

How Prometheus stole Fire from the Devas

Or at least how I think it works for myself



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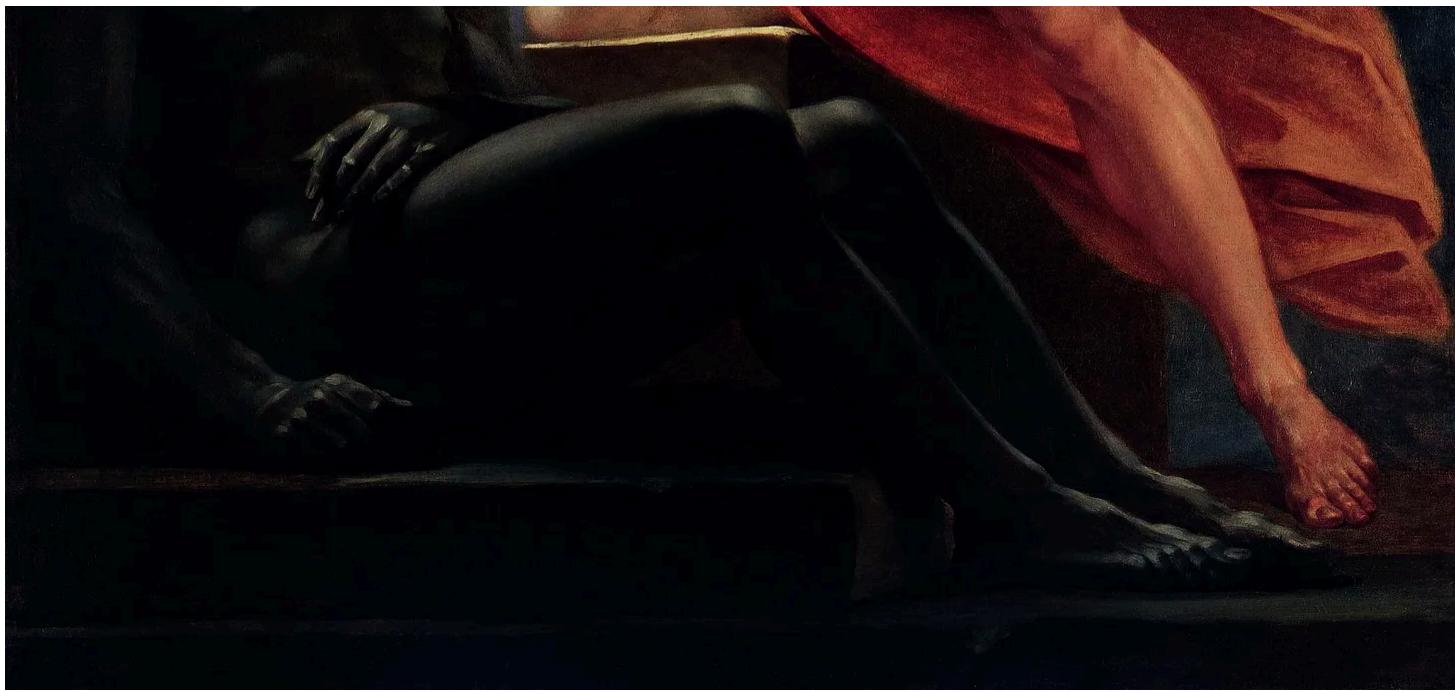


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Everyone knows Prometheus stole Fire from the Devas, but not many people explain how. I will attempt to explain how it works for me in the interest of documenting the process so other people have my words to explain the phenomenon.





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When I was sent on a trip by just the phrase “Eka-Varna Śakti Vidyā” last night, I carefully watched the process unfolding so that I could document the conceptual side of the experience. I already had experience with this from Tibetan One Taste, but that was too English for me. The mystical language of Sanskrit bypassed my normal conceptual mind filters and just looked like an extension of the pervasion operator mentioned in the post on Axiom Transitive Closure. The general gist of the phenomenon is a mystic will say just a one liner to another mystic like “my experience of the void is vivid” or “two mirrors facing each other outside of time” or Rumi’s

“Here’s the new rule: break the wineglass,

and fall toward the Glassblower’s breath.”

Any of these one liners will trigger an experience for a mystic. So I decided to investigate the phenomenon.

Clearly language is a compression. So extending on the [Pigeonhole Principle](#) idea, experience is compressed by language. So the interesting part is how language decompresses into experience. How are mystics legible to one another using twilight language? I can literally just walk up to a rando mystic of any tradition or even pratyekas these days and understand most of them and they understand me. So this must point to some back channel communication or shared unseen common experience.

Drawing from dictionary based compression algorithms like [Lempel-Ziv-Welch](#) language must expand into experience and the dictionary must be about the mapping between words and experience. I suspect that a lot of correspondence tables in astrology, herbology, chakras etc are about increasing the spanning space of each of the keys in the dictionary to eventually end up at One Taste.

Suppose you just exist as a singleton human and your only correspondence is red is bad because you fell and red stuff came out of your knee and it was painful. Then via something like the Hebbian learning paradigm, neurons that fire together, wire

together, you get the associative map with the row {red, blood, pain}. Then the singleton human joins society and that row expands to {red, blood, pain, lipstick, stop}. Then the human joins an esoteric tradition and that row expands to {red, blood, pain, lipstick, stop, magnetization, Deva of attraction (e.g. Sri Lalita / Kurukulle), red lady from the matrix}. Notice how a Deva sneaked into the associative map. It is very nice to have a Deva in at least one row in your experience, but if you have a wrathful one there are other ways to work with that (see Sasha's [article](#)) but I mostly work with Pure Land Devas. So I think then once there is enough shared rows in the dictionary a mystic is then able to just experience a shared phrase just because the rows contain enough elements in common to allow the entanglement of this experience. I think it's called sudden or like a lightning bolt because the appearance of the experience is sudden and unexpected as in [Sasha's article](#). My associative map also then "stole" elements of experience from his like "locked in" and seeing others as Yidam.

The One Taste can be thought of as infinite dimensional or $m \gg n$ experience of m dimensions mapping down to n symbols in language. As you slowly grow the size of the set of each row of symbols by associative memory or esoteric practice, the number of different tasting symbols n decreases to 1 and then all of experience maps to One Taste. This can be confused with pareidolia but pareidolia is like an incomplete transition, maybe the sense of the unfolding hasn't stabilized or viveka (discernment) is not there to paint the light and shadow parts of the projection.

So I think there are pre-requisites for being able to steal fire:

- No self. The ability to drop a rigid self image that allows you to temporarily experience another point of view.
- Impermanence. The understanding that all these experiences are impermanent is a super power because it gives the yogi freedom to explore.
- Vajra body or equanimity or sambhokaya. Some kind of secure feeling like a protector or diamond body or indifference or enjoyment body allows you to take any view without being afraid.
- Access to the Space element / Rainbow body / Dharma Freedom King / Shapeshifter. Some way to release your point of view and move to another point of view and back again.
- Belief in proximity. There is some quantization doing on in belief space because if you are close enough to another belief it will just snap together.
- Trust. A yogi once told me “just be sincere and honest”. I think practicing that allows me to see other people as sincere and honest so I can learn stuff from any being. A variant of beginners mind.
- Discernment. A different form of viveka or discernment is something like how transformers work. Portions of a text or what people are saying can be “highlighted” by the intuitive faculty. Definitely not the linear this statement is not true conceptual mind stuff. More embodied and autonomous.
- Intuition. Hear the void pratibha / da'at / gnosis / para vak, some way your whole body can communicate with you. Some way completely free of error that you trust

totally. It's just a channel so clear of projection you know intuitively you can trust it. I am not sure how this comes about, I guess lots of dual realm discernment. Unfortunately this and the above co-arise together so I have no idea how it appeared for me.

- Faith. You just have to trust the process and the process is good. So some experience of the universe as the Ground of All Good (samantabhadra), having done the Bodhisattva vow and ended up in a co-operative universe, belief in some Divine or Absolute principal that is supportive and has your back.

Once enough of the above are checked, then you should be able to copy fire from other mystics safely using these mind tools. Normal people won't understand it or be able to experience it so it's totally safe to just talk about it in plain sight. There is no secret in the non duality it seems. Any mystic should be able to experience stuff just by a single pointing out or two. There is so much open sourcing of these mind tools these days there is no point going to secret esoteric texts. Any open source and vetted text will do initially. I like the Mahayana ones like Lotus Sutra, Diamond Sutra, Heart Sutra etc. A practice community is fun and also adds to the safety sensation but these days the Buddha, Sangha and Dharma feel peer to peer and distributed rather than single authority. A practice community is also self upgrading, so I am experimenting with substack as one. Please post your favorite mind tools in the comments and I will see if any resonate with me. I tend to like the all pervading bliss and emptiness flavors.





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Suspect that the underlying root between all these mystic traditions and understanding resides in that the metaphysics are all the same. I find it not too difficult to map these concepts for average people or even rationalists if you have their language mapping and connect it with a few metaphysical rules.

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