

The Drop Soul as the Embodied Soul

The drop soul in order to merge consciously with God becomes the Embodied Soul and must work things out with, in and through its multiple vehicles (the Embodied Soul representation/lotus, its Egoic Matrix and instruments in the three-tier composite sphere using the associated bodies in the three spheres of manifest Creation). A visualization/model of the Embodied Soul and a chart organizing all the spheres and subspheres was presented in Behind the Incarnating Soul and is reproduced below.

From [Behind the Incarnating Soul](#):

The Embodied Soul, the drop soul in Creation, in its three versions for three worlds can be visualized as a single jewel surrounded by three central petals, which are then surrounded by three tiers of three petals each. The three central petals can be given names as a way of tuning into the process of their unfolding ... The three tiers can be related to the three aspects of the Egoic Matrix for each Embodied Soul with the three petals in each tier relating to the three instruments of that Embodied Soul—those three instruments being used differently by each aspect of the Egoic Matrix. In the following chart, the inner tier will be related to the first aspect on the left, the middle tier to the second aspect in the middle, and the outer tier to the third aspect on the right. The central petals in the diagram unfold to reveal their resonances, upper left goes with the first aspect, upper right with the third and the middle with the second. As always, these are resonances, not equalities; and again as always there is an additional resonance between all first and third terms with an inversion of the instruments from the Subtle to Gross worlds so that spiritual will resonates most strongly with the vital body and spiritual creativity with the “mental” body (mental part of the sub-Subtle instruments).



Mahayogi	Saint	Sage
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Installation
Illumination
Insight



Esotericist	Mystic	Occultist
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Spiritual Will
Spiritual Intuition
Spiritual Creativity



Higher Self	Inner Being	Outer Personality
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Mental/Intellect
Astral/Emotion
Vital/Sensation

Some Notes:

Incarnating Soul

Sacrifice (of HS) | Suffering (through IB) | (Knowledge about world via) Service (by OP) = spiritual aspiration; fiery aspiration gets you IS itself; passion turned in: you HAVE to want it. Knowledge comes from experience (doing and being done to)—Knowledge via service that leads to suffering and sacrifice.

Yogic self

Renunciation | Devotion | Action = yogas (jnana | bhakti | karma); concentration/meditation (raj yoga) gets you YS itself BUT you must pass through this experience, which has been called the real dark night of the soul—when you have access to all the divine powers and are exposed to all the thoughts, feelings and desires of the Causal/Mental sphere without having any real control of this sphere = without really knowing your mind. This is also when the God you knew goes because so much of that was just the beckoning of your own Yogic Self. Action here is intelligent action. God, directly through the Perfect Masters and Avatar (all God Realized) and indirectly through the Sages of the 5th plane and Saints of the 6th (both not Realized but safe from temptation because of having crossed this 4th plane), keeps an eye on those who are negotiating the 4th plane contact and merger with the Yogic Self. See God Speaks.

Bodhisattvic Being

Surrenderance | Love | Obedience = relationship with God or the God-Realized; divine love gets you BB and then God follows in His timing. It is a gift.

The drop soul in all its embodiments and the worlds with all their determinants can be overviewed by expanding the prior chart of the Spheres (the Intermediate/Composite Sphere of the drop soul interdigitating with the three spheres of the three worlds—Mental/Causal, Subtle and Gross) to include seven subspheres for each sphere. The Real Sphere will be added to refer to God in the three states of Creating (Preserving and Destroying) the Creation at the Creation Point (OM point); Realizing God in the Beyond God of Creation (as a Transcendent God, unrealized souls (drop souls) and Realized Souls); and as simply Being God in the Beyond Beyond God of Creation, a mystery not revealed until after Realization. The total number of spheres of experience (spheres of God experiencing God and God's Shadow) then is seven.

Spheres and Subspheres (last piece from Behind the Incarnating Soul)

Real Sphere (3 states, no subspheres)	Beyond Beyond	God Is	
	Beyond	God As: Transcendent God, Realized Soul, Drop Soul	
	Creation point	God Does: Creator, Preserver, Destroyer	
Upper Composite Sphere 7 subspheres	Archangelic (Bodhisattvic Being)	BB jewel BB central petals: Surrenderance Love Obedience BB 3 tiers BB Egoic Matrix: Mahayogi Saint Sage Installing Illuminating Insightful	
Mental/Causal Sphere 7 subspheres	Mental/Causal body and world	Desire: Automatic Defenses (Strengthen) Core Conclusions (Validate) Core Compensations (Maintain) Feeling: Motivation Evaluation Experience/Expression Principles Thought: Ideals Ideas	
Middle Composite Sphere 7 subspheres	Atmic (Yogic Self)	YS jewel YS central petals: Renunciation Devotion Action YS 3 tiers YS Egoic Matrix: Esotericist Mystic Occultist Instructional (Will) Intuitional (Intuition) Inspirational (Creativity)	
Subtle Sphere 7 subspheres	Subtle body and world	Spiritual Energy: Power Resonance Force Transformation: Direct Qualify Manipulate Charge (Information) Spiritual/Light Body: Color (Quality) Brightness (Intensity)	
Lower Composite Sphere 7 subspheres	Astral/ Sub-Subtle (Incarnating Soul)	IS jewel IS central petals: Sacrifice Suffering Service IS 3 tiers IS Egoic Matrix: Higher Self Inner Being Outer Personality Provoking (Mental) Exciting (Astral) Stimulating (Vital)	
Gross Sphere 7 subspheres	Gross body and world	“Ethereic”: Force Fields: Nuclear Electromagnetic Gravitational Material: Gaseous Liquid Solid	Existence/Void Time Space Atomic Subatomic Ethereic

Access to the Three Spheres on the Planes

7 th plane	Real Sphere
BB	Direct pass through from the Universal Mind of God (7 th plane) into the Causal sphere (all subspheres)—veiled or not; resonant with Upper Composite subsphere 1, the BB Jewel
6 th plane	Access and mastery of the Feeling section of the Mental sphere (Causal subsphere 4); access to Desire section of the Mental sphere (Causal subspheres 1-3); resonant with Upper Composite subsphere 2, BB Central Petals, which then take control of subsphere 4
5 th plane	Access and mastery of the Thought section of the Mental sphere (Causal subspheres 5-7); access to the Feeling section of the Mental sphere (Causal subsphere 4); resonant with Upper Composite subsphere 3, BB 3 tiers as they work through subsphere 4, BB Egoic Matrix (esp. the third aspect of that Egoic Matrix, Sage)
YS	Full access and mastery of all Subtle subspheres; partial access to Thought section of the Mental sphere (Causal subspheres 5-7) through some Insight, Illumination and Installation (the Causal Triad, an Upper Upper Triad of sorts); resonant with Middle Composite subsphere 1, YS Jewel
4 th plane	Mastery of Subtle subspheres 4-7, access to Spiritual Energy (Subtle subspheres 1-3); resonant with Middle Composite subsphere 2, the YS Central Petals, which then take control of subsphere 4 (YS Egoic Matrix)
1 st -3 rd planes	Increasing access and mastery of Spiritual Light Body (Subtle subspheres 5-7) and access to Transformation (Subtle subsphere 4); 3 rd plane resonant with Middle Composite subsphere 3, YS 3 tiers as they work through subsphere 4, YS Egoic Matrix (all aspects of that Egoic Matrix, see ahead); 1 st and 2 nd planes are entry and working through resonances with Middle Composite subspheres 5-7 (completion is on 3 rd plane)
IS	Partial access to Spiritual Light Body (Subtle subspheres 5-7) through a functioning Upper Triad; resonant with Lower Composite subsphere 1, the IS Jewel

While it has been said elsewhere that the Egoic Matrix is ruled by its middle aspect (which is most resonant with the respective Embodied Soul), it is now seen that this occurs when the Central Petals of the Embodied Soul take charge, as this is where that middle aspect has its greatest resonance and the Central Petals are but one step removed from the Jewel of that Embodied Soul. The idea that progression through an Egoic Matrix goes from third aspect through middle aspect to the first aspect and then back to the middle one finds support with the ascension through the subspheres—the first pass through the middle aspect being part of integration at the Egoic Matrix level. The following table is copied from [Astrology, Functional Typology and the Embodied Soul](#).

Subsphere	Soul Part	Upper Composite	Middle Composite	Lower Composite
1	Jewel	BB	YS	IS
2	Central Petals	Saint	Mystic	Inner Being
3	Three Tiers	Mahayogi	Esotericist	Higher Self
4	Egoic Matrix	Sage	Occultist	Outer Personality
5	Instrument	Installation	Will	Mental/Intellectual
6	Instrument	Illumination	Intuition	Astral/Emotional
7	Instrument	Insight	Creativity	Vital/Physical

Spheres and Subspheres of the Real and Unreal

It has been said by Meher Baba that there are 49 major steps through the one and only path through the spiritual planes and that these steps are not equally distributed. No claim is made of knowing these steps. The following is the result of contemplative work with the various parts of the Embodied Soul, inner experimenting with the identities of the Egoic Matrices and their use of the vehicles, and an attempt to get them in order. The various attempts and experiences have resulted in 49 unequal steps. Yes there was a sense in the middle of doing this that these organizations related to the steps and would and should add up to 49, but that may have just been the intuition drawing me to meet the inspired answer and work both ends towards the middle as it were. At any rate, the result doesn't seem forced to me and it does categorize the inner efforts. May the veil continue to thin as it is destined to and may there be some resonance with a proper path with the Avatar here. In that spirit, the list is offered.

For these lists, the 4th and 6th plane are where the proper order and weighting of the Egoic Matrix identities in relation to the organized instruments occurs. Identities and Instruments in bold are in their proper place (and performing their proper functions, generally after exploring all other positions/functions = ray and aspect resonances). Note that between the 2nd and 3rd planes, the Esotericist, Mystic and Occultist find their place but Instruction, Intuition and Inspiration have not yet gotten organized. When these Middle Composite instruments do get organized, then the Esotericist, Mystic and Occultist have to find themselves (their places) again, a 3rd plane task that when accomplished in return upsets the organization of instruments landing one between the 3rd and 4th planes. On the 4th plane, as stated above, both the Egoic Matrix identities and the instruments are in order.

Ways of Being through the planes	# of Steps/Stages
Realized (door out to 7 th plane)	1
BB (b/w 6 th and 7 th plane)	1
Mahayogi Saint Sage [3x2x1] w Install Illumine Insight [+ 3] = 6 + 3 (5 th through 6 th planes)	9
YS (between 4 th and 5 th planes)	1
Esot Myst Occ [3x2x1] x Instruct Intuit Inspir [3x2x1] = 6 x 6 (1 st through 4 th planes)	36
IS (Upper and Lower Triad) (door into 1 st plane)	1
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Total	49

1 = Realized = 1 = 7th plane
 1 = BB = 1 = b/w 6th and 7th planes (Mental/Causal and Real)
 1 = Mahayogi | Saint | Sage = 1 = 6th plane
 5 = Mahayogi | Saint | Sage {[3x2x1] - 1} = 5 = b/w 5th and 6th planes (3 w resonance)
MY|SG|ST; SG|ST|MY; ST|MY|SG and ST|SG|MY; SG|MY|ST
 3 = Install | Illumine | Insight = 3 = 5th plane (uncover in order—bottom up = R to L)
 1 = YS = 1 = b/w 4th and 5th planes (Subtle and Causal/Mental)
 1 = Esot | Myst | Occ with Instruct | Intuit | Inspir = 1 = 4th plane
 35 = Esot | Myst | Occ with Instruct | Intuit | Inspir as
 {[3x2x1] x [3x2x1]} - 1 = 35 = planes 1-3 incl. b/w planes and b/w 3rd and 4th planes
 1 = IS = 1 = b/w G and 1st plane (Gross and Subtle)
 49 = Total

Identities x Bodies: all right = 1; 1 right = 3; all wrong = 2 Total = 6 possibilities

1x1=1= on 4th	3x1=3=3 rd	2x1=2= 3 rd entry
1x3=3= b/w 3/4	3x3=9=2 nd	2x3=6= 1 st
1x2=2= b/w 2/3	3x2=6= b/w 1/2	2x2=4= 1 st entry

1x1=1= on 4th	all identities right, all bodies right (all resonant)
1x3=3= b/w 3 & 4	all identities right, 1 body right (body and identity are resonant)
3x1=3= 3 rd	1 identity right, all bodies right (identity and body are resonant)
2x1=2= 3 rd entry	identities wrong, all bodies right
1x2=2= b/w 2 & 3	all identities right, bodies wrong
3x3=9= 2 nd	1 identity right, 1 body right (3 cases are resonant pairs)
3x2=6= b/w 1 & 2	1 identity right, bodies wrong
2x3=6= 1 st	identities wrong, 1 body right
2x2=4= 1 st entry	all wrong but active

Egoic Matrices and Instruments of the Embodied Soul on and between the Planes

b/w 6 th and 7 th	BB			
6 th	MY Saint Sage	w	Install Illume Insight	
b/w 5 th and 6 th	MY Sage Saint Sage Saint MY Saint MY Sage Saint Sage MY Sage MY Saint	w	Install Illume Insight	
5 th	Sage		Install Illume Insight Illume Insight Insight	
b/w 4 th & 5 th	YS			
4 th	Esot Myt Occ	w	Instruct Intuit Inspir	
b/w 3 rd & 4 th	Esot Myt Occ	w	Instruct Inspir Intuit Inspir Intuit Instruct Intuit Instruct Inspir	
3 rd	Esot Occ Myt Occ Myt Esot Myt Esot Occ	w	Instruct Inspir Intuit	
3 rd entry	Myt Occ Esot Occ Eso Myt	w	Instruct Inspir Intuit	
b/w 2 nd & 3 rd	Esot Myt Occ	w	Intuit Inspir Instruct Inspir Instruct Intuit	
2 nd	Esot Occ Myt	w	Instruct Inspir Intuit Inspir Intuit Instruct Intuit Instruct Inspir	Resonant
	Occ Myt Esot	w	Instruct Inspir Intuit Inspir Intuit Instruct Intuit Instruct Inspir	Resonant
	Myt Esot Occ	w	Instruct Inspir Intuit Inspir Intuit Instruct Intuit Instruct Inspir	Resonant
b/w 1 st and 2 nd	Esot Occ Myt	w	Intuit Inspir Instruct Inspir Instruct Intuit	
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	Myt Esot Occ	w	Intuit Inspir Instruct Inspir Instruct Intuit	
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b/w G & 1 st	IS			

A Simplifying Synthesis: 3 Bodies, 6 Coverings, and 7 Levels

Bodies	Coverings	Levels
Drop Soul (no bodies or celestial body)	Drop Soul (no coverings or jiv/Shiv state)	1
Embodied Soul (BB inclusive of YS and IS)	Composite Sphere Ahamkara ("I" sense or ego)	2
Mental/Causal Body	Desires	3
	Feelings	4
	Thoughts	5
Subtle Body	Energy	6
Gross Body	Matter	7

Really, it is one drop soul within and divinely (and mystically) one with the Oversoul, but it does not know or experience this in the jiv state, ecstatic unions of the spiritual path before Realization notwithstanding. That drop soul in the jiv state experiences itself as the Embodied Soul in Creation and that Embodied Soul identifies itself with three bodies. Behind the scenes and one day on the main screen, that Embodied Soul is what we have described as the Bodhisattvic Being. And the three bodies are the Mental/Causal, Subtle and Gross bodies even when their experience is through their various resonances with and reflections into each other. The coverings on the jiv-atma (drop soul in the jiv state) are the sanskaric levels that prevent that jiva from entering the Shiv state. They are listed here as six in number: one in the Composite sphere, three in the Mental/Causal sphere and one each in the Subtle and Gross spheres. Again, the totality of experience includes resonances and reflections in both directions since jiv consciousness can only be identified with and focused on (or focused through) one sphere at a time (the other spheres being subconscious or unconscious). So the unrealized and bound drop soul experiences itself as a falsely separate and limited "I" with desires, feelings and thoughts that variously manifest in energy and matter, regardless of what body it's in, what plane it's on or what terms are used to describe this.

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