

"Maha-rishi"= "a great sage having divine power" [rt. "pierce, push"]--34. Kurt F. Leidecker, SANSKRIT: ESSENTIALS OF GRAMMAR AND LANGUAGE (Anchorite Press/34). General Western ignorance of Sanskrit enables TM's hoodwinking of the West with its krypto-Hindu evangelism.

10 Mar 75 DAILY NEWS TM ad: "Improve your inner standard of living."

There is some secular med. around: e.g., Lawrence LeShan [deracinated Jew whom I've meditated with], HOW TO MEDITATE: A GUIDE TO SELF-DISCOVERY [Afterword by Meth. clergyman Edgar N. Jackson] (Little, Brown/74); and Herbert Benson, THE RELAXATION RESPONSE (Morrow/75).

A way of impenitent self-salvation [religious assumption of human goodness] toward world-transformation [the religious ultimate!].

Essentially atheistic, as mystical. Harris poll: only 29% of Britons believe in a personal God [339 XnC 2Apr75], but rationally-atheism and mysticism are on the increase in the Western world. A new Renaissance, with commitment to happiness as the ultimate good and goal and with belief (naive trust) in people's innate intellectual and moral resources. The age is post-Christian, but not necessarily post-religious. The basis of the religion is belief in humanity's fundamental goodness; therefore, self-salvation, self-redemption, "self-realization," "self-actualization," self-fulfilment.

Biblical meditation: "Oh how I love your torah! It is my m. day and night!"

Cool-killer-in-the-flicks Clint Eastwood "ascribes his relaxed attitude to transcendental meditation 20 minutes" twice a day.--25May75 SUNDAY NEWS. Biblical meditation cannot be amoral, for it centers in the nature and will of the Holy God. Amoral meditation prostitutes a psychophysical process to egoistic, "value-free" purposes, thus bypassing repentance and the divine call to righteousness and justice and compassion.

Jose dePeralta's "Meditation" paper for me: report on 6 months of "Christian Yoga" et al.

Report of Gabe L. Campbell, a prominent pastor whom I persuaded to give up pushing TM:

Now, 'meditation' is the second step in prayer. It is NOT T.M. (Transcendental Meditation). T.M. is the Hindu teaching of Hindu prayer techniques and is called the Science of Creative Intelligence so it can avoid the religious restriction against being taught in schools. Dr. Elmer Green of the Menninger Clinic writes that the real danger with T.M. is that it hides its religious nature and when people have a 'religious experience' because of practicing this technique it can create mental problems because their teacher has told them it is not religious. This means that many American people are practicing Hindu religion which centers on the self, while the Christian and Jewish teaching is centered on service to others and this creates tremendous stress and conflict when an American tries to adjust to Hinduism in disguise in practicing T.M.

Therefore we felt it was important to teach "Christian Meditation" so that members will have an opportunity to take this 'second step' in the life of prayer. Prayer is focusing your thoughts - meditation is listening for the voice of God within. It is very simple, but we seldom take time to practice techniques of getting quiet so that God can speak to us.

CHRISTIAN WORLD LIBERATION FRONT: SPIRITUAL COUNTERFEITS PROJECT, Box 4309, Berkeley CA 94704. Occasional papers. 25June75: "News of Legal Action Concerning TM." Sent \$5 + thinksheets 434, 577, 678, 676, 424. "Hindu philosophy couched in pseudo-scientific language." "Religious to the core." The puja is, among other things, a hymn to Lord Krishna, to whom "I bow down again and againhaving bowed down to him, we gain fulfillment." The puja also identifies Guru Dev [therefore, in future, the Maharishi himself]"with the three forms of deity recognized by classical Hinduism (Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva) and all together they are bowed down to." In the Maharishis teachings are "reincarnation and the evolution of meditators into 'angelic beings.'" Also, he teaches that a year will come soon when "the real spiritual nature of TM can be revealed"; at present, the TM World Plan [cp. the early-20th-c. Christian "the conversion of the world in this generation!"]....Against the pro-TM Senate resolution, I wrote Javits, Buckley, and Gravel. TM says it intends "to achieve the spiritual goals of mankind in this generation." [Write against SR-64.]

I have a three-hour tape of a conversation between a TM leader and me.

The name "M. M. Yogi" shows TM as [CWL] "one of a great variety of yoga techniques that have come to the Western world from the East.

Mantra-induced altered consciousness is called either "cosmic" or "bliss" consciousness--both holy words in Hinduism.

Jas. Bettemy, pres. of Hartford Seminary Foundation, in a private letter (11Aug75) promised me he's "share" my letter "with our staff"--a letter offering a way of using that seminary to train Conn. PS teachers in Western meditation, since they are forced to teach Eastern meditation--i.e., TM--in their schools.

Basilea Schlink's pamphlet against "Christian Yoga" and all other self-redemption schemes, including TM.

Berkeley Center materials?

Dec.10/76 issue of THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY, + responses 17Mar76, including George Butterick: "What we need in this plastic culture is a faith that will raise our blood pressure....that will disturb family complacency." This is Pealism "recycled," but did Jesus have "peace of Mind"? No, he had "the peace of God." Without \$125 or any initiation fee, the Quakers have a superior meditation praxis, for it's one that gives "quietness" + "a brave social concern"--whereas TM engenders complacency and self-righteousness. "I learned my mantra years ago. It is the name of Jesus." Christian faith "is both a personal piety and a public courage." Losing social courage, "piety will slop over into our escape areas: TM, TA (primary department Freud), Jeanne Dixon's nonsense, glossolalia." We need "a whole gospel for the whole person and the whole human family." In the same issue, a UCC pastor who "faithfully practiced TM for five years" has converted over from "the worship of the inner self" to, with his family, "twice-daily Christ-centered meditation," according to the Holy Order of MANS." (Rev. Forster Freeman)

How many states now force TM on their children? Here's the 23May75 p.1 notice of it for Conn.:

Connecticut Passes Bill for 'Meditation' In Public Schools

By LAWRENCE FELLOWS
Special to The New York Times

HARTFORD, May 22—The Connecticut General Assembly gave final approval today to a bill requiring that time be set aside each day for meditation in the public schools.

Gov. Ella T. Grasso said that she would sign the bill, which would make Connecticut the only state with such a requirement. While the General Assembly was still wrestling with the idea of setting aside time in the schools for silent prayer—as opposed to meditation—Mrs. Grasso said that she would have accepted that, too.

[In New Hampshire, the Senate gave final legislative approval yesterday, 18 to 5, to a bill permitting school districts to allow prayer in the schools and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Page 35.]

The House approved the measure 88 to 56. The Senate

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"Doing theology" Christianly or Jewishly includes intro/extro-spection, not (as TM) only introspection--if indeed TM can even be called introspection, as it's the in-jection of a sound.

TM repristinizes the advaita ["nonduality," monistic] experience, which otherwise would become clouded and eventually fade into a pleasant memory instead of remaining an omnipresent reality shaping one's daily consciousness and life. For Buddhism's Zen [from Chinese Chuang], the same process: "satori" revelation of cosmic unity repristinized by "zazen" [seated meditation].

No apple-alienation [Eden], no cosmic crime [Freud], so no need for repentance! The continued practice of TM washes out the biblical way of seeing and living in the world, which is to say the biblical religion.

My thinksheets to date, bearing on TM: [given 26Mar76 to Jn. Patton]

- 327--"Hinduism in America..." [17Nov73 PATENT TRADER]
- 403--3Jan74 PATENT TRADER: "...East's most successful con man in American history"
- 428--"Propositions Against TM"
- 429--14Feb74 PATENT TRADER: "TM Again: Masturbat~~on~~ or Reality?"
- 434--"...in the American Public Schools?"
- 433--"Senses,...Skin..." [showing the transcendence-denying trick of TM]
- 424--"How many is reality?"
- 327A--24Nov73 reply to my 17Nov73

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 785
 774
 262
 293

A MAJOR PAPER ON MEDITATION: #92, which please return to me

Tangential thinksheets:

- 605--East/West God-picture
- 532--Cayceism
- 553--"Meditation, technology and"
- 24--"Lostness' and 'Savedness'"
- 658--"Meditation, Biblical" (Gestalt Prayer)
- 676--"Meditation, the 'Roots' of"
- 663--"Meditation: Self-Examination on 'Life-Regrets'"
- 661--"Integration: The Bicentennial..."
- 604--"Meditation, Biblical" (moron speed)
- 714--"...Self-Sabotage..." (Gestalt Prayer)
- 671--"Meditation, Protestant..."
- 692--"Integration, East/West: Lindisfarnism"

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- 678
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LAST PAGE: Notes for a speech on TM

DISCIPLINE!
Do you get key into your notes + turn upside down!
THINKSSETS (15 only!)
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MEDITATION, TRANSCENDENTAL......speech 8Apr75 to NJ LUTHERAN pastors

WHY SUCCESS?

without benefit of clergy (old priest) or psychotherapist (new priest)
...having the power of godliness, but denying the form thereof

without benefit of community? *Water conditioning, psychology, TM + internal*
...do-it-yourself ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ individualism

with benefit of guru (Dev, Mahesh Yogi) devotion-cultism
(the clothes only pretend

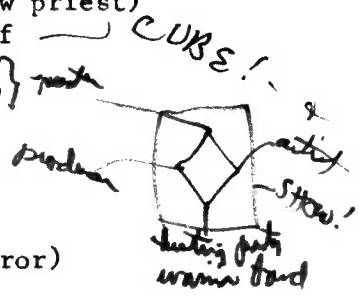
with benefit of "science" not to have an emperor)

with benefit of therapy ~~XXXXXXXX~~ orientation (enormous response to the current NET series on "mental health"--as in yesterday's WSJ)

with POWER (energy) - See New Sch. "plug in" cone !!!

with benefit of instantaneity (process + payoff) - *though laughable to my U. Hawaii + grad. students*

with benefit (as Billy Graham) of combo of ind. witness and Mad.Ave. promotion

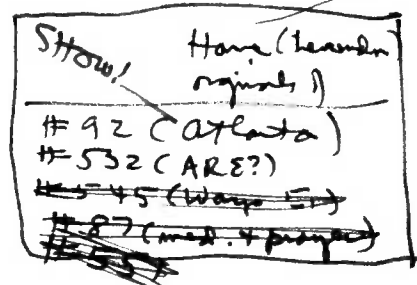


#429
#903 RPA!
2d many
thoughts
on TM

WHAT CAN XN CLERGY LEARN FROM TM'S SUCCESS?

1. That, right now, Am. insts. are invadable by "spirit":

- #734 pub. sch. (a ^{covert} mission from Hinduism)
- bus./industry
- government
- (Kilidge #551 home)
- church



SHOW?
POST-AM.
Pri. "GNM Man"
NYTS "Fear"
Aquinas' Old Way
Ellwood
New Sch. "plug in"
Shalom flies

2. That the Ganges (huge!) is, right now, flowing into the Jordan (Ellwood!).

3. That human beings, no matter how much they learn to pray and/or build, never outgrow their need for meditation.

4. The old Navy lesson, KISS (Keep it simple, stupid!). Bill Bright's five-finger exercise (Campus Crusade for X.--and my calling him, at Berlin '66, "outrageously distortive of the realities").

SO WHAT, NOW, DO?

1. Recover/refurbish the Xn heritage of meditation.

2. Strategize witness in insts.--e.g., how get "rel."/values into pub. sch.?

3. Use mod. techs / (p) / covis - helps. Show "Shalom Returns"!!! - referral, + self!

4. Occasionalism: Glue the hemispheres (brain/earth) tog.! [#605 original: "E/W"]

#8) 5*. Sign 3x5 card -> register to STM/DMC!

#604 (M., Bill.) + #24 (261)
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#408, #545
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