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What is Initiation?

An Initiate is a person who has entered the initiation chamber and whose personality is now consciously united with his or her Higher Ego. This union will remain through out all reincarnations. To understand this more fully, we must understand the current constitution of a human being.

Because a human being's constitution changes over time, the forms of initiation change with them. Humanities consciousness is not static; it evolves and develops according to the Divine Plan. Our highest component is our Divine Essence known as the *Atman* to the East. The Atman can only develop individual self-awareness through experiences with conditioned reality. The Higher Ego is the individualization of the Atman and is the product of such experiences had by the personality. The Higher Ego or Self is the silent watcher behind the scenes of our experiences. The Atman cannot experience the conditioned world directly; it needs the Higher Mind of the Higher Self to connect to the Personality and physical body.

At the end of each consecutive life, the personality sheds its lower vehicles and experiences its ascension back to the Higher Ego. Many personalities go through a purification process of resolving issues they did not master in life. Only the highest characteristics can be reabsorbed into the

Higher Self. Each personality or lower ego will experience its reward in a state of heaven, nirvana, or joy according to its perception (Eastern Masters say 1,500 years is an average length of time in heaven, even though there really is no time in heaven as we know it here on earth). Eventually the lower ego re-identifies with the Higher Ego and is completed in its journey. The Higher Self will then decide when it will send forth a ray of light from itself to form a new personality, with a different purpose than the last lifetime. The Higher Self seeks a different environment in each incarnation and may need to alternate genders.

The Higher Self remembers all of its incarnations as a human being. In the East, it is compared to a necklace with many beads and each bead is a personality from a past incarnation.

The Pituitary and Pineal Gland

The pituitary gland is located near the center of the brain and is called the master gland by the medical community. The area it resides in is also known as Brahman's Cave by the Hindus. This is because it creates every chemical the body needs and secretes the hormones and chemicals needed to stimulate the other endocrine glands. It would be hard to feel fear, and react to it, if the adrenal glands did not secrete adrenaline.

One could not dream at night if the pituitary gland did not release melatonin into the

blood stream. In addition, the pineal gland secretes DMT (*Dimethyltryptamine*), a hallucinogenic, which allows us to dream. Dr. Rick Strassman first understood DMT creation within the pineal gland because he discovered all the components for making it existed there.

A Modern Understanding of Initiation

In the past, many different types of chemicals were used in initiation rituals. These special chemicals allowed the initiate to leave his body and not fall asleep, but to remain awake through out the experience. The initiate was guided by the hierophant through different experiences deep into the spiritual world while his physical body was being protected and cared for back on the physical plane.

These higher initiations lasted three days at which time the initiate awoke as if rising from the dead. He was then called *twice born* by the populace and was known esoterically as a *serpent* in the East. Thus, in Matthew 10:16 Jesus states, "Be ye wise as *Serpents*, but gentle as doves."

Now, what would happen if your pineal gland secreted DMT *before* your other glands secreted melatonin? You would begin to experience perceptions beyond the physical, many of them hallucinations to be sure. However, what if you were trained to control your mind through meditation type practices? You would begin to see the higher realms, if you are ready for them. However, if you were not ready, you would see some scary negative realms also. Like attracts like, on the spiritual plane!

This is why the Masters taught ethics to all the exoteric masses. The point of ethical living was to insure that the development of

our spiritual organs would not be distorted. In addition, a soul that has evolved could withstand the shock of initiation by virtue of its refinement and spiritual development.

By bringing yourself into harmony with the moral nature of your Higher Self, you can begin to vibrate sympathetically. When a vibrating tuning fork is brought into the vicinity of an identical non-vibrating tuning fork, the non-vibrating tuning fork begins to sympathetically vibrate. This is the perfect model of modern self-initiation.

When we follow the Buddha, when we follow the Christ, we begin to bring our lower bodies into alignment with our Higher Self. If we continue this pathway long enough, our pineal gland will begin to vibrate in harmony with the Higher Self. The secretions it creates will allow the brain bound personality and lower ego to expand and connect with the Higher Ego unimpeded. The soul who is ready will be blessed by this experience and will be twice born, no longer just a woman or a man, but the true Self in the flesh.

When you meet someone like this, their personality will still have faults and limits. However, when they silence the lower self and neutralize it, they are able to allow the Higher Self to act through them. When that happens, miracles take place. In the modern day initiation, we have no physical guru. We must lean towards the Christ within us and nurture the Buddha seed within us all. This is the meaning of initiation in this current era. Finally, the Beatles had it right when they sang, "...and in the end, the love you take, is equal to the love you make."

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