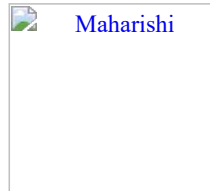


[The Maharishi Years – The Untold Story: Recollections of a Former Disciple by Deepak Chopra](#)

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August 1, 1991 saw the publication of my book, *Perfect Health*, a popular guide to Ayurveda that came at the height of my involvement with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. Although I had been meditating less than a decade in comparison with TM meditators who went back to the Sixties, my association with Maharishi quickly became personal. He felt comfortable around other Indians and had a special regard for trained scientists and physicians. In return I had a deep fascination with enlightenment and the almost supernatural status of gurus. A few days before the book's publication, I was in Fairfield, Iowa to participate in a meditation course. Maharishi was supposed to address the assembly on speaker phone from India, but the phone call didn't come through at the appointed time. We all dispersed. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

Dear Friends,

Let's build a global community of caring creativity and passion here. I will post my ideas and you should also feel free to share yours. Let's see what emerges!!

Love, Deepak



[When God Splits His Vote](#)

February 11th, 2008 | [* No Comments](#)

It's been said that the fundamentalist movement is demoralized and fractured during this election cycle. The Republicans are gaining a candidate, John McCain, who is viewed suspiciously by the religious right, even after a series of half-hearted capitulations on his part. As a commentator remarked recently, if you aren't a thousand per cent pure, the religious right disapproves. In addition, younger Christians no longer vote in a rigid bloc like their elders. Thus the Rev. James Dobson came out last week to condemn McCain, citing specifically that the candidate is too soft on immigrants and voted to uphold stem-cell research, while in several primaries on Super Tuesday all three leading Republicans, McCain, Romney, and Huckabee, split the evangelical electorate almost evenly. What does this mean for God's vote in 2008?

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[Deepak's Guest on Sirius for Saturday February 9th](#)

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Dr. David Simon of the Chopra Center

Dr. Malaspina - Dolores Malaspina, M.D. is Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine, Director of Psychiatry at Bellevue Hospital Center and the Anita and Joseph Steckler Professor of Psychiatry.

Harville Hendrix - Harville Hendrix, Ph. D., in partnership with his wife, Helen Lakelly Hunt, Ph. D. created Imago Relationship Therapy. Harville lectures and offers workshops on intimate relationships internationally and with Helen has authored nine books on intimate relationships.

Rinaldo Brutoco - A leading international executive, writer and keynote speaker for over 25 years, Rinaldo Brutoco is widely recognized as a practical visionary, change agent and futurist. Rinaldo uniquely combines theory and practice to assist executives and organizations in adapting to change with

“breakthrough” ideas.

Alan Colmes - Television and radio talk show host. In February 2003, Fox News created a new radio venue for Alan Colmes. Alan’s radio show became the lead offering of the new Fox News Radio division. Once again, Colmes found himself breaking new ground bringing the Fox brand name to radio and instantly establishing himself as the reigning liberal in the medium.

Mark Thompson - Mark served on the national committees for the Million Man March, the Million Family March, the Millions More Movement, the Millions for Reparations Rally, the 30th, 37th and 40th anniversaries of the March on Washington, and he emceed each of these historic events on the National Mall. In 1996, Mark co-chaired the National Black Political Convention with Dr. Benjamin Chavis. He was an advisor to the Rev. Al Sharpton during his 2004 presidential campaign, and he appeared in Michael Moore’s critically-acclaimed documentary, Fahrenheit 911. He also chairs the NAACP Metropolitan Police and Criminal Justice Review Task Force for the DC Branch. Currently, Mark broadcasts Make It Plain daily on Sirius Satellite Radio, and he is the first African American host on the Sirius Left talk channel 146.

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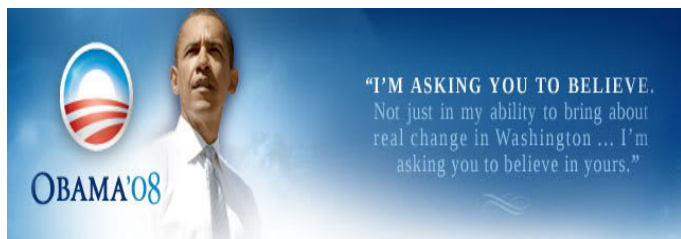
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Even though I last sat with Maharishi more than ten years ago, he left an indelible impression, as he did on everyone. His extraordinary qualities are known to the world. Without him, it’s fair to say, the West would not have learned to meditate. During the Cold War era a reporter once challenged him by saying, “If anything is possible, as you claim, can you go to the Soviet Union tomorrow with your message?” Without hesitation, Maharishi calmly replied, “I could if I wanted to.” Eventually he did want to, and meditation arrived in Moscow several years before the Berlin Wall fell. In his belief that world peace depended entirely on rising consciousness, Maharishi was unshakable.

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Senator Barack Obama’s Response

1. How do you view the importance of being open to welcome and to encourage a more inclusive political dialogue with those who may be at the margins of the political establishment or with those who may be at the distant edges of the perceived rigidity of the mainstream political parties?

The strength of our democracy is not measured by whether every American has the opportunity to participate in it. This is a minimum requirement. Instead, it is measured by how widely and how deeply Americans commit themselves to meeting our common challenges. Only when Americans of all creeds, colors, and classes feel invited to join a common dialogue about our nation’s fate will we finally be ready to meet the challenges we face at home and abroad.

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[Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton Responds to the Open Letter](#)

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Dear Mr. Simmons, Mr. Chopra, and Dr. Chavis:

You know, as do Americans throughout our country, that the stakes in this election couldn't be higher. We face enormous challenges – our economy is sliding into a recession, middle-class families are struggling to make ends meet, our schools are failing our children, and we have a war to end and alliances to rebuild all around the world. The next President must be ready to solve these problems from day one – ready to expand opportunity for all Americans and fulfill America's promise of justice and equality.

That's what I have done for more than 35 years as a lawyer, an advocate for children and families, a First Lady, and a Senator – and it is what I will continue to do every day as President.

Below are my thoughts on the six issues you have asked me to address.

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MAHARISHI MAHESH YOGI TAKES MAHASAMADHI

February 5th, 2008 | [* 5 Comments](#)

Dear Friends,

Maharishi, the Guru from whom I learned everything took “Mahasamadhi” (the big meditation) on the evening of February 5, 2008.

Love,
Deepak

The “Soul Hypothesis” (Part 4)

February 4th, 2008 | [* 1 Comment](#)

Most people relegate matters of the soul to their religion, which is a comforting choice. It's been said that religion is about someone else's experience while spirituality is about your own. The experiences of a Jesus or Buddha were exalted and holy. Attaching yourself to them feels safer than exploring the unknown by yourself. But there are reliable guides to the domain of the soul. As we saw in the previous post, the first step is to go beyond the five senses, venturing into the domain of intuition, insight, and subtle emotions. Each person will be guided differently into this shadowy region of the self, but the Indian tradition (among others) provides us with four broad pathways.

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Third Jesus Book Tour

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Feb 20	Washington, DC	Politics and Prose 5015 Connecticut Ave NW	7:00 pm
Feb 23	Atlanta, GA	Unity North Atlanta Church 4255 Sandy Plains Road	1:00 pm
Feb 25	Chicago, IL	Transitions Bookplace 1000 W. North Ave	7:00 pm
Feb 26	Ann Arbor, MI	Borders 612 East Liberty	7:00 pm
Feb 27	Minneapolis, MN	Bookcase 125 East Wayzata Blvd	7:00 pm
Feb 29	Houston, TX	Unity Church of Christianity	7:30 pm

		2929 Unity Drive	
March 1	Austin, TX	Book People 603 N Lamar Blvd	3:00 pm
March 3	Berkeley, CA	First Congregational Church of Berkeley 2345 Channing Way	7:30 pm
March 4	Seattle, WA	Benaroya Hall 200 University Street	7:00 pm
March 6	Los Angeles, CA	Barnes and Noble 1201 3rd Street	7:00 pm
March 9	Albuquerque, NM	Albuquerque Convention Center 401 2nd Street NW	3:30 pm
March 20	San Diego, CA	The Unity Center 8999 Activity Road	7:00 pm

[The “Soul Hypothesis” \(Part 3\)](#)

February 1st, 2008 | [* No Comments](#)

Most people, one imagines, would be fascinated to set out in search of their souls. But they would be held back by two immediate obstacles. First, we use the word “soul” very loosely, with no specific ways to validate what we mean. Second, the tools for exploring the spiritual domain are limited. Most people only know about faith and prayer, with the recent addition of meditation that still applies to a relative few. Both of these obstacles need to be overcome before one can intelligently experience the soul.

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