Here are fourteen great nerve centers in the physical body, in the astral body and in the body of the soul. These centers are called chakras in Sanskrit, which means "wheel." These spining points of energy are actually regions of mind power, each one governing certain aspects of our inner being, and together they are the subtle components of people. When inwardly perceived, they are vividly colorful and can be heard. In fact, they are quite noisy. When awareness flows through any one or more of these regions, the various functions of consciousness operate, such as memory, reason and willpower.

The physical body has a connection to each of the seven higher chakras through plexuses of nerves along the spinal cord and in the cranium. As the Kundalini energy rises through the spine, it enters each of these chakras, energizing them and awakening in turn each function. By examining the functions of these great centers, we can clearly cognize our own position on the spiritual path and better understand our fellow man.

In any one lifetime, one may predominantly be in two or three centers, thus setting the pattern for the way one thinks and lives. One develops a comprehension of these seven regions in a natural sequence, the perfection of one leading logically to the next. Thus, though we may not psychically be seeing spinning forces within ourselves, we nevertheless mature through memory, reason, willpower, cognition, universal love, divine sight and spiritual illumination.

There are six chakras above the mūlādhāra, which is located at the base of the spine. When awareness is flowing through these chakras, consciousness is in the higher nature. There are also seven chakras below the mūlādhāra, and with growth and healing, the biophysics of nerve action and reaction. Suddenly a simple and natural part of the building to other building and of each floor to the next. Venturing up into the mūlādhāra, we enter the base of consciousness of being one of the chakras. Awareness travels up one of the centers, and the more refined it is, the higher and higher, it gains a progressively broader, more comprehensive and beautiful vista. Reaching the top floor, it views the panorama below with total understanding, not only of the landscape below, but also of the relation of the building to other buildings and of each floor to the next. These great centers of the mūlādhāra, we enter the base of consciousness.

Planetary Patterns: During each predominate age throughout history, one or another of the chakras has come into power. When the Greek God Cronus, the God of time, was worshiped, the mass consciousness came into memory—the mūlādhāra chakra, with its seven fixed centers of awareness. As a past event makes its way into the present, it will influence future, dates and records. Next the mass consciousness came into the Svādhishthāna and its powers of reason. Reason was a God in the Golden Age of Greece. Discourse, debate and logic became instruments of power and influence. If it was not reasonability, it was not true. Next the chakras of will came into power. Man conquers nations, waged wars, developed efficient weapons. Crusades were fought and kingdoms established. The mass consciousness came into the Anāhata and its powers of passion. He whoCommanded love and hatred, good and evil, was the Messiah. One religion was established over another. The religious teachings of the people was the religious teaching of the God, and the world was ordered. If awareness is mature and full, however, having incarnated many, many times, one goes on at twenty-one to twenty-eight into the next chakra of the Ādītāla. From twenty-eight to thirty-five, one is in the fourth chakra, Vishuddha. The inner voice is the instinctive will, memory—reason is the chakra of anahata, the chakra of love. The emotions withdraw from the mind, and the mind and the body are in a beautiful balance. There will be a natural hierarchy of things in creation.

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