

In one of our earlier table talks we were discussing Astrology and the Messenger's point of view relating to that subject. We now return to that tape and develop the subject a little further as it relates to Tuning In, pseudo religion, extra-sensory, perception and the like. As only he can, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad develops the spiritual side of the questions and relates it to true knowledge. The subject for discussion is that one of the dinner participants had the distinct belief that she had been taught and instilled with the power to somewhat control peoples actions and thoughts by a learned person in one of the Asiatic lands. Let's pick up the conversation.....

She: Dear Apostle, when I was in-----there was an old man I use to visit and he had studies in Hinduism and he had given me books and literature on it. We were reading about different stages of development of controlling the mind. One time I got in a trance to some music. He had a tape of all kinds of funny music and it could play on your senses.

Muhammad: If you gave your senses over to it.

She: Yes. Well, I had given myself over into it. I got in a trance over this music. This old man told me that this music was what was played before people would go into a Temple to get you into the spirit to communicate with thoughts. He was telling me to direct my thoughts on one word, or one thought or one picture and keep it on that until you achieve a unification with that. (editors' comments: This is an established method of hypnotic induction by which the subject may or may not realize a trance--the hypnotic state--is being induced). Then you can direct your mind into other channels. I got to that stage I thought and I couldn't move. I knew he was speaking to me..... (Interruption by another dinner guest that we shall designate by the initials AB)

AB : He was continually speaking to you while the music was going?

She: No. He left me there.

AB: But every now and then he would say something to you right?

She: Yes. When he came back, I couldn't lift up an arm. I was on a plane (state of mind) where I felt I was away from everything yet I could see in the third person. He said if you put yourself in the 3rd person you can't feel pain or anything to your body because you are looking at yourself from the outside, therefore you are not conscious of anything that is inflicted upon you as a person. I think that's true sir. So I was in this hypnotic state.....

All Table Participants: That's right and that's the secret right there, you were in a hypnotic trance.

She: He could speak to me and I couldn't move. I could hear him and everything but I couldn't do anything until he threw water on me and slapped my face.

AB : Sister, while you were under this hypnotic state he could have told you anything he wanted to and you would have believed it. He could have suggested things into your mind such that from now on you would believe this and you would do this and do that and you would have been inclined to do them especially if you had gone to him more than once or twice.