CHAPTER 4

Psychic Seduction

The psychic sciences are rapidly gaining interest throughout technologically advanced countries. They are becoming increasingly popular as people from all walks of life are drawn towards often indiscriminate forms of knowledge and experience. While the majority show little awareness of the underlying risks, others are gifted with sufficient critical faculties that act as a protection against presumed truths professed by those who appoint themselves masters in the field.

Psychic sciences should not be approached on the basis of simple curiosity or naive spiritual quest. Throughout history, they have been tarnished by the desire for power in one form or another, and as such, are closely associated with disincarnate psychic forces fully removed from the light source of creative human intelligence. The source of most occult sciences conforms to the laws of the astral or soul world which is by nature, ruled and law, anti-man and anti-life. As we are confined by the limitations of gravity, the forces or entities evolving on the astral planes are dominated by laws which they cannot transgress. Above all, it is not, and never was, in their interests to reveal the nature of their subliminal activities or their occult bond with mankind through a conscious or unconscious psychic connection. Had it been otherwise, planetary evolution would have progressed much more rapidly and have been less disgraced by ignorance. Until the advent of modern science, blind contact with those planes had always played an important role in the development and support of myths and superstitions, the cultural and spiritual support of involutionary civilizations, extensively used and manipulated by temporal and spiritual powers at the expense of the intelligence of consciousness.

Psychic influences must be unmasked and the study of occult sciences put in proper perspective in order to raise awareness. The development of a solid inner maturity and critical mind is necessary to prevent damaging consequences throughout life. Astral entities move and evolve on planes of energy that connect with the human astral field through overt or covert forms of mediumship. Classical psychology is not focused on the difficult and subtle cases of astral domination, and the soul-searching individual, in general, remains too na"e and unintelligently spiritual a being to deal objectively with insidious forces that can manipulate the mind to an extent that boggles the imagination.

Psychic disorientation is on the increase in a world where social forces are reducing life to an exhaustive drive for success at any price. Those who, through inner research or experience, seek meaning to life, must do so in a manner that stems from intelligent study and careful assessment. Understanding the mechanics of the mind brings liberation from the heavy onslaught of astral influences that accompany the opening of psychic channels and can extend to a scourge of insidious, subliminal mind possession. A great number of sensitive individuals have extraordinary potential but fail to integrate their psychic perceptions on a truly individualized basis. They do not understand that the mind is manipulated by astral forces working undercover using mystifying elements to thwart life's creative potential. A great many people do not realize their lifelong dreams because of their incapacity to transmute psychic stress into the powerful drive of the conscious mind.

The media has brought to public attention the degrading social phenomenon of the street people. An increasingly disturbing number of individuals in advanced stages of social and personal distress roam the ghettos of modern cities. Many display the peculiar obsession of talking to themselves. They are victims of subtle inner psychic manipulation that gnaws away at their already weakened will. They suffer from unconscious
psychic communication with low astral entities that exert a high
degree of influence on their minds. They are caught in a psychic
trap from which they cannot escape for lack of understanding of
a menacing spiritual phenomenon. Their personal development
and their participation in the modern social process has been
thwarted. They have become outcasts to an extent that recalls
the victims of leprosy in times past, and their population may
swell to unmanageable numbers in the next generations unless
draastic measures are taken. As modern life diminishes in quali-
 ty, more distraught individuals will end up as street people and
cease to be functional citizens because of their incapacity to
understand the subliminal psychic domination to which they
have become victim. Street people are the remnants of a race
that has lost touch with its identity. They will be rejected
because of their inherent unwillingness or fear to study the deeper
aspects of the mind, which threaten a fundamental view of
reality. Present psychological parameters are not sufficient to
study the astral onslaught which attacks the weakened mem-
bers of a race whose social structures are becoming increasingly
vulnerable to the nefarious forces of the unconscious mind.

People who talk to themselves obsessively will tell anyone
interested in listening that they are entertaining an inner conver-
sation with an entity or many entities with whom they relate
to, for better or for worse. The entities, identified by name or
some other form of symbol, are able to magnetize them through
tought, leading them eventually to total loss of identity. Street
people are a good example of individuals who have been sucked
into an unidentified psychic vortex. Their mental territory has
been invaded by entities or lower intelligences who feed on their
misery and will do anything to increase their level of suffering
which is directly proportional to the psychic domination they
are able to impose.

The new waves of crime that regularly shock public sensi-
tivity indicate a form of behaviour intimately connected with
the inner voice phenomenon. Many perpetrators of heinous

The world of the mind remains a vast unknown, and those
who claim contact with higher dimensions do not necessarily
understand the profound responsibility they take on when
working with or serving forces or intelligences whose teachings
are taken for granted due to lack of an independent creative
mind. Total discernment can only be achieved through the difficul-
but necessary integration of one's own energy. Mediumship
is part of soul, or karmic, experience unless it falls under the full
control of a highly integrated personality.

Identity must be maintained at all cost when dealing with
psychic communication from other planes. Until the occult nature
and function of those contacts can be individually and personal-
ly evaluated, mediumship remains a soul-serving experience.
Those who become enthralled with psychic sciences risk psychic
induction and mental domination. Once the psyche has been
sufficiently magnetized, its forces can grow beyond the indivi-
dual's control. The reality of the mind is not measurable by the
unconscious intellect. This requires profound changes in the mechanics of consciousness and a full understanding of the psychic laws that underlie the systemic organization of the astral world.

The astral plane is a continuum of consciousness whose unwritten law is to lead the individual away from himself by creating and maintaining the illusion of the psychic ascendency of the ego. Man's curious and limited nature is one that believes and accepts, unwittingly, messages from beyond. He has been for so long estranged from himself that contact with other levels appears, at first, as the epitomy of mental and psychic freedom from insipid rational knowledge. The illusion is propagated by his willingness to believe, and this prerequisite is the price paid for his infatuation with entities that use his mind.

Disenchantment with the values of modern life and the lack of satisfying answers lead many upon unfamiliar, alienating paths. Those who hold an interest in occult sciences should be made aware of the potential quandry that lies ahead, should they pursue the study of mind sciences that defy rational ideas about existence and its underground. The mind is open to all kinds of influences, some more pernicious than others. The psyche is naturally predisposed to fascination and curiosity. Fascination for the occult is the beginning of a psychic awareness that results in the systematic weakening of the ego through the estrangement of the personality.

Occult sciences condition the mind to subliminal influences of astral origin, and dissociate it from the values of day to day living. Those forces breed and grow on the human psyche through the manipulation of thoughts, and ideas which in themselves are part of a subtle psychic game unknown to the unconscious ego. The study of the occult is not in itself dangerous. Ignorance of the occult astral underground and its laws is the real threat, sowing the seeds of potential instability in a mind lacking the necessary maturity to maintain a much needed balance between occult interests and daily existence.

The study of the occult demands a creative consonance of the mind to ideas and concepts that usually bewitch the ego with notions that tend to shift its attention away from the drudgery of life. Those who seek comfort in the study of the occult must do so on the basis of an objectively critical awareness rather than a desire to evade the mindlessness of the modern world; otherwise, the study of such sciences may well lead to a form of diversion, a way out of the world, and into a narrow existence.

Psychic seduction and occult sciences are intimately related. The occult cannot be taken at face value regardless of its credibility. It is part of the evolution of the mind to see through the veils of so-called revealed truths in order to arrive at an integrated reality. The occult invites the individual to seek further into the realm of the unknown with the help of his intuitive faculties; but its unveiling must precede its conquest if these sciences are to become the ultimate tool in the battle against ignorance. The occult never gives a foolproof understanding of the fundamentals of life and death or other metaphysical meanings, until the individual grows beyond the illusory astral reflection it creates in the spiritualized ego. Seduction always springs from naivety. Occult sciences do not predispose the student to objectivity. This can only be achieved through the realization that truth is a powerful and self-contained illusion that must be disposed of and replaced by the depolarized nature of the pure mind that knows without falling prey to seduction. The seeker of truth, in one form or another, is faced with the need to identify himself with a spiritual ideology in order to give his life meaning. At this point, seduction takes over the power of the mind and begins to undermine its creative centre in a manner that invites the development of the spiritual imagination at the expense of an objective psychic science.

Occult spiritual imagination can lead to dangerous and subtle forms of seduction. It can boycott the centrality of the pure mind and deflect from objective understanding as it grows into an overpowering force that dulls the critical faculties of the ego.
At this point, the ego loses its capacity to see through the astral light that threatens to imprison it within a form of thought that deprives it from contact with the higher mental levels of the real self. Spiritual imagination is a force that manipulates the ego according to its basic weaknesses and strengths. It is an equally powerful ally of occult spiritual forces.

Individuals involved in occult circles or sects risk their identity through the subservient role they play in acknowledging the value of a sectarian ideology. Only with great difficulty can they detach themselves from the powerful drawing force or egregore of sectarian consciousness that rules with the deep-seated conviction of a master of sorts, who can easily use circular arguments to reinforce the position of the sect's wilful orientation. Any individual seeking an identity through a sect loses his own identity with time. The sect will support his weaknesses and turn them into false strengths and vice versa. Psychic seduction is the primary principle of any sectarian organization, and only a strong, unimprovable consciousness can break away from such a vampiric force that destroys personal identity in order to create a monopoly on thought.

Spiritual naivety is the seed of psychic seduction. It increases as individual consciousness loses sight of itself as a primary value. Every aspect of a spiritual ideology seduces the ego. The very nature of spiritual consciousness in its occult form conditions the individual to a form of domination that binds it to an astralized will and consequently forces its behavior. Occult sciences, be they negative or positive, black or white, are spiritual in themselves. They seek to give access to parallel dimensions of self reality, while subjecting the individual to rules or rituals that only condition him to a collective illusion. Through such rituals he gradually loses his identity and his capacity to deal objectively with forces that operate beyond his physical dimension, and are devious, unless opposed and then integrated through a well developed centre of gravity.

The occult fascinates the human mind through its links with sources of energy which defy logic. Intuitive faculties are channels to the occult since intuition is a form of intelligence that is not rational. The occult opens the mind to forces whose nature the individual does not yet know and fully understand. He is subject to interpretations that will suit the ego but, at the same time, will gestate inner dynamics that will grow beyond his capacity to objectively control his own destiny.

Seduction is born of ignorance and grows in proportion to a lack of self-identity. It is a symptom of the lack of conscious thought that leaves the mind at the mercy of forces that oppose any development towards inner identity. It prevents the real self from coming into the focus needed to allow the ego to understand its relationship with the universe of the mind. Man's mind has been seduced for so long that he no longer has any connection to his own reality and its underlying laws. His consciousness is more of a reactionary process to stimuli than the creative process of an integrated consciousness. He is seduced by the authority of temporal or spiritual ideologies that convey the impression of transcendence, while leading his mind into servility. Religions have seduced mankind and mystified reality beyond recognition and objective comprehension, while science has failed to compensate creatively in that it has negated and thus shut off man's psychic impulses, his communication with alternate realities. Access to the pure mind has been thwarted from time immemorial. Seduction is the legacy of a failure to see through the deception of socially sanctioned truths. It interferes with the development and growth of personal identity, and real freedom that cannot be had until it is wrested away from unconsciousness. Seduction causes the ego to forsake reality and align itself with forces which rule in the name of ideals that use the sacred, the spiritual or the occult only to camouflage domination.

Ideologies have seduced man up to the very end of the twentieth century, molding his ways of thinking. He can no longer think by himself without some kind of outside support. As reli-
gious and temporal ideologies show more and more cracks in
their monolithic block, he is turning to the occult that will turn
out to be no less formidable a foe. Unless he learns to develop a
lucid, highly critical faculty based on pure mind, the new century
will force him to experience psychic and occult forces that will use
him as a naive channel for the unknown. The occult is flourish-
ing in the most industrialized nations. It is not necessarily the
commonwealth of underdeveloped countries or civilizations but
in the most advanced societies of the world where this age old
science is becoming a preoccupation.

The occult is spreading today in a growing variety of mar-
ginal spiritual sects and secret societies; and their many faces
are captivating the imagination and subduing the minds of
thousands while plunging the unsuspecting ego into a whirlpool
of disadvantageous experience. The seduced easily become
abductees through their own choice, oblivious while their teach-
ers forge on blindly or communicate naively with so called
sources of knowledge they cannot by themselves evaluate and
objectively integrate. Those who seek sectarian adherence are in
need of the identification that seduction promises. The material
world of marketing has developed sophisticated techniques of
seduction that enslave the masses in endless consumerism. On
the occult level, many are seduced by mystic merchants and lose
their identity in the process. As a result of this double onslaught
on the human mind, mental illness is on the increase and the
more advanced nations are burdened with a growing psychic
deficit.

Consumer marketing is a less threatening form of seduction
than its psychic or occult counterpart. People who are seduced
by the occult, risk ending up on a life raft which may not take
them where they wish to go on the basis of what they think they
know. While occult sciences may relax the individual's rigid
rational views on life and death, they may also instill in him
hopes, the likes of which may never materialize, considering the
illusions that have given them birth. Occult illusions are part of
a cosmic game played by the astral world against man. The uni-
verse is a multidimensional reality in which human and astral
interests are diametrically opposed. This is probably one of the
most basic and yet most difficult lessons to learn for anyone
interested in aspects of life that transcend the banalities of
everyday existence.

Seduction has immemorially worn the mask of truth. Not
surprisingly, history has been one of seduction at all levels. In
retrospect, one could say that the evolution of intelligence means
learning not to be seduced. While involution is a historical
process wherein seduction is total, evolution will reflect more
and more freedom for humanity and man as an individual.
Seduction has coloured so much of human consciousness that
were man to remain impervious to it, he would, by that fact
alone, be intelligent in a conscious creative sense of the word.

Psychic seduction is the most deceitful of all forms of sedu-
c tion. It not only enthralls the ego but also alters the vibrations
of the soul. Were man intelligent in a conscious sense of the
word, his mind would be free from it absolutely. It would no
longer be part of his mental or emotional experience. Seduction
is an astral path to human consciousness that seeks to influence
the ego until it loses its identity. Through seduction, the soul's
astral life program leads to suffering, the higher mind is sub-
jected to the power of the soul, and man loses his identity as an
intelligent being. He becomes a tool of life, a contradiction to
real freedom.

We have been seduced into thinking that free will is our real
freedom. The illusion of free will has replaced real freedom in
our mind. Millions of people, throughout the underdeveloped
world of the mind, bring havoc into their lives because of the
illusion of free will. The seductive forces at work in unconscio-
ous man are so powerful and active at this point in history that the
political events that are now shaping the future will destroy
world harmony and finally demonstrate the fundamental illu-
sion of unconscious free will, which is a far cry from real conscious freedom.

Evolution requires full consciousness of seductive forces at work in the world. Without it, human ingenuity is helpless before the onslaught that is capable of creating havoc on either a social or individual scale. The seductive process of unconscious life can only be arrested if we learn to identify the reality beyond thoughts and their power to magnetize us. Those who indulge in the study of occult sciences must understand that the nature of being cannot be grasped through any form of knowledge that has not been integrated into individualized consciousness. The fundamental process of psychic activity serves to teach us a lesson in the development of real intelligence. Unless we become profoundly aware of the seductive power of astral forces, we fail to relate to the inner core of our own being and mind, and we therefore fail to unify what seduction seeks to divide.

CHAPTER 5

Surrendering to the Occult

Occult sciences have an undefined but important role to play in the evolution of consciousness. Their increasing presence in books and films is a testimony to an interest spreading in the industrialized countries, revived by a new generation seeking a form of knowledge that is well delineated from the didactic authoritarianism that had marked education prior to the identity crisis of the sixties. As the identity crisis continues unchecked, psychic sciences are quickly becoming popular. The twenty-first century could be witness to forms of inner research and development that will strike a serious blow to superficial approaches to self-development, as a greater psychological and psychic freedom helps the individual out of his collectivity.

Occult sciences derive their compendium of knowledge from psychic sources which may or may not correspond to the general good of those who come in contact with them, due to the nature, obscure origins, and the influence they may bring to bear on their student’s undeveloped and too often naive personality. Occult sciences originate from an inner contact with psychic forces whose teachings conform in general to an astral view of life and reality. Unlike psychological sciences, they tend to create a sense of reality that is grounded in an arbitrary acceptance of their authoritative teachings. The nature of these sciences cannot be discussed from a rational point of view. This leaves much room for interpretation and, at the same time, imposes upon the student a subtle form of authority which is not easily disposed of by those who lack an essential center of discernment.

In themselves, psychic sciences are not a problem. However, the lack of maturity on the part of those who come in contact with them may be cause for concern. The Church has always