

# *Auras of mediums and adepts*



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[In an article on “Occultism in Modern Literature,” the author says:

. . . in a letter a learned English occultist . . . remarked to me that he had once asked a clairvoyant why he [the occultist] was not sensitive to “spirit” influence. It is noteworthy that the reply was,

that he [the clairvoyant] saw those who were sensitive or clairvoyant with a *dispersed* cloud of aura about the head, and in others [who were not sensitive] he saw it in pyramidal form, which prevented “spirit influence” making itself felt.

Perhaps the accomplished Editor will kindly throw some light on this subject?

To this H.P. Blavatsky appends the following footnote:]

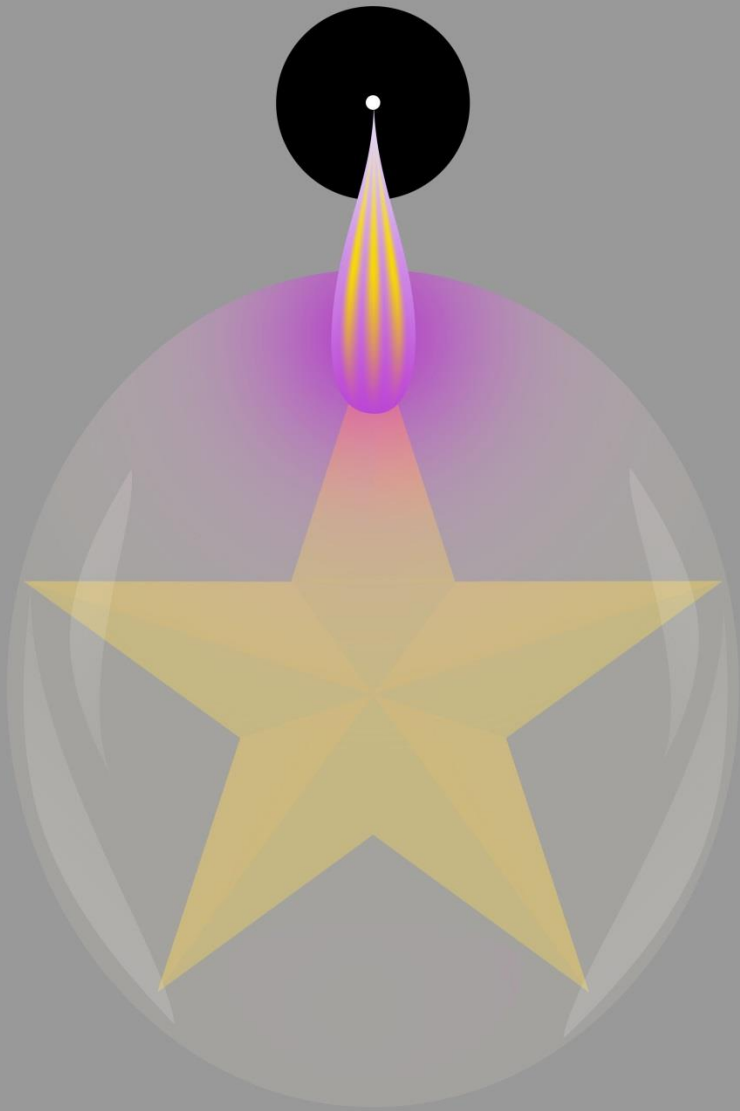


The statement is, in our opinion, correct. In the case of a medium, the odic<sup>1</sup> aura of the brain is rather poor and is constantly subject to fluctuations and disturbances by the surrounding astral influences, just like a flame of fire which loses its pyramidal form when fanned. But in the case of one who is not mediumistic, and especially in the case of an adept, this aura is compact and concentrated. Mahatmas, such as Buddha, are generally represented in Eastern pictures with pyramidal crown upon their heads. This crown is made up of purified, concentrated and undisturbed odic aura.



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<sup>1</sup> [Prānic emanation, *i.e.*, vital nerve force or magnetic fluid.]



*Aura of the Yogi in Trance*



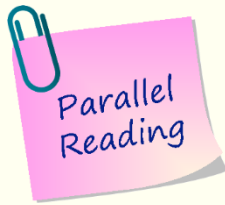
*Aura of the Yogi in Samadhi*



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## Suggested reading for students.<sup>2</sup>



### On Black versus White Magic.

- “A Strange Story by Bulwer-Lytton”
- “Akhund Abdul Ghaffur of Swat”
- “Ancient Magic in Modern Science”
- “Animated statues, trophies of the Black Art”
- “Between Black and White Magic there is but a cobweb thread”
- “Black Magic is in full sway amidst mankind”
- “Black versus White Magic, the two Opposing Powers”
- “Blavatsky on the author of Phallicism”
- “Blavatsky on the malignant fever of unsound scepticism”
- “Buddhism, Christianity, and Phallicism”
- “Buddhist Feminism in Ceylon”
- “Capital punishment is a relic of Jewish barbarity”
- “Christian Lectures on Buddhism”
- “Christianity has retarded the Woman’s progress”
- “Confessions of Cyprianus, the Penitent Sorcerer of Antioch”
- “Does your mind elate with self-adoration”
- “Egyptian Magic, good and bad”
- “Evil is an illusion caused by the Circle of Necessity”
- “Evil is the infernal end of the polarity of spirit-matter”
- “Exact Science versus Archaic Philosophy”
- “Frightening crying children into silence”
- “How can a Black Magician be known?”
- “Hugo's La Fin de Satan (1911)”
- “Hylo-Idealism is a fig leaf for Crass Materialism”

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<sup>2</sup> For an in-depth analysis and exegesis of the auras of man in various states, consult *The True Colours of Man* (2019), our fifth Major Work. [Click here to download.](#) — ED. PHIL.

- “Insights to the high idealism and quaint wit of Eliphas Levi”
- “Insights to the Occult Arts”
- “Instead of Black and White Magic, read selfish and unselfish motive”
- “Magic is the Occult Knowledge of Natural Law”
- “Mediumship and Adeptship are poles apart”
- “No one has the right to control the mind of another”
- “Occultism and Kabbalah are only masks to hide the sacred truth from the profane”
- “On Astral Intoxication”
- “On malevolent bewitchments and venomous magic”
- “Ormuzd and Ahriman are ever opposing powers, yet inseparable and interdependent”
- “Papal dispensation for murder and mayhem”
- “Phallicism and Phallic Worship”
- “Presentiments of what lies in the bosom of future”
- “Psychological and conjuring tricks”
- “Reflections of an ardent apostle”
- “Religious conversion means absolute perversion”
- “Selfishness is the cause of all sin and suffering”
- “Selfishness is the hallmark of fakirs, hermits, and yogins”
- “Sin by cruel acquiescence in an unworthy fashion”
- “Soul-destroying sophistry is fake wisdom”
- “Spirit and Matter are dual aspects of One Cause”
- “Spiritual progress is not aided by watching the Astral Light”
- “Teraphim are the elemental spirits of ancient divination”
- “The Arabian Nights are echoes from of Lemuria and Atlantis”
- “The Astral Light reflects images of every thought and action”
- “The Ensouled Violin”
- “The Idyll of the White Lotus”
- “The Origin of Good and Evil”
- “The Original Sin is a Jewish Invention”
- “The Pernicious Sophistry of Hypocrisy”
- “The Pitfalls of Occult Arts and Metaphysical Healing”
- “The power of the magician is inversely related to his worldly interests”

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SUGGESTED READING FOR STUDENTS

- “The process of precipitating handwritten letters explained”
  - “The Silent Brother”
  - “The spiritual blindness of anthropomorphism”
  - “The Theosophical Society’s position on hypnotism”
  - “Theological anthropomorphism is the parent of materialism”
  - “Theological malice is the root cause of Satanic Magic”
  - “Trained imagination can produce occult phenomena”
  - “True magic is the Gnosis of Pythagoras”
  - “Warning to phenomena seekers”
  - “When theological ethics speak no longer in man”
  - “Why women should avoid the Church like a plague”
  - “Yoga is a wolf in sheep’s clothing”
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