

# What's your aura like?

By Cassey Oliveira

Have always suspected it, and now it's been confirmed - I am passionate, intelligent, expressive and creative. A regular ray of sunshine in a region where 90% of others assessed suffer from emotional stress.

Aura reader Shivani Adalja saw all that in my aura. Now, if only she had told me how to put all these attributes to some use.

Shivani was born with a sight that enables her to see the colour of a person's aura through the naked eye. But she also shows you your aura colour through a biofeedback system that captures your aura onto her laptop screen. Mine was orange-yellow; was it only a coincidence that I was wearing a similar colour that day?

"People have normal vision, but I have vision with colours," she says. A gift she banked on to quit a rewarding career with Cathay Pacific airways, and establish 'The Alignment Institute' providing clients with new age well-being therapies.

She regularly visits the Six Senses Spa at Sharq Village & Spa in Doha to conduct aura alignment and guided meditation workshops. "Aura is the energy around your body. It is like your signature, it carries all your personal information from your past, present and po-

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tential future." And where does it come from? "Inside your body you have nerve endings fusing with one another that create a circular motion of energy called chakra. There are seven chakras located along your spinal cord and have the same colours as the rainbow.

Each one governs a particular aspect in your life and also controls a particular body part. When you have imbalance in a chakra, the part connected to that chakra starts malfunctioning. For eg, the heart chakra is related to forgiveness, anger and passion. People with anger issues or obsessive compulsive disorder are likely to suffer from heart problems in the long run."

However, not all of Shivani's clients possess auras like mine. About 90% of her clients from the region suffer from emotional stress that is reflected on the colour and shape of their aura. "This emotional stress could be due to reasons at work, childhood or relationships. In fact, infidelity is a big problem here," she mentions. To combat stress, Shivani provides them with an ingenious meditation therapy comprising hypnosis, neuro-linguistic programming (nlp) and meditation. "I don't do magic. I only change how you feel about certain issues through meditation. If you are willing to bring a change in your life, I can fix your problem no matter how deep or how bad," she assures.

Shivani will be visiting the Six Senses Spa from January 27-31, 2013.

## Some famous auras

Two of the famous clients that Shivani has read auras for were:

**Boris Becker:** "His aura was completely red; red is the colour for activity and energy. Most sports personalities have very red auras."

**Madonna:** "Her aura was entirely blue and green. Creative people have lot of blue in their auras. Most mothers also have a lot of green in their auras which represents unconditional love. In addition, she also has a violet aura because she follows a lot of spiritual practices." ■



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# Vroom, vroom...



What: Qatar Supercar Gathering

When: 13 December, 2012

Where: Qatar Sports Club

What did you miss: An impressive display of some of the most amazing supercars you could have ever imagined.

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A regular night out in Qatar might involve anything from a stroll along the Corniche to a fancy dinner with friends at one of Doha's luxury hotels.

No matter how you decide to spend your night, chances are your conversations will be frequently brought to a halt by the unforgiving howl of some of the world's fastest supercars. What event organiser Mohammed Al Kubaisi aimed to do was round up the best of Doha's European supercar scene and put this in one place for everyone to enjoy in what was dubbed the first official 'Qatar Supercar Gathering'.

In an array of blinding matte paintwork, "the finest of Europe's automotive ingenuity" materialised on a Thursday evening in December. Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Mercedes AMGs and McLarens were of notable contribution to the rumble of engines that echoed through Qatar Sports Club during the gathering. Bearing in mind the impressive turnout of supercars and enthusiasts alike, there is no doubt another gathering is in the works for 2013. ■



# She's got the look

Inspired by an interview with Razan Suleiman, Founder and CEO of BYLENS.

By Damian Radcliffe

**Thobe or not Thobe, that is the question.**

I'm not quite sure that works Mr Shakespeare, but you have nailed one of the reasons why BYLENS was set up.

**I have?**

You have. The difference between a Qatari thobe and Emirati thobe is huge. Most companies in Qatar use similar photos in their ads and you can tell that the model is not Qatari.

**Does this matter?**

Well, if you're a Qatari business you probably want to give the correct image of Qatar and Qatari people. Most online photo libraries use Emirati models.

**There must be loads of other people doing this kind of thing.**

Apparently not. Whilst other sites like iStockphoto, Shutterstock, Arabian Eye and Corbis Images exist, their focus is different. In our field there aren't that many competitors, we currently have a huge stock of photos that are ready for sale, and we can also customise a photo to shoot if the client requests it.

**So there is a real gap in the market?**

Yes, but that wasn't the only reason we set up our own business. People choose to become entrepreneurs for many reasons. We were unsatisfied working for someone else. We had a desire to be our own bosses and lead our own company.

**I bet it's tough at the top though?**

It can be. The greatest fear we had when starting our business was the instability of it all. The lack of revenue and not knowing whether we could make ends meet.

**Sounds tough.**

No doubt. Hard work aside, our solution was a simple one. We surrounded ourselves with people who would support us whether our business succeeded or failed. This gave us the room to build a business without worrying about what our peers were thinking.

**Friends, they'll be there for you. Even when the rain starts to fall.**

Well, that doesn't happen that often in Qatar, but I get your drift.

**What other challenges did you face?**

Finding people who would model, getting approvals from different locations, getting property release forms signed, and then spreading the word so that people would buy our photos.

**Sounds exhausting! So how is BYLENS doing?**

We have 25 returning customers and 11,193 followers on Twitter.

**Not bad. What next?**

We're not short of ambition, that's for sure. We are looking at expanding into international markets and franchising. If we have a successful business and can develop a system that ensures that others can duplicate our success, franchising may be the fast track for growing our business. Watch out Donald Trump! ■



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