

## **Spirituality of the First Planetary Initiation**

Today's webinar will focus on the Moon Soul [or Christ Child] focused groups of the First Planetary Initiation. What sets these groups apart is (1) their identification with the Moon Soul nucleus of identity, which these groups identify as the soul; (2) their faith in God—with or without concomitant invocation of the Christ, or Son of God, or saints and Masters recognized in the Jewish or Christian faiths; and (3) their activism in humanitarian, human rights, political, social justice, and the missionary and evangelistic arenas.

Whether they activate the Moon Soul nucleus of identity via “believing in Jesus Christ and the Heavenly Father,” singing and chanting, deep study of scriptures, or absorption in this center through the infilling of the Holy Spirit—through the “gifts of the Spirit,” such as speaking in an unknown tongue—recognition of this center, and identifying with it, is a core characteristic of these groups.

### **Prevalence of these Groups in USA**

Based on a landmark study, the U.S. Religious Landscape Survey, done by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life

[<http://religions.pewforum.org/>]

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- 78.4% identify themselves as Christian.
- 51.3% of these call themselves Protestant, comprising 26.3% Evangelical churches, 18.1% “Mainline churches,” and 6.9% are “Historic Black churches.”
- 23.9% identify themselves as Catholic.
- 3.2% are other Christian denominations.
- 1.7% are Jewish.

So about 80% of Americans, or around 250,000,000 people are identified with a Judeo-Christian religious group.

## **The Big Picture Across the Seven Rays**

When we study the Great Continuum of Consciousness, we find that there are seven major themes that are expressed through the archetypes upon the Seven Rays in the First Exoteric Initiation.

1st Ray – Traditional Judaism – Orthodox, Conservative, and Reformed
2nd Ray – Democracy
3rd Ray – Catholic, Greek and Russian Orthodox
4th Ray – Essene Judaism, Natural and Angelic Healing Groups
5th Ray – Social Justice Christianity
6th Ray – Evangelical Christianity
7th Ray – Kabbalistic Judaism

There are 49 archetypes on each of these Ray tracks that make up the First Exoteric Initiation. We summarize the major anchoring archetypes—which in turn, summarize the other six archetypes under its rubric—in the Mudrashram® Correspondence Course.

### **First Ray: Judaism**

Level One: The gift of the Scriptures, the revealed truths of God, and the celebrations and rituals of the Jewish people

Level Two: History of the Jewish People

Level Three: Human freedom to choose to obey or disobey God, and the consequences

Level Four: The tribulations of the Prophets, and their miracles

Level Five: The ancestral tree and the twelve tribes of Israel

Level Six: The Miraculous Signs: the Burning Bush, the wellspring in the rock, the donkey which prophesied, the Fire which consumed the offering, the Pillar of Fire, the parting of the Red Sea, and the Finger of God writing the Ten Commandments in tablets of stone.

Level Seven: The Spirit of God revealed within History, the God of the Jewish People



## **Second Ray: Democracy**

Level One: the gift of the Constitution and rights given by law to the people

Level Two: the enemies of freedom and the sacrifices each citizen must make to ensure that liberty is preserved; the blood shed for liberty

Level Three: the equality of human beings in the sight of the Divine, respect for the potential of all human beings and dedication to assist all reach their potential

Level Four: the fraternity of members of the nation, who are united in a common national purpose and are bound together in a common cause, for the welfare of the whole

Level Five: great leaders from each nation's past, who exemplify the qualities of loyalty, leadership, courage, dedication, nobility, kindness, and justice.

Level Six: the archetypes of the nations, such as Columbia (the United States) and Britannia (Great Britain), personifying their national ideals and purposes.

Level Seven: The Hand of God Guiding the Affairs of Men, The Spirit of God governing the World

### **Third Ray: Catholicism**

Level One: The Apostles' Creed, the rituals, confessions and prayers expected of Catholics

Level Two: The sacraments: baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, matrimony, last rites, holy orders, and the rites of exorcism and healing

Level Three: Service to suffering humanity: giving charity, teaching and assuaging suffering by acts of kindness

Level Four: Exemplars of Holy Virtue: the lives of the Saints

Level Five: The Intercessory Power of the Mother of God: the love of the Virgin Mary

Level Six: The Scriptures as the Bread of Life and gift of God, the Miracle of the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, the Mystic Marriage Feast, the Assumption into Heaven, the resurrection of Jesus, the promise of the Second Coming

Level Seven: the ecclesiastical hierarchy (priest, bishop, archbishop, cardinal, Pope), the succession of Popes from Saint Peter (apostolic succession), and the Spirit of God revealed within the Church

### **Fourth Ray: The Essenes and Natural Healers**

Level One: Contemplation of the illness and corruption of the flesh, its lusts and passions, and its ultimate mortality.

Level Two: The discipline of the senses and motor organs of the body by fasting, self-denial and austerity.

Level Three: The body as the Temple of God, purification and dedication of the body for the service of God

Level Four: The Rays of attunement, the Heart and Hands (the Healer), the Thalamic Center and Throat (The Teacher and Prophet), the Belly and the Brain (The Seer).

Level Five: The Mysteries of Healing, the angels of earth, water, fire and air

Level Six: The Healing Sages

Level Seven: The Spirit of God within Man's Body, the God of Healing

### **Fifth Ray: Social Justice Christianity**

Level One: Awareness of the inequalities existing in society that permits the ascendancy of one group over another and that creates class and economic divisions within Society

Level Two: The power of organizing and solidarity: the grass roots political strength and moral power of many individuals uniting for a common cause

Level Three: Awareness of the suffering of the poor, the old, women, the sick, minority racial and ethnic groups, gays and lesbians, the struggle of the working man: compassion for human suffering and dedication to right the wrongs perpetrated by the exploitive, ruling class

Level Four: Awareness of the suffering of the animal and plant kingdom, giving rise to movements to preserve the ecological integrity and biological diversity of the Earth, and to stop cruelty against animals

Level Five: The exemplification of service to the poor and oppressed by the legends of the leaders of populist, reform and revolutionary movements.

Level Six: The vision of the Divinity within each man, and the realization that service to humankind is service to God

Level Seven: The God of Justice, the God revealed within social movements

### **Sixth Ray: Protestant (Evangelical) Christianity**

Level One: Rebirth and salvation: being born again as the Moon Soul, the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Level Two: The Blessings of God: the spiritual and material boons that come to the faithful

Level Three: The mantle of righteousness: the identification of sin, its condemnation and repudiation, and the shaping of righteous men and women

Level Four: The exemplification of the virtues by the Patriarchs of the Old Testament and saints of the early church

Level Five: Revelation of the Scriptures

Level Six: Revelation of Jesus Christ as the Lord of Lords

Level Seven: The God of Mercy, the Redeemer

### **Seventh Ray: Mystical (Kabalistic) Judaism**

Level One: The Mysteries of the Hebrew Alphabet, the discerning of meaning by assigning numerical values (Gematria)

Level Two: The 22 Paths of the Tree of Life, and their correspondences to Tarot, Numerology, and Astrology

Level Three: The Ten Sephiroth, or Emanations of God, and their appearance throughout Creation

Level Four: The Four Worlds, and the Mystery of the Divine Tetragrammaton

Level Five: The Mysteries of the Angels, the Divine Messengers

Level Six: The Prophets and Saints, their insights into the mysteries of the Law

Level Seven: The Glory of God, the God revealed within symbol and myth



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

Have you read books written by authors that tap the values and beliefs of the First Initiation? Have you read the Bible?

Have you ever used prayer to God, to Jesus, or a saint, to help you in a time of need? Do you believe that God has supernatural powers that can fulfill your desires, grant your prayers, and manifest miracles in your life?

Have you ever experienced the Gifts of the Spirit, such as prophecy, or speaking in tongues?

Have you ever engaged in a movement to overcome injustice, to help the poor and needy, or to advocate on behalf of the oppressed?

Have you ever denied yourself something you wanted because you felt it was morally wrong?

To what degree do you believe that your morality—what you believe is right and wrong—has been influenced by groups established in the First Initiation?

Which of these archetypes we described seem familiar to you?

Have you ever studied the writings of the mystic Christians or the teachings of the Mystery Schools? How do these differ from traditional Judeo-Christian forms of religious belief and practice?

## **Platforms of Moon Soul Based Spirituality**

People interface with the Moon Soul nucleus of identity through seven major platforms.

1. **Ego** – In this platform, people do not move their attention beyond the ego, but pray to God through the cord of faith, and listen for the response to their prayers. They tend to form dogmatic beliefs.
2. **Intellect** – Here, people study the scriptures, and begin to build progressive insights from their study into their Antakarana. They construct a moral and philosophical framework to understand their faith, and articulate it to others.
3. **Visionary and trance-based** – At this level, people enter into trance, and commune with the Holy Spirit, or may have visions and revelations while they are in this altered state of consciousness. They may also deliver prophecy, speak in an unknown tongue, and demonstrate the gifts of the Spirit while in this state.
4. **Moral-will driven** – These individuals identify themselves with the Moon Soul, govern their lives and the lives of their families by the moral will, and attempt to live—and convince others to live—by the values that are encoded in the moral sheath around the Moon Soul.
5. **Service-driven** – At this level, individuals are engaged in serving the members of their religious organization—e.g., as a rabbi, priest, minister, pastor, or evangelist—or assisting the community by taking on a cause.

6. **Mystic communion** – When this dawns on the Soul, the individual jettisons the sheath of the moral will, and lives from the core of humility and virtue. This type of Moon Soul spirituality, in the Catholic Church, is supported by their monastic tradition. This is a time in which devotion and love for God, and a desire to draw neigh to His Presence, becomes the core motivation for these individuals.
7. **Mystery school communion** – at the deepest levels of the First Initiation, individuals' Souls enter into the Arcana of the Mystery Schools, where they receive intuitive understanding of the symbolic teachings of these levels.



If you have had experiences with the faiths and movements of the First Exoteric Initiation, from which platform(s) did you relate to them? If there was more than one, which is the dominant platform from which you operated?

Do you know people who adopt these faith and advocacy stances of these movements, who exemplify these different platforms to you?

To which of these platforms—if any of them—do you feel currently attracted? Has this always been so, or have you changed your perspective?

If you have shifted, to what do you attribute this change in your perspective and your valuing of the approach of your former platform?

## **Jumping Ahead By Faith**

One of the issues I discuss in my book, *“Religions, Cults, and Terrorism: What the Heck Are We Doing?”* is the phenomena of people moving their attention, placing it upon the Moon Soul, and then identifying the Moon Soul as their spiritual essence. For many people, this occurs before their Soul spiritually evolves to undergo the First Initiation. Some of the sequelae of this zealous re-identification, as described in the article on pages 167 to 168 of this book, “The Premature Awakening Syndrome” include:

“Cognitive changes from this misalignment [of attentional focus and identification] include misunderstanding and incoherence.”

*Misunderstanding* is marked by

1. Reading meaning into symbols that have no relevance to the context in which they were originally presented.
2. Assuming that only the Moon-Soul-centered world-view is right and all others are false.
3. Regarding him/herself as special or chosen because he/she reads the scripture, prays, and attends worship ceremonies.
4. Judging others according to absolutistic moral standards and demanding they live up to those standards, with no regard to their personal circumstances and abilities.
5. Demanding that others must abandon their faith, their cultural practices, and adopt his/her beliefs and morality without considering the meaning and value these practices provide for their adherents.
6. Rejecting scientific principles if they disagree with religious ones
7. Governing family, community and nation by their religious values without respecting others [who] do not share their faith or those values.

*Incoherence* involves

1. Selecting specific scriptures or other philosophical writings, and assigning them unique personal meanings without understanding them in context.
2. Jumping to false conclusions based on limited knowledge or misunderstanding of the context.
3. Assigning inflated significance to events, days, objects, or ideas
4. Having mystical experiences that are not integrated into a coherent framework of understanding.
5. Study of scriptures or other inspirational writings is done without extracting common themes, summarizing ideas, or insight-carrying metaphors, so that the writing is read and understood in its literal sense only.
6. Speaking under inspiration produces a jumble of ideas; unstructured, unrelated, and unorganized into coherent themes
7. Life is structured into individual projects or missions with no plan or overall direction.

You can avoid premature awakening syndrome by working at your cutting edge of spirituality.



## **The Mystery Schools of the First Initiation**

A few individuals learn about the teachings of the Mystery Schools of the First Esoteric Initiation; for most of humanity, however, their teachings are hidden and unknown. The best known of these groups, the Freemasons, have long been misunderstood, and often, ignorantly vilified.

We summarize for you these Mystery Schools, together with their associated Ray below.

Path	Ray	Mystery School	Theme of Mysteries
1	1	Jewish	Kabala, Emanations of Creation
2	2	Buddhist	Dhyani Buddhas, stages of the path
3	3	Freemasonry	Hermetic, Astrological
4	4	Greco-Roman	Greco-Roman philosophy, Eleusinian, Bacchic, Orphic mysteries
5	4	Egyptian	Amun-Ra, the teachings of Akhenaten; Serapis
6	5	Neo-Platonic	The Logos, Emanations of Creation
7	5	Aeonic	Evolution of civilization and their myths
8	6	Gnostic	Duality of Creation
9	6	Rosicrucian	Alchemical, astrological
10	6	Astara	Astrological, emanations of Creation
11	7	Arthurian-Celtic	Arthurian legends of the Grail and the Round Table
12	7	Egyptian	Isis-Osiris, Egyptian Book of the Dead



Have you had any exposure to the teachings of any of the Mystery Schools? Which ones?

Have you read any books that present the teachings of the Mystery Schools? Have you watched any movies that draw from their content?

Which of the Mystery Schools attract you? If you know your Soul Ray, is the Mystery School that attracts you on that Ray?

Have you ever meditated on a complex symbol, and tried to fathom its meaning?

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Worldwide, Wikipedia estimates that the total number of Christians as 2,331,509,000, or about 34% of the world's population; and 14,000,000 embrace the Jewish faith.

[\[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_religious\\_populations\]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_religious_populations)

When these faiths and movements of the First Planetary Initiation have such a widespread impact on humanity, it is important that we gain some familiarity with their teachings, and understand how they influence the values, beliefs, and behavior of people throughout the world.

As you undergo your journey through the Planetary Realm of the Great Continuum of Consciousness, you will cross these bands of the First Planetary Initiation, where your Soul will intuitively plumb the archetypes upon your Ray. You will journey through the mystic realms of the First Mesoteric Initiation, and know the sacred symbols of the Mystery Schools through your Soul's union with them.

Thank you for attending our webinar today!

