

QUESTION CORNER

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Q. Are there any objections to tantric practices?

A. Yogic practices which tend to open the psychic centers can be very dangerous in a number of ways, especially for an amateur. One may or may not unleash great powers, and if so, unless he has the wisdom and understanding to use them rightly and the mental and moral strength to control them, great harm can be done. These powers are difficult to understand, and unless one is ready for them the practices may lead to such as insanity, loss of motor powers, even death. Where one develops these powers successfully, is relatively pure and intelligent, and uses them seemingly for good, the great danger is that the possessor of them may become so intrigued by them as to be content with their level, which becomes, in the evolutionary scheme, a cul-de-sac, thus blocking his true path to Liberation or any higher state.

To seek Realization, or Enlightenment, or Liberation first (by whatever name one chooses to call it), one may have to take a longer path, lasting perhaps through many lifetimes, yet this is the sure, safe, natural way. And in this length of time the candidate meanwhile has had to pass many tests of strength, self-mastery, understanding, love and compassion; killing out all greed, selfishness, hate, lust and other negative traits. Only then will true Realization come. That which is above those powers that tantric practice can bestow enables Him who has attained to dip down into these various powers. He cannot now be corrupted nor beguiled. He sees clearly and uses wisely.

Too many seek a magic pill that will transform us in a moment, without any effort on our part, short-circuiting all those experiences, painful and otherwise, by which we must grow, evolve. For what reason must the pilgrim soul traverse this world plane if not to learn Earth's lessons? There is no short cut. There are drugs and narcotics extended to the unwary which will produce but a counterfeit, not aiding but actually blocking the way to true Realization. Beware of them.