F601, Survey of Non-Traditional Beliefs

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Classical Elements

Aether, Prana, White Light

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Chakras

Chopra Center:

"To visualize a chakra in the body, imagine a swirling wheel of energy where matter and consciousness meet. This invisible energy, called <u>Prana</u>, is vital life force, which keeps us vibrant, healthy, and alive."

there are seven of them

you have:

two single pages that were hand out items: color print of body with placement chart based on the info from Mitra

easier to follow with the separate charts

are also in your handout after the Mitra info

charts and drawings are all top down learn and work with chakras from the bottom up more dense to less dense

Chakras

From material held by the Jains

Jainism is an ancient religion from India that teaches that the way to liberation and bliss is to live a life of harmlessness and renunciation. The aim of Jain life is to achieve liberation of the soul.

www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/jainism/BBC

concepts "released" sometime in 1970s former monk by the name of Chitrabhanu came to US from India founded Jain Meditation Center in NY in 1973

Lecture Material: March 7, 1980, St Andrews Methodist Church (Alexandria, Virginia)

First Chakra: MUDLAHARA

Location: base of the spine

Element: earth Human sense: smell

Visualization: yellow square or cube, sit on it and let it grow larger

sense of four sides: north, east, south, west alternate: yellow circle with cross inside

Mantra: SHEE-VUM' SHANTI

feeling of joy peace, tranquility

love

Notes: benediction to earth

if being successful, then sense of smell is intensified if sense of smell goes, then need to work with first chakra

if give out peace to earth, then get back security

use when you feel fear

security is not in "things" we own, security is within

Second Chakra: SWADISHTANA

Location: below the navel

Element: water Human sense: taste

Visualization: body of water at night with a crescent moon

may see self in the moon see the light on the water

moon grows to full and then you become the moonlight

Mantra: MANO RAMUM

in mind player in the mind

Notes: place of one's own residence

creative energy therefore sexual

therefore build security and then enjoy psychologically is feelings of self esteem

all the fluids related to creative and sexual energy

sense of taste intensified, needs saliva (i.e., water in mouth)

lovers must be secure with each other if not there is no sexual energy

when in touch with this chakra

get a increase in self esteem

get sense of direction

increase your own individuality

sense of joy

Third Chakra: MANIPURA (city of jewels and the jewels reflect light)

Location: from navel up to base of rib cage

Element: fire Human sense: sight

Visualization: fire around sides of a triangle, base at navel, apex at sternum

Mantra: RAM

giver to life to this center, mind and body

Notes: power center, communication

fire center

OK to be helpless, but must take responsibility and ride it out

can always transcend it

once take responsibility can usually change it

slowly but it works

umbilical cord center

if want control, let go of the control

control self, not others

people who always plan ahead, think ahead, because want to

be in control are stuck in the 3rd chakra

fire = agni

in yoga

use this with 3rd eye to burn up old tapes

to burn up old tapes:

SITKARA: burning of the snake

1. relax and open up 3rd chakra

say RAM, RAM,.... until chakra opens

2. take a deep breath

picture the experience just had and all the feelings see flames burn the picture

3. take a breath and let it out with a hiss burns any left overs

breathe through nose

disturbs other chakras if breathe through mouth story of monkey and jar of chick peas:

monkey sticks his hand in the jar and grabs peas mouth of jar is too small

if hold onto peas, cannot get hand out

let go and will find jewels

give space for own divinity

will empty self and there will be room

Fourth Chakra: ANAHUT or ANAHATA

(resounds with beautiful feelings of love)

Location: heart Element: air Human sense: touch

Visualization: sky blue pearl, expand until merges with air around it

sparkling point of white light

Mantra: SO HUM

that I am

SO HUM:

inhale: life exhale: I am

Notes: get in touch with feelings

opens the heart center, then develop psychic skills

inhale fresh life, exhale poisons and toxins

plug into this center and will when plug into divinity

we are a drop in a grand ocean

but drop and ocean are the same stuff,

merge and then can't tell the boundary between two

become one

heart has wisdom that is incredible, let it out if do not love, cannot breathe and cannot live

when love looks up, it is reverence when love looks down, it is benevolence when love looks eye to eye, it is acceptance use I Corinthians 13 for a definition of love Fifth Chakra: **VISHUDHI** Location: throat Element: aether Human sense: hearing Visualization: oval, scarlet or mauve or transparent expand to infinite Mantra: AIM (said fast and short) element of wisdom wisdom through experience on the feeling level (not through knowledge) Notes: purity of purity essence of essence creative will center, will create activity within body everything around, inside, and within, means that get a cup relationship between inner and outer space of person implies personality, body shape, etc. as get in touch with this chakra: words are more powerful in harmony with everything, even worst enemy give space to everything and every one pick up clairvoyance see time: past, future, present get meaning behind "Time does not exist" there is no form, divinity is everywhere are in it when open the 4th chakra, then throat works better don't feel as much pain learn to say things so it is easiest for others use words they will appreciate and understand no paranoia need to be totally open to the first four chakras then won't misuse this one give space and acceptance to self and to others, has four parts give space to self give space to others

give acceptance to others

give acceptance to self

Sixth Chakra: AGNA (the command post)

Location: third eye

Element:

Visualization: concentric circular rainbow with all the colors

red at outside, white light in the middle

may see a silver star

alternate:

two beams of light out to right and left

curl around and meet in back

then move through brain center and back to third eye

makes a white light at point on forehead

Mantra: PRAGNA SUKURNUMUM

wisdom bliss, tranquil joyfulness

Notes: sense of discrimination

can see self in movie of own life can eliminate unhealthy thoughts

can open and use to deal with difficult person

can look at own body and find illness

master

does control of all thoughts works like a projector

Seventh Chakra: SHASTRADA

Location: crown (same as soft spot on baby's head)

Element:

Visualization: lotus with 1,000 petals, self is at center

Mantra: OM ARHUM' NAMAH

universe that which is I surrender to pure spirit

with in with out

Notes: sense of true being

place of consciousness

level of cosmic consciousness

rare

sense of painter be painted by the painting no sense of separation, only a sense of one-ness

true bliss, totally aware of everything



http://www.theartofancientwisdom.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/chakra.gif

Chakra	Color	Location	Element	Endocrine Astara	Chopra Center
crown	violet Jain: white	crown		pineal	pure consciousness
brow	indigo/navy blue Jain: purple	third eye		pituitary	intuition, sixth sense
throat	blue	throat	aether	thyroid	communication, speak highest truth
heart	green	heart	air	thymus	compassion, love self and others
solar plexus	yellow	naval up to base of rib cage	fire	solar plexus? adrenals?	power/warrior
navel	orange	below the naval	water	naval, extend into spleen	creativity, hence sexual as well
root	red	base of spine	earth	gonads	base, groundedness

Sources:

Robert Mitra, Jain Center, 1980 Chopra Center, Michelle Fondin, National Ayurvedic Medical Association

Table 1. Chakras and their Neuro-endocrine and Autonomic Relationships

Chakra	Endocrine Glands	Neuro/Autonomic Plexuses	Other Organs
Root	Adrenals (Brennan,	Sacral plexus (Gach)	Large Intestine (Gach,
	Bruyere, Judith, Paulson)	Coccygeal plexus (Judith, Leadbeater)	Judith)
	Gonads (White)	Parasympathetic nerve roots to	Legs, Bones (Judith)
	Gonads-male (Gach,	Genitals, Bladder, and Large Intestine	Rectum, Prostate (Gach)
	Judith)	(Fritz)	Kidneys (Brennan)
Sacral	Gonads (Brennan, Judith,	Prostatic plexus (Gach)	Kidneys, Bladder (Gach,
	Paulson)	Splenic (including Pelvic and Hypogastric)	Judith)
	Gonads-female (Gach)	plexus (Leadbeater)	Uterus, Genitals (Judith)
	Adrenal (Gach)	Sacral plexus (Judith)	
	Peyer's Patches /	Sympathetic nerve roots to Inferior	
	Lymph (Bruyere, White)	Mesentery Plexus to Large Intestine,	
		Bladder, Genitals, and *Kidneys (Fritz)	
Solar	Pancreas (Brennan,	Solar plexus (Gach, Judith)	Liver, Gall Bladder,
Plexus	Bruyere, Judith, Paulson)	Celiac or Solar plexus (including	Stomach, Small Intestines
	Adrenal (Bruyere, Judith,	mesenteric) (Leadbeater)	(Brennan, Gach, Judith)
	White)	Lower thoracic sympathetic nerve roots	Muscles (Judith)
	Spleen (Bruyere, Gach)	to Superior Mesentery Plexus and	
		Celiac Ganglia to Adrenals, Liver, and	
		Digestive Organs (Fritz)	
Heart	Thymus (Brennan,	Cardiac plexus (Gach, Judith, Leadbeater)	Heart, Lungs (Gach,
	Bruyere, Gach, Judith,	Sympathetic nerve roots to Lungs and	Judith)
	Paulson, White)	Heart (Fritz)	Arms, Hands (Judith)
			Heart (Brennan)
Throat	Thyroid (Brennan,	Pharyngeal plexus (Gach, Judith,	Throat, Ears, Arms, Hands,
	Bruyere, Gach, Judith,	Leadbeater)	Mouth (Judith)
	Paulson, White)	Sympathetic Superior Cervical	Cervical spine (Gach)
		Ganglion to Face (Fritz)	Lungs (Brennan)
Third	Pituitary (Brennan,	Cartoid plexus (Judith, Leadbeater)	Eyes (Judith)
Eye	Bruyere, Gach,	Cavernous plexus (Gach)	Gall Bladder, Brain (Gach)
	Leadbeater, Paulson)	Brain Stem/Parasympathetic Cranial Nerve	Lower Brain, Left Eye,
	Pineal (Judith, White)	III (to Eyes), VII (to nose and mouth), IX	Ears, Nose (Brennan)
		(to mouth), and X (to lungs, heart, liver,	
		digestive organs, large intestine, and	
		*kidneys) (Fritz)	
Crown	Pineal (Brennan, Gach,	Meridian plexus (Gach)	CNS and Brain (Judith)
	Leadbeater, Paulson)	Cerebral Cortex (Judith)	Liver, Bladder, Gall Bladder
	Pituitary (Judith, Bruyere,		(Gach)
	White, Leadbeater)		Upper Brain, Right Eye
			(Brennan)

^{*} Denotes anatomical inaccuracy

Bold text denotes associations that represent a relatively high level of agreement across columns and authors.

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Kundalini

uses meditation on the chakras and particular Yoga postures to train/stimulate

there is a curled bit of nerve near the base of the spine it uncurls and touches the spinal cord causes an energy rush up the chakras

better not to work with it unless you have a teacher who is skilled with it needs to happen slowly and gently need to open the chakras slowly and deal with all the issues

can cause problems if fires off and you are not ready

compare to mystical experience

does not seem to be the same thing at all:

mystical experience is oneness experience with the Godhead this is something involving the energy centers that go up spine

Resources:

General:

http://www.themystica.com/mystica/default.html

open for topic you wish to see actually pretty comprehensive, uses and has awards from Encyclopedia Britannica

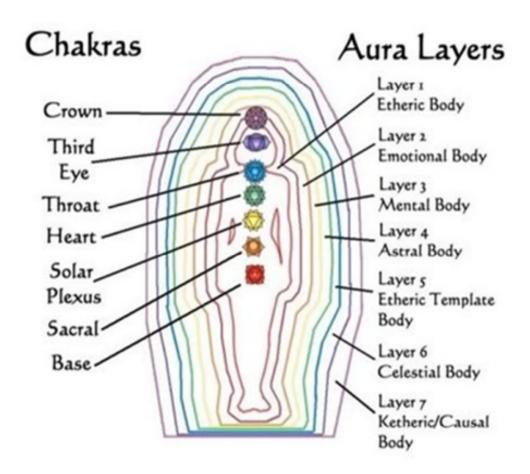
http://www.crystalinks.com/directory.html open for topic you wish to see

Mark Olson Chart and Article http://www.neurotrekker.com/anatomy/chakra2.pdf

Kundalini

http://www.swamij.com/index-yoga-meditation-kundalini.htm most detailed info I found, especially good on Kundalini

An Introduction to the Aura



Resource:

http://www.healingwithoneness.com/uploads/1/6/6/7/16679076/395362_orig.jpg?397

Aura versus prana

aura

lies outside the body
see definitions pages below, note bolded information
energy generates from the nervous system
makes sense, nervous system is all over whole body and so is aura

nerve impulses are a combination of chemical and electrical impulses cell to cell, whole body that goes out to become the aura

prana is associated with the chakras only at the spine

neither aura nor prana stay with the soul at death nervous system no longer functions to feed the aura chakras stop spinning so no prana, no aliveness aura and prana not needed by soul in the afterlife

Google:

au∙ra

noun: aura; plural noun: aurae; plural noun: auras

the distinctive atmosphere or quality that seems to surround and be generated by a person, thing, or place.

"the ceremony retains an aura of mystery"

synonyms: atmosphere, ambience, air, quality, character, mood, feeling, feel, flavor, tone, tenor

More

a supposed emanation surrounding the body of a living creature, viewed by mystics, spiritualists, and some practitioners of complementary medicine as the essence of the individual, and allegedly discernible by people with special sensibilities.

any invisible emanation, especially a scent or odor.

"there was a faint aura of disinfectant"

MEDICINE

a warning sensation experienced before an attack of epilepsy or migraine.

Merriam Webster

Full Definition of aura

1a: a subtle sensory stimulus (as an aroma)

b: a distinctive atmosphere surrounding a given source <the place had an aura of mystery>

2: a luminous radiation: nimbus

3: a subjective sensation (as of lights) experienced before an attack of some disorders (as epilepsy or a migraine)

4: an energy field that is held to emanate from a living being

Dictionary.com

noun, plural auras or for 3, aurae [awr-ee]

- 1. a distinctive and pervasive quality or character; air; atmosphere: an aura of respectability; an aura of friendliness.
- 2. a subtly pervasive quality or atmosphere seen as emanating from a person, place, or thing.
- 3. Pathology. a sensation, as of lights or a current of warm or cold air, preceding an attack of migraine or epilepsy.

Oxford English Dictionary (appears as Google definition) aura

1The distinctive atmosphere or quality that seems to surround and be generated by a person, thing, or place. Example: 'the ceremony retains an aura of mystery'

2(in spiritualism and some forms of alternative medicine) a supposed emanation surrounding the body of a living creature and regarded as an essential part of the individual.

'emotional, mental, and spiritual levels form an energy field around the body known as the aura' 'muddy colours in the aura indicate negative emotions'

2.1Any invisible emanation, especially an odour. Example: 'there was a faint aura of disinfectant'

3Medicine: A warning sensation experienced before an attack of epilepsy or migraine.

Origin

Late Middle English (originally denoting a gentle breeze): via Latin from Greek, breeze, breath. Current senses date from the 18th century.