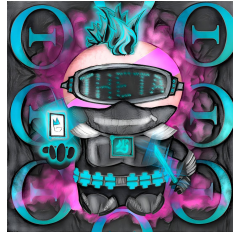-PRESENTS-

A Seeker's Guide to Accruing Aura

Mystic Gurus - A Brief History

Mystic Gurus launched on OpenTheta.io on December 17, 2021. The *Promotional Set*, said to represent "A taste of things to come," and comprised of 555 NFTs, included 108 NFTs with NOW Watch attributes that rewarded their owners (for a limited time) with a physical redeemable NOW Watch. We produced a very popular commercial for this redeemable which can be viewed [HERE](). We also released the infamous *Secret Pineapple Buys a Mystic Guru* Commercial which earned the praises of many, including that of the SPS Creator himself. Watch that Commercial [HERE]().

More importantly, Mystic Gurus began a campaign of collaborations, becoming a leader in the Theta community when it came to the *now* well-known *Crossover NFTs* between Theta Network projects. We also pushed the envelope with our heavy promotions on social media. As a result of all this, the Theta Community became enamored with the project. The Promo Set sold out in 9 hours.

Soon after, Mystic Gurus went on to build the strongest promotional ground team in the Theta ecosystem known as *The Mountain Guides*, including Theta influencers and Facebook Community powerhouses. Soon after, we started the *Mystic Gurus Affiliate Program* (MGAP), Theta's first and *only* collaborative union of creators, including projects from both OpenTheta and ThetaDrop. With Warmed by Tfuel, we became the first project to launch a video NFT on Theta's own Theta Video API.

Now, with our upcoming set, popularly known as *Season 1*, but officially titled *The Core Set*, we will once again lead the way in innovation within the Theta Ecosystem by being the *first* project to give to the community what it has so patiently waited for - the next level of utility - NFT Staking.

NFT TYPES

GENERATIVE NFTs

The Promo Set of NFTs (released in December 2021) was a generative set, which simply means that each of the unique NFTs was generated by a randomizer software. The way this works is that a huge collection of custom artwork (called attributes) is input into the randomizer software, then the software is set to randomly (with certain guidelines, of course) combine the attributes into the artist's desired number of unique NFTs .

The Core Set will host some 500+ unique attributes, resulting in a massive library of unique combinations. At the time of writing this document, 500+ attributes in a single project is unprecedented in the Theta Ecosystem. We wanted to set a new standard, so we did.

Rarity of these NFTs is determined by determining the frequency of the various attributes within a set, and giving each of them a rarity ranking. Then, by considering the various attributes that go into a single NFT, the various rarity rankings are cross-multiplied to determine an overall rarity ranking for the NFT. Once this is done for each NFT, using some clever automations, we are able to produce a Rarity Chart. Click HERE for the OG Mystic Gurus Promo Set Rarity Chart.

CUSTOM NFTs

In our collections, we have also included NFTs that are *not* generative. Where generative NFTs are unique and organized combinations of attributes designed by an artist, Customs are hand-designed from top to bottom with a *single* theme in mind, and no randomizer software is involved. Oftentimes, customs are created for Crossover Events, Personalized NFTs, and Special Occasions that require a customized piece of art.

Since each and every custom is one-of-a-kind, it doesn't make sense to include it in the same rarity chart as their generative cousins, so custom will use a distinct rating system, not based on rarity, but rather, on popularity. People will either Upvote, or Downvote on the various customs shown on a chart, to help those customs move up and down in position on the chart. At the time of writing this document, this is an unprecedented NFT rating system in any blockchain. We wanted to create something unique, that would allow the community to truly voice their choice, and play a real role in the valuation of their NFTs.

With future mechanics yet to be released, there will be a need for customs that are not only 1 of 1s, but rather may be 1 of 10, or 1 of 20, etc. We will drop mini-collections of custom NFTs which will include NFTs of varying repetition/rarity (1 of x identical NFTs). Such a system is currently employed by projects like Theta Frogs and Battle Pugs.

These Custom NFTs will create some very interesting interactions in the newly-designed rating system. This feature is under development and release is TBD.

TECHNICAL TERMINOLOGY

Staking an NFT -

To *stake* is to make the choice to enter your NFT into a blockchain contract. In the case of the Mystic Gurus Staking Contract, you benefit from your Guru's interaction with the contract, *but* these benefits only apply while the NFT is staked, and *only* while it is staked. This means that if you choose to remove the NFT from the blockchain contract, you will no longer reap the contract benefits. While an NFT is staked, it will leave your wallet and enter the contract. You still own it, but the contract manages it.

This is similar to (though not exactly the same as) the experience of putting money into a bank in hopes of having it accrue interest. The money is yours, but you have entered it into the bank. The bank then manages it for you, oftentimes accruing interest.

In this example, the money you put into the bank is like the NFT, the bank itself is the Staking Contract, and the interest earned is the benefit gained from the staking contract.

In the Mystic Gurus Ecosystem, when you stake your Guru, it is referred to as *Entering The Shrine to Meditate*, and so, a staked Guru NFT is said to be *Meditating*. You may withdraw your Guru from the staking contract at any time and transfer it back to your wallet instantly.

TNT20 Token -

This is a cryptocurrency token that lives on the Theta blockchain. As such, it can be used as a tradeable asset in the exchange of digital goods and services by anyone who accepts that particular TNT20 token. The Mystic Gurus TNT20 Token is named *Aura*.

There is a simple setup process which allows you to see your earned Aura in your Metamask Wallet:

1. Open your Metamask Account
2. After logging in make sure you have "Assets" selected
3. Scroll down to the bottom and you will see the option to click "Import Token"
4. Paste in the Aura Contract address:
   `0x9AA68D9652699654DA9589633023DeEB8A56f2b5`
5. It should automatically fill in the other boxes (AURA and 18 Decimals). If not, type them into the fields.
6. Click import, and you should now see your Aura balance on the assets page!

   *The Guru's Golden Rule for Aura and the Shrine: Anyone can launch their own tokens/contracts with similar names. Only interact with Aura and Staking from the exact contract address or only within the Mystic Gurus site. Any links, e-mails, or messages that request interactions with Metamask should be ignored.

Booyah!

STAKING NFTs - *Meditation*

What You'll Need

1. Metamask account

2. At least 1x Mystic Guru NFT in your wallet.

How to Stake

1. Login to the website (MysticGurus.club) with your Metamask Account set to "Theta Mainnet."

2. After logging in, locate the Main Menu and select the tab labeled, "The Shrine."

3. You will see your Mystic Gurus Dashboard where you'll be able to view and select from the various Gurus you own. The Dashboard will also provide you with metrics and information about your Gurus and the progress of their Meditation.

4. Then follow these steps:

      1- Send Guru to Shrine? (click Approve)

      2- Give Permission to Access your MG? (click Confirm)

      3- Metamask will begin the process, and it may say "Pending Transaction." You will then be presented with the option (yes, again) to "Send to Shrine" and you will toggle YES.

      4- Metamask will ask you to Confirm again (click Confirm), and your Guru will now be staked. As such, he will begin materializing Aura from the fabric of consciousness through his meditation!

      NOTE: If you wish to sell a Guru, you will first need to unstake it, by clicking that same toggle to "Unstake" before you can move it into a marketplace.

Considerations:

- After staking, you may need to give the blockchain a few seconds to see your guru join his meditating friends in the "Staked Gurus" section.
- In some cases you may need to do a page refresh to get updated results on the Shrine page.
- The nature of staking occurs on the blockchain; you do *not* need to remain logged in after setting your Guru to Meditate, nor do you have to keep The Shrine page open. Your Guru will now be hard at work until you pull them from the Shrine.
- Browser compatibility will be an ongoing development. Currently, the desktop version of the *Chrome* browser has the best compatibility for interacting in the Shrine. We will keep you posted on compatibility updates as they are accomplished.

HOW MEDITATION ACCRUES AURA

The Basics

Every day, there is a calculated supply of Aura to be distributed to all meditating Gurus. We call this the *Aura Supply*. This supply will grow or shrink depending on the total number of Gurus staked on the whole network at any given time. That number of gurus will henceforth be referred to as *the Congregation*.

At any moment, the size of the Congregation may change, seeing as how people will be moving their gurus into and out of the Shrine. As this happens, the staking contract will automatically calculate and adjust the Aura Supply.

When Meditating, each Guru will accrue Aura at a unique rate referred to as that Guru's Mindfulness Multiplier (MM). The Guru's MM determines how much Aura the guru will accrue *per* hour.

The M^{indfulness} M^{ultiplier} (MM)

A benefit of having a Guru Meditate is that its MM will begin to increase over time. This means that the longer your Guru meditates, the more Aura that Guru will be able to accrue for you when it meditates. For your Guru's MM to increase, it must *Level Up*.

The staking contract is designed so that each time a Guru has meditated for a cycle of (approximately) 30 days, it will Level Up. To be clear: if a guru that has been meditating for X number of days and is removed from The Shrine (and is therefore no longer meditating since the time it was removed), the contract will remember how many days it meditated for up until the point of its removal from The Shrine. In this way, when the Guru returns to Meditation (by you or by a new owner), it will resume its Leveling up process from the last day recorded by the staking contract.

Leveling-Up

Gurus are enlightened beings who are undergoing a process of *Awakening*. Gurus who are just starting out are said to be at *Awakening Level 1*. The more a Guru meditates, it will *Level Up* and reach new Awakening Levels.

The Relationship Between Aura Supply, The Congregation, and your Gurus' $M^{indfulness}$ $M^{ultiplier}$

You understand the Basics, but you're wondering how all those concepts work together to create a nice fat pool of Aura in your wallet. So… We're going to talk Math. Specifically, we're going to talk Fractions.

Your Guru's MM is like a fraction, and this fraction represents how much of the Aura Supply your guru accrues.

1. If only 10 Gurus are Meditating, and all ten of those Gurus are of the same Awakening Level, then each one of those gurus will receive equal 1/10 of the Aura supply during that hour.

2. Now, suppose that during the next hour, the number of Gurus Meditating doubles, and all of the Gurus are still of the same Awakening Level. Now, your Guru will receive 1/20 of the Aura Supply for that hour. You are receiving a smaller fraction of the supply because the Aura Supply is updated every hour, based on the Congregation size. As the congregation increases and decreases so will the Aura supply for that hour. For this reason, all gurus of the same Awakening Level will receive an equal share of the Aura Supply.

3. Things get more fun when Gurus begin to Level Up. If a single Guru reaches Awakening Level 2, and the other 19 Gurus are still at Awakening Level 1, then the Level 2 Guru will take a larger share of the Aura Supply for that hour, while the other Gurus will split the remaining Aura Supply. In this case, that Level 2 Guru will accrue more Aura than any of the individual Level 1 Gurus.

4. If more than a single Guru has Leveled Up, then the gurus of the highest Levels will take a bigger cut of the Aura Supply than any of the Gurus of lower Levels.

5. In other words, the higher Awakening Level your Guru has reached, the bigger his/her cut of the Aura Supply will be when compared to Gurus of lower levels.

TRY IT ON DESKTOP (not optimized for mobile):
To download the *Interactive Aura Rewards Estimator*, click HERE and *only* change the values in the Green Column.

Syncing vs Claiming (your Aura Rewards)

When interacting with the Shrine Dashboard, you'll see a SYNC AURA button at the top-right of the Guru-Staking window. This SYNC button materializes the Aura your Guru has earned, but only after paying a small transaction fee. This transaction will multiply your staked hours (the hours that have not been sync'd yet) by your current MM. In this way, whenever you click SYNC AURA, you will receive only the Aura that is available to you since the previous time you sync'd your Guru.

The longer you wait between syncs, the more Aura you will have built up for the next time you sync. *But* there *is* one catch: The Aura you receive at the time of syncing will be based on the MM your guru has at the time of syncing, *not* at the time when your guru was meditating to earn that aura. Here's a story to help illustrate what we mean:

The Story of You, *The Unlucky Mechanic*

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     You, my friend, are a factory mechanic who gets paid on a
schedule that is based on:
     A- Your certification level
     B- How many hours you worked
     C- The current pay rate for your certification level

     On Week 1, you work 40 hours. You go to your boss and tell him,
"Hey Bossman. I worked 40 hours this week."
     Your boss nods and smiles and says, "Good man. Currently, we pay
Level 2 Mechanics $20/hr, so that means you just made $800."
     Overjoyed with this, because you can now afford to buy that
oh-so-coveted PS5, you cash in and get your $800, and head off to the
Montavera Video Game Shop. You get your PS5 and spend the whole
weekend destroying 12 year-olds online on the New "Call of Duty: Rise
of the Shrine."
     On Week 2, you work 40 hours again, and again you go to your
boss and tell him, "Boss. I worked 40 hours." This time, the boss
says, "Good man. You get $760!"
     Confused and perturbed by the apparent cut in your pay, you
ask, "Hold up, Bossman. Last week, I worked the same number of hours
but I made $40 more. What da dil is?"
     Your boss smiles, knowingly. You really hate that smile.
     "Listen here, Sport," he says. "Over the weekend, a couple of
Level 2 mechanics put in overtime and leveled up to Level 3. As a
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result of there being more Level 3s, the pay rate for Level 2s has dropped. If you want to make more money again, you'll have to work more hours and Level Up. Level 3's are currently making $21/hour."

On Week 3, you put in overtime and level up, and approach your boss about the next payday. *"Great work, Old Chap. You've earned a higher pay rate!"*

Your next conversation with the boss doesn't happen for another four weeks, in which time you racked up 160 hours.

"Hey Boss," you say, "Check it out. I have 160 hours and when I leveled up, you told me my new rate way $21 and hour, so what's the Math on that paycheck?"

Your boss drags a hand down his face and shakes his head.

"I think you're not quite understanding, Buddy Boy. You see, $21/hr was your new rate three weeks ago, when you first leveled up. You stayed at that rate for the three weeks that followed, and if you had cashed in on your hours last week, you would have gotten paid for those three weeks at that rate. However, as of yesterday, many of your coworkers leveled up higher than you, which means I have to pay them more. That also means your rate goes down. Since you never cashed in on your hours for those first three weeks when your rate was up, and you want to cash in now, I will have to pay you based on your new rate of $18/hr."

Bewildered, you begin to sweat and run the numbers in your head.

"You mean to tell me," you say, "That if I had just been talking with you each week, I could have known to cash in sooner, and gotten more money for my hours than I'm going to get now?"

"That's right," says the Boss. "I always keep my employees informed, so long as they approach me regularly."

After these experiences, you learned two important lessons:

1- The best way to make lots of money is to be one of the highest level workers

2- Having regular conversations with the boss is critical to cashing in at the best time possible

In the years that followed, you went on to apply these principles and as a result, you advanced greatly and made lots of money. You saw others fall behind when they took vacations, or didn't work weekends, or failed to communicate with the boss. But you learned your lesson early on and eventually that made you a very rich man.

I could go on with this story and tell you how you go on to marry a beautiful girl, who turns out to be an alien from the planet Zynthar, and why her ex-lover decides to come

kidnap the both you, but that wouldn't help you understand *Rewards Syncing vs Claiming*, so instead I'll stop the story here.

Syncing is when you go to your boss and tell him how many hours you worked so that he may begin the process that leads to you cashing out. Think of syncing as the conversation with your boss. You know, the one you should have been having more regularly in order to stay on top of things.

With our system, you can choose to sync your rewards anytime you want and they will be added to your "Unclaimed Aura" slot, based on your MM. Just like in the story, your rewards can change based on how many hours your guru has meditated, your most recent daily calculated MM, and the Congregation. To take advantage of this function it is best to "sync" on the day your guru levels up before other gurus have leveled up since your MM will now be drawing more Aura for those unsync'd hours.

When you *do* finally claim your rewards, they are transferred from your Unclaimed Aura Slot, to your Metamask Wallet. Essentially, the consciousness of your Guru's mind has been made manifest in Aura Token. Good job! Way to navigate the nuance of space and time.

Morale:
1- Timing your sync allows you to claim rewards at the best available rate (not by a lot, but for those who want to get ahead it will help)
2- Meditating without unstaking is the best way to level up faster
3- Leveling up is the most impactful thing you can do to increase your MM

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Claiming your Aura rewards

Over time you will want to claim that beautiful and scarce Aura your Gurus have been accruing, and move it from the staking contract and into your personal wallet. Doing so is as easy as going to *The Shrine* page on the website and clicking the "Claim Rewards" option for your staked guru.

Maintenance Fees

To keep the contract and its ledger up to date the transaction events that occur for staking, unstaking, claiming rewards, syncing, and future interactions contribute to the regular maintenance of the contract on the Theta blockchain. This means the NFT contract does not require anything but the stakers themselves as a community to keep it updated as opposed to a single source. How Mystical is that!

Aura Supply and Minting Schedule

Currently the Aura Token supply is not-fixed. Every month additional Aura will be minted and sent to the staking contract to enter circulation via staked Gurus. Based on the final launch count of the Core Set and finalized functionality a final mint will be completed and locked to the staking contract. The Aura Token contract has been outfitted with the ability to renounce ownership after which the Aura supply will become permanently fixed.

What is Aura good for?

Aura will serve many functions in the Mystic Gurus Ecosystem. There will be future digital and physical assets which will be purchasable *only* with Aura.

Examples of this include (but are not limited to):

1. NFT *Items* to assist in your Guru's Meditation.
2. Exclusive Custom NFTs.
3. Access to New Mechanics.
4. Exclusive Guru Gear for you, the Guru Crew!
5. Possible use as currency in Play-to Earn Video Games and Metaverse/Guruverse Applications later on.
6. It is also a widely known fact that Aura is a much needed resource in the world of Yonder. Perhaps you'll find yourself participating in a one-of-a-kind interactive experience, helping two lone seekers in their journey to the Shrine. For more on this, be sure to keep up with *'Mystic: A Story.'*

PROXY CONTRACTS

Smart Contracts are immutable and as such, they provide security. They can't change and they can't *be* changed. This is their appeal for the security it provides the users. Most projects you see using smart contracts use these set-and-forget kind of contracts.

So, what happens when a project like that wants to upgrade its mechanics? Simply put, they can't. At least not on the *same* smart contract. The only way to make such a change is to write an entirely *new* smart contract and inform the *entire* project community to start using the new contract. This process is messy, time-consuming, and can be confusing for the community.

Mystic Gurus aims to be a forward-thinking company, always innovating, so we knew we needed something better. This is why we've invested much time and development building our implementation through a *Proxy Contract*.

A Proxy Contract will allow us to deploy new features, upgrade old ones, develop and execute new mechanics, and improve transaction fees whenever possible, without getting locked-in to a fixed smart contract. The staking address will remain the same, but it will delegate functions and new logic via upgraded contract versioning. What we can't change are previous functions and variables on the blockchain; there is no delete button for anything, only a ledger with updated variables and transactions. We will be taking advantage of the ability to add functionality.

Once we have completed the Mystic Gurus staking contract with all of its planned features and functionality, we will renounce admin ownership of the proxy contract making the contract permanent and decentralized of *any* authority.

We have *several* innovative mechanics currently being tested, some of which we have not seen in *any* other NFT-Staking projects, Theta or otherwise. We want the community to participate in a growing strategic, interactive, and lore-driven experience. As we develop and test these new mechanics, we will be able to make the necessary changes to the proxy contract over time.

MORE TO COME

Mystic Gurus was never meant to be *solely* an NFT project. From the start, this was about something bigger, and we always planned on delivering via multiple channels. For example, additionally to our NFTs we have begun and will continue to produce entertaining content filled with humor, suspense, and of course Philosophy:

1. "*Mystic: A Story*" is an interactive audio and visual storytelling experience that will take you on an unforgettable journey across a post-apocalyptic Montavera, to find the Legendary Guru and rediscover the Long Lost Shrine.

2. "*The Montavera Chronicle*", is our brand new podcast. Listen in as we guide you into the strange, yet fascinating world of Montavera, homeland of the Mystic Gurus. Sit back and get to know its wonderful people, discover its best-kept secrets, and learn its history first-hand. You'll soon feel a sense of belonging. Then a sense of purity. Then a sense of dread. Then a sixth sense. Then a sense of righteousness. It's all part of the show here at The Montavera Chronicle.

Understand that aside from entertainment value, those who tune in and learn the lore provided by these two mediums may find themselves to have a competitive edge when future mechanics are released. 😉

THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!

Please submit additional questions via the appropriate Discord channels.
We will do our best to respond in a timely manner.

Farewell Seekers. As always, we shall see you in The Shrine!

No, Guru!
Baaaad Guru