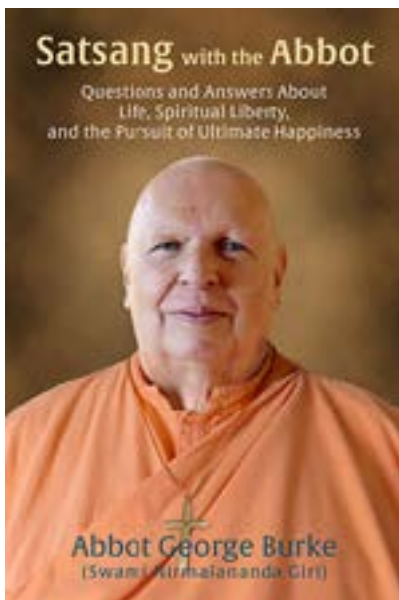
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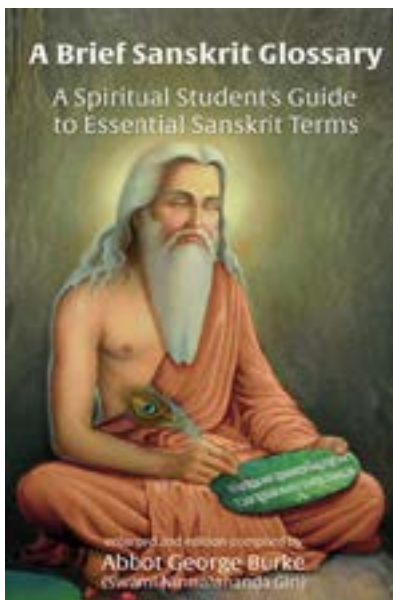
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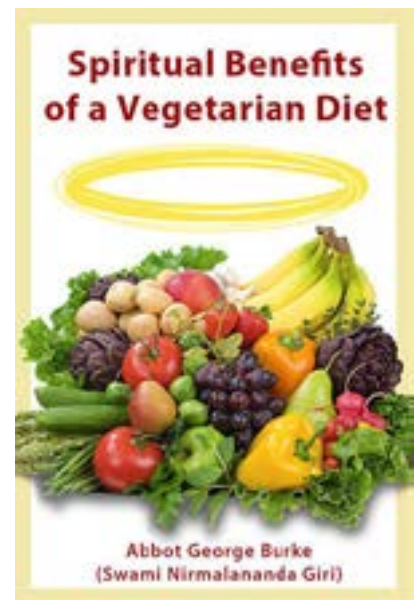
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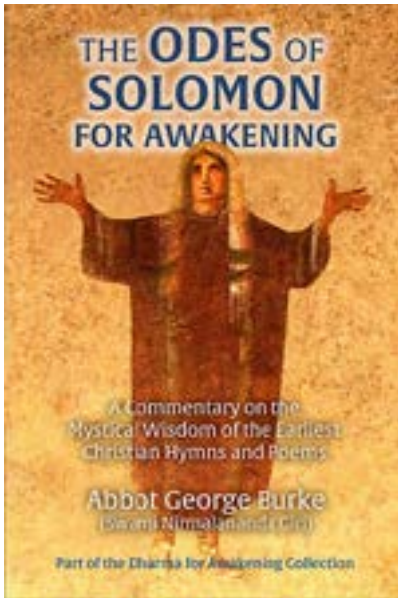
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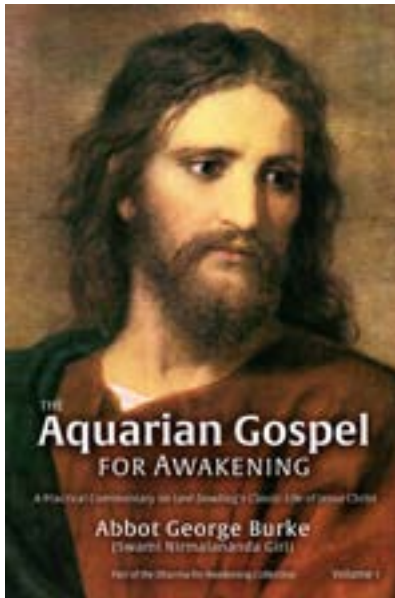
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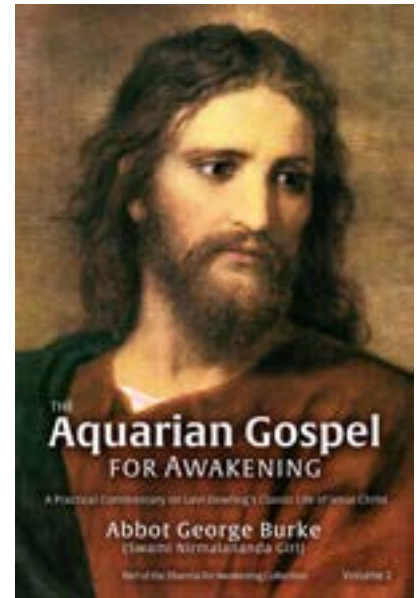
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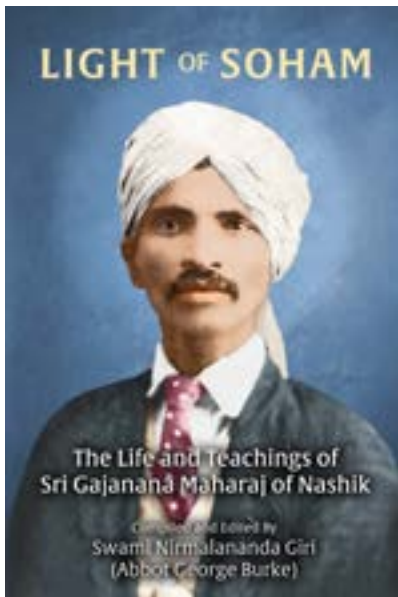
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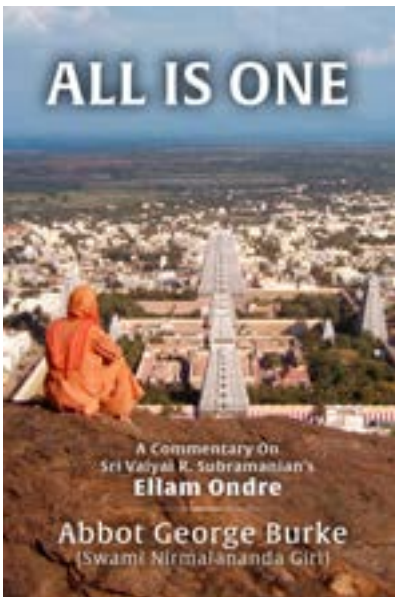
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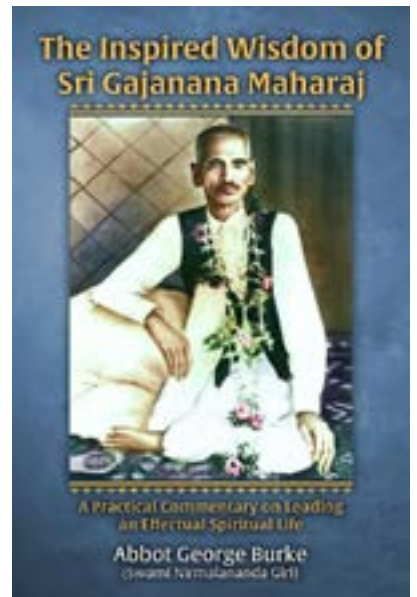
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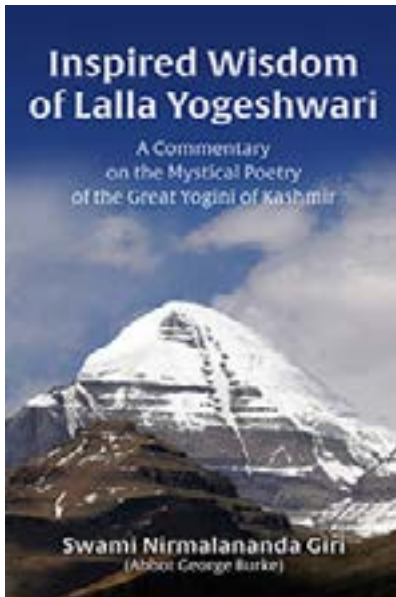
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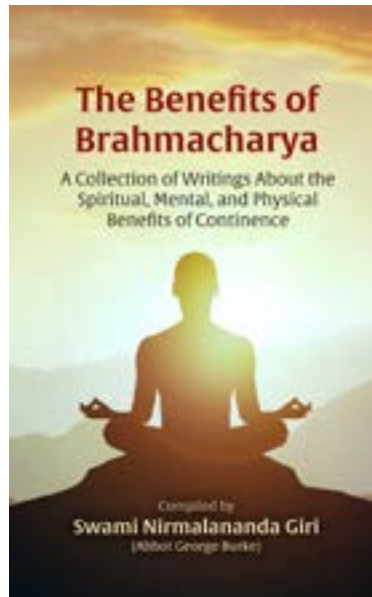
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