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I ran into this character the other day--a "case" he was, as are we all--who, responding to a public faith-statement of mine, needed little encouragement to spill out the following account of his recent spiritual journeying. I've narrated it on the left, so you can do your case-musing on the right (first formulating, through case-study, the questions you believe will be most productive in the various dimensions of productivity--e.g., imagining yourself in various roles in relation to him).

late 40s, good hetero-marriage
white male engineer
mesomorph
ordinary looking,
except for his radiance
an enthusiast, pro-ecstatic
amateur musician:
loves to lead singing with guitar
warm personality
present religion, bhakti type:
*All I want is the One who always
wanted, and wants, me.* The feel of
the John pieces in NT, and the Gita.
[Yes, loves to quote
the Gospel of John.]
Supreme value given to intimacy:
real religion is "love love love!"

[Moving back from the present,
step by step:]

Psychosynthesis groups

Gestalt groups

Zen praxis [2 1/2 years]

Transcendental Meditation

Yogananda group

Macrobiotics, vegetarianism

private therapy with Alexander Lowen
[3 years]

observant Hasid

observant nonHasidic Jew

[Exposure to Christianity:]
Bible perusal
small circuit of Christian communes
invited to join an Episcopal charis-
matic group, where converted
Shalom retreats [combining Christianity
with many elements in his journey]