

Recording 22 Study Questions and Answers

1. Why does Kriyananda say we should not take our cultural references with us to the astral?
We take not only our culture, but a very powerful cellular memory that resides in our red blood cells. The bloodline relationship goes all the way back to the wolf – not the monkey. That’s why we must neutralize the world now that we’re living in, the so-called awakened solar world, so that when we go to the astral we go to the astral that’s not modified by our race, our religion, our sex, and our culture. Our time-space coordinates that we’re in the solar world.
2. Why do some people walk through this world and never have any objective experience?
All experiences is a mixture of objectivity and subjectivity. And our problem is for most of us, the subjective elements override the objective elements.
3. How does this affect us on the astral?
We don’t hear what the astral is saying, because we’re so busy, semi-consciously, consciously, unconsciously, dealing with what Shelly calls that noise, that static. And from that particular standpoint, we don’t hear or understand what we’re seeing or hearing.
4. We need to transcend words. How do the mystics explain what is transcendent?
They use symbolism or mathematics. Shelly used electronics to teach, which goes well with mathematics.
5. What does it mean if your Sun is in the masculine half of a sign?
It means that your solar energies are more easily directed outward, and naturally moving outward.
6. What does it mean if your Sun is in the feminine half of a sign?
If it’s in the feminine half, whether that’s the first half or the second half, it tends to mean one is more introverted. Or one can work more easily, more comfortably, with their inner life, the psychological, emotional. As opposed to getting outside yourself and dealing with the sociological aspects.
7. What is a “shadow person” in Kriyananda’s philosophy?
The people outside of you are real entities, with personalities, and karma, and dreams. You look at them, the sensory pattern of your five, your six senses, pick it up. You immediately color it with past life memories, emotions, confusions, names, words, and so forth. And you create a distortion of that person. Kriyananda called this a shadow person.
8. What do your biological mother and father give to you symbolically?
The mother gives you the good and bad traits of the body, symbolically. And the father gives you symbolically the good and bad traits of your mind, or your brain.
9. If you never knew your mother or father, do you have a shadow mother and father?

Yes, you pick them up from your culture.

10. Of who or what are you a karmic extension?

You're a karmic extension of your race, your religion, your country, everything else. As you are even more intimately, a karmic extension of your mother and father. Which is not to say they give you their karma, but rather you link with, are bonded with, choose them. Because the karmas are almost exactly the same.

11. Do we choose our parents or do they choose us?

We pick our mother, absolutely. We do pick our father, but it's more tenuous.

12. Mystically, what is a person's odor?

Odor is love and odor is hatred. You fall in love with somebody because you like their smell. The odor is Venusian to you. That's all. And if you hate the person, we're talking about instantaneous liking and disliking, it's an odor.

13. If a soul, memory track or spirit circulates up and down a woman's spine, how many times can it go around before it can no longer leave?

Three times.

14. While the soul is circulating up and down her spine, the woman may feel that she is pregnant. Is she?

She is psychically pregnant.

15. If the child is not born due to miscarriage or abortion, has it still experienced an incarnation?

Yes, in terms of incarnation, the time spent in the womb is much longer than earth time.

16. What does your shadow mother have to do with your actual mother?

All shadows are nothing but you. That's why they're called shadows. It has nothing to do with the real mother. She may be a saint, you may think she's a bitch. But it's the shadow mother in you. It's the experience colored by your interpretation.

17. Can a man be a shadow mother?

If he raises the child alone, yes, he can be their shadow mother.

18. Do we choose everyone who comes into our life?

Yes, but it's a karmic choice, a subconscious attunement choice.

19. When we reach a state of greater spiritual maturity, how should we respond to karmic impulses and the desire to blame others?

We should meditate and reflect on what we see that we don't like, whoever we're going to blame for it, what's in us that we have to get rid of, and how do we get rid of it? And how do we stop it from growing into a bigger problem, deeper, more profound. So that our negative karma doesn't negatively affect other people.

20. Why it is important not to let our karma come out at others and negatively affect them?

If you look inside a person's soul, almost any piece of karma is there and can be activated.

21. Can you speed up the karma of the death of your body, or extend it?

Yes.

22. What is one reason why the time of our death is important?

We may die before certain karma can fire.

23. Why is the ascendant or ego the Stargate?

It will open or close according to the values of the ego. It will not open for what does not interest you. Which means it determines what you can draw out of the well of your unconscious mind. Loyalty and prejudices block anything other than them from coming through.

24. How can we help others?

Be happy, no matter what losses have occurred in our lives. If we are unhappy we spread that unhappiness to others.

25. What was Kriyananda trying to convey with his story of Einstein at the society party?

If you're persistent in your patterning, people will accept you as you. It doesn't mean persistent in being bitchy or crabby or otherwise. People, society around you will say, that's you. But it takes a great deal of skill, and warmth, and genuineness and so forth, before that'll happen.

26. Why does a hereditary disease or positive trait not always appear in every child of a family?

Hereditary works on a timing mechanism. It's not there all the time.