

Gurdeep Thakur

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Age: 64 **Height:** 5'6" **Build:** small **Eyes:** brown **Hair:** grey; bald on top & sides are kept short

General appearance: A man of Indian ethnicity who in the face appears to be in his 70's, but he's surprisingly lean, fit and well-conditioned physically. Depending on what he's teaching, Gurdeep is either shirtless or wears silk martial artist attire while teaching in his studio.

Occupation: Yoga, Tai Chi, Aerobics, Meditation & Spiritual Enlightenment instructor in Seattle, WA. Owns and operates "The Highest State Meditation and Yoga Studio".

Family History of the Paranormal: Long History of psychic phenomena. *"Oh yes, its run in the family for generations. There have been several Swami's, fortune tellers, clairvoyants and the like in my family. In fact, my brother Ishaan and I are both physical psychics."*

Personal info of note: Born & raised in Seattle. 2nd generation American (grandparents are from India).

Career notes: Parents are both teachers in the math and medical field, but Gurdeep felt his calling in spiritual enlightenment and achieving "a more balanced pursuit of both physical and spiritual training".

Per Gurdeep: *"Ishaan and I both began developing our abilities early. I found my physical abilities developing through spiritual enlightenment while his developed through his love of the martial arts. I become a teacher of spiritual enlightenment; Ishaan went on to become a fighting competitor, before he was sentenced to a mental institution. While our abilities differ in various ways, we appreciate what the other does."*

Reason for Paranormal Investigating: Psychic Family. *"I do not think I could have chosen any other way; what is called the paranormal to most is normal to me. It is such a part of not only my being, but part of Ishaan's and my family's."*

Aptitudes: Firm grasp of his sense of spiritualism, a patient teacher and mentor, a surprisingly capable martial artist and instructor for his age, extensive knowledge in psychic phenomena and lore.

Side Observation: Gurdeep's learned from Ishaan's mistake of being seen performing his physical abilities in public. Ishaan attacked a possessed man, using his supernatural strength while doing so, breaking several of the man's ribs, left arm and his jaw; all of this in public. Seen as a danger to himself and others, Ishaan has resided in a mental health center for more than thirty years by continually swearing that psychic abilities and the supernatural exist. Gurdeep is very careful about using his abilities in public.

He's also the keeper of "**Joe in the Basement**". Underneath his studio is a large "hexagon arena". Half of the arena is built into one of the basement walls. Each section of the three hexagon walls has a shutter door that can lift to release captured supernatural beings into the arena. Depending on what he's captured at the time, Gurdeep's had Hell Hounds, Dybbuk's, Ghouls, Boschala's, and others available. But his most important "trainer" is a Brawling Joe. Gurdeep encountered and single handedly beaten this Joe more than a decade ago, and it's worked for him ever since (calls him "Boss"). Joe helps him "train" both investigators and monster hunters.

From the Katha Upanishad: *"When the five senses, along with the mind, remain still and the intellect is not active, that is known as the highest state."*