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GLOSSARY

Acupuncture: An oriental system of medicine originated in China in which needles are inserted in various locations on the body to bring about a balancing of energies and hence a return to health. Needles are generally inserted along points on the meridians, although there are many extra points not associated with the meridians. The needles are sometimes inserted and left but are more often manipulated to excite the point of insertion. In general, acupuncture forms one half of Chinese medicine with herbal pharmacopeia comprising the other half.

Astral: Having to do with the emotional plane and emotions. The astral plane is sometimes called the plane of feeling or the plane of sentient response. Emotions take place in astral matter. The astral body or second layer of the aura is what allows a person to have sentient response, emotional response and "feelings."

Aura: The envelope of subtle bodies or spheres which surround the dense physical body. These sheaths or bodies are visible only by clairvoyant sight. There are generally accepted to be seven layers to the aura. They are, from the smallest to the largest:

Layer	Theosophical delineation	Peter's delineation	Most other schools
1	Ethereic	Lower etheric	Ethereic
2	Astral	Astral	Emotional
3	Mental	Mental	Mental
4	Causal	Emotional	Astral (starry body)
5	Buddhic	Higher etheric	Higher etheric
6	Atmic	Celestial ether	Celestial
7	Monadic	Causal (root of causation)	Ketheric template

All larger spheres interpenetrate, include and influence those spheres which are smaller. Layers 1, 3, 5 and 7 are said to be grid-like or structured. The others tend to be more amorphous and mutable. The delineation used in this work are the theosophical terms. The aura usually extends two to three feet beyond the body, but in highly developed beings, can extend for many miles.

Causal Body: The Soul body. It is a sheath formed of various grades of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sub-plane ethers on the mental plane. Causal body and Soul are often used interchangeably, though incorrectly. This body is the repository of all experience gained while in personality incarnations. It is the body used both to sense and to cause personality existence. It, like the Soul, persists from life to life until the term of Monadic work is completed, at which time it is disintegrated and reincarnation for that Soul ceases. The central layer of the aura.

Celestial Sound: The Word of God, the music of the spheres. Sound has always been listed as the causative agent of creation. Everything is sustained by a "tone" or "word" and persists only so long as that sound persists. Celestial Sound refers to that Sound which called the universe into being. It is the root of all sounds and modes of vibration and, as it becomes differentiated through the hierarchies of Nature, it becomes like an everlasting, ever-changing symphony. One who can hear Celestial Sound is one who can know the secrets of Creation.

Chakra: A Sanskrit word generally meaning "wheel," but also meaning "cycle." Generally, chakras are "wheels of light" or vortices of force within the various bodies of man (bodies composing the personality). These vortices are formed as a result of consciousness impacting substance in specific areas of the bodies. Physically, they are connected with the nerve ganglia and endocrine glands closest to their location. In general, they form spheroidal distributions of force; specifically, the force of consciousness. Planes, rays and chakras are all indissolubly connected. Chakras are subtle body correspondences to physical organs and processes.

Chi, Ki or Gi: Chi is often translated as vital energy, though that definition is not accurate. Actually the Chinese do not attempt to conceptualise chi nor define its nature. It is perceived by what it does rather than by what it is. To the Chinese, there is no distinction between matter and energy. Chi could perhaps be thought of as energy on the verge of becoming material. Some concepts may help to delineate Chinese thought on the subject.

- Chi is inseparable from movement. Chi protects the body.
- Chi is the source of harmonious transformation in the body.
- Chi governs retention of the body's substances and organs.
- Chi warms the body

This last concept is the one which is most closely connected with its use in this work since it correlates with the fires of the body (produces warmth). Prana performs a similar function. Keep in mind that there are many differentiations of chi and it has many functions in the system. It is produced in the hara by breathing.

Egoic Lotus: An evolutionary centre which overlays the heart centre in the causal body. It is opened as a result of evolution and indicates a person's evolutionary status. In developed people, it gets quite large and can reach 3 or 4 feet in diameter. It is composed of three tiers of petals - known as knowledge, love and sacrifice petals which surround a central flame or core known as the Jewel in the Lotus. That flame is the Flame of the Monad. At the base of the petals are found the permanent atoms (see def.). The Egoic Lotus can be compared to the master computer program which determines the personality from life to life. The Egoic Lotus is imbued with the colour of a person's Soul Ray.

Esotericist: Simply, one who studies occultism but who does not necessarily practice it. One who studies the hidden forces and lives behind all phenomena and appearances. A scholar of the occult. Esoteric doctrines refer in general to those teachings given out only to initiates, although in the context of this work, esoteric doctrine refers to occultism in general.

Ether: To the occultist, ether is the refined substance of each plane. From the angle of technical occultism, the four highest or most refined subplanes of each plane are known as etheric subplanes. Generally considered, ether is the four subtlest subplanes of the physical plane. The etheric body is composed entirely of various grades of physical ethers. Ether as used in esoteric literature has no connection whatsoever with the ethers of chemistry.

Genesis: A term used by Ann Ree Colton to describe the evolutionary phases of spiritual growth. There are said to be seven geneses:

- 1) tribal or nomadic,
- 2) family or human,
- 3) lesser and higher self-genesis,
- 4) cosmos genesis,
- 5) progenesis,
- 6) all genesis,
- 7) one genesis.

The first three geneses extend over billions of year and involve the coordination of the personality. The later stages of higher self-genesis and cosmos genesis would seem to correspond to the period of discipleship. The last three geneses relate to the life of the initiate and beyond.

Great Mother: Literally, the Earth who gives birth to all terrestrial life. The Mother also refers to the greatest of the devas. The devas are the feminine (maternal) aspect of divinity and form all things from their substance. They are the kingdom parallel to the human kingdom. The Great Mother refers to the feminine aspect of the great planetary Life known as the Earth.

Initiate: An occultist who possesses a prerequisite control over some portion and aspect of his or her vehicles, who has met certain criteria for group work and has thus been successful at some aspect of service, who has through the trials of that service, demonstrated an ability to be trusted with certain knowledge and powers to be used in future service, and who, by so doing, has significantly and permanently integrated steps expanding his or her consciousness to encompass that portion of Nature commensurate with his or her abilities. An Initiate is one who cannot be swayed from service or from God for any reason. From another perspective, an Initiate is one whose vehicles - personality and soul - have come soundly under varying degrees of control by the Monad - a Spirit incarnate to some degree on earth. An Initiate is one permanently over-shadowed by the Father in Heaven.

Initiation: A process of penetration and atonement wherein one penetrates beyond the veils of matter and makes a permanent union with the Self. The degree of union varies according to the initiation undertaken. There are said to be five Initiations open to humanity at this time. It marks the final stages of evolution through the human kingdom.

Jewel in the lotus: The core star of the Egoic Lotus resembling the central portion of a flower. It is a bluish-white flame and is the central point of Life and life-force which the heart centre in every body distributes throughout the system. It is the central flame of the divine Will of the individual Monad. It sets the key measure of each life and holds all bodies within the aura in dynamic, coherent existence. For the individual, it is the guiding Light of Spirit, the lamp of the Father in Heaven.

Life-Force: For purposes of this work, life-force is simply that energy which enables the various sheaths to persist. One should keep in mind there are many types of life-force. In this case, it is more closely related to prana and chi.

Lunar Force: This force is in reality personality force. It is that portion of the planetary energy which goes to the construction and vitalization of the lower bodies, vehicles or sheaths: physical, astral and lower mental. It is a fluidic, luminous, attractive force which is charged with psychic components from every portion of the planetary personality Life. The lower centers, especially solar plexus centre, feed on and work with that force. Lunar force is most often used to denote astral force.

Magnetic Lunar Force: The lowest, most earth bound of astral forces. It is susceptible to the Earth's magnetic field and is analogous to it.

Mental: The general association with this term is the lower mind which has its sphere of influence on the third layer of the aura or lower mental body. The lower mind is composed of instinct and intellect. That body is composed of the lower or grossest three subplanes of mental plane matter. Technically considered, the three types of mental influence are the lower mind, higher mind (causal) and abstract mind (atomic mental subplane matter).

Meridian: Simply defined, a major etheric channel which distributes chi throughout the etheric body. There are twelve standard meridians, eight extra meridians and many smaller channels called Luo or connecting meridians. Each meridian also has a corresponding collateral meridian and a connecting muscle channel. The standard, extra and luo meridians are all interconnected and form an interlocking organic whole which underlies and supports the etheric body. That system resembles closely the nervous and circulatory systems.

Monad: The One Self, the Supreme Self, the root Cause behind all existence. The individual Father in Heaven. It is unknowable to all but higher Initiates. It calls the Soul into being for purposes of work during certain great systemic periods. It survives eternally, while the soul is only relatively "eternal." It is indivisible. Spirit. Man is essentially trinity of Monad-Soul-Personality or Father-Son-Holy Ghost.

Nadis: A nadi is essentially a fine etheric channel of which there are said to be 72,000. Nadis are the final distributing channels in the etheric body and underlie the nervous system.

Nature: The entirety of the cosmos, from the densest to the most sublime essence - the garment (vehicles) of God. Nature is in distinction to nature: nature refers to the biosphere of the earth and its inhabitants, which is the domain of the biologists. To the occultist, Nature is the cosmos and includes nature.

Occultism: The study of and manipulation of the hidden forces of nature. Dictionaries refer to occultism in the vein of the supernatural. But to the occultist, there is nothing that is supernatural except for Spirit. Nature extends ad-infinity and is the phenomenal universe. It must be realized that even the highest Initiates of this world have not moved beyond phenomena. "Hidden" in the context of this definition refers to that which cannot be sensed according to the definitions of orthodox science.

Occultist: One who practices occultism and is not simply an esotericist. An occultist practices what he or she studies. The true occultist is in reality a magician in the true sense of the word, but magicians can be "white" or "black." An occultist is not necessarily spiritual. *All Initiates are occultists, otherwise they would not be Initiates.*

Permanent Atom: An atom of atomic etheric subplane matter of each plane that has been appropriated by the Monad. These atoms are as the seed crystal around which a large crystal is formed. Every vehicle or body is formed around a permanent atom. These remain in the field of the Monad until its work is complete. All bodily karma good and bad is imprinted on the associated atom after each life to be used as a seed to set the key measure for the next body to form around. They are found at the location of the base of the Egoic Lotus.

Personality: Literally, ether, Kama-ranas or physical, astral and lower mind. Personality is a subtle quality formed by the united functioning of a person's physical, emotional and intellectual processes, which then takes on a life of its own. It is not the form vehicles that go into its makeup, but the psychic quality of the same, or which determine personality. Personality is the life which informs the personality vehicles. *The lower man.*

Plane: A plane is a specific state of consciousness which recognizes a specific type of matter. There are said to be seven systemic planes, each with seven subplanes, which in their turn form the seven subplanes of the cosmic physical plane. In turn, there are seven cosmic planes, each with seven subplanes, subdivisions or sub states of matter. Our systemic physical plane has seven subplanes of which we recognize the solid, liquid and gaseous subplanes. There are four grades of ether beyond what we recognize. Planes are also sometimes called dimensions. Physical consciousness encompasses these seven sub-planes. Therefore we say we have consciousness on the physical plane.

Prana: Life-current or vital fluid. From the Sanskrit root pra (meaning "before") and an (meaning "to breathe," "to blow," "to live"). The "*psycho-electrical*" field manifesting in the individual as vitality. Prana is etheric in nature.

Quelle: Psychic womb or source. It is a term used by Ann Ree Colton to denote the subconscious mind in its lower aspect (lower queue) and the higher unconscious (higher queue) in its higher aspect. The lower quelle resides in the medulla oblongata. The Higher quelle (the matrix for the higher mind, soul and Higher Self) resides in the cerebellum. It performs a monitoring function between the centers in the torso and head centers.

Rays: Also known as Archetypal Energies or Life-Streams. A ray is essentially a force of consciousness. It is said to vibrate perpendicularly to a plane and forms the consciousness aspect of manifestation. As such, a ray is the causative agent in the process of manifestation. All forms are predominantly "coloured" by a ray, although all of the rays are present and draw their qualitative essence from that ray or rays. The seven archetypal rays are as follows:

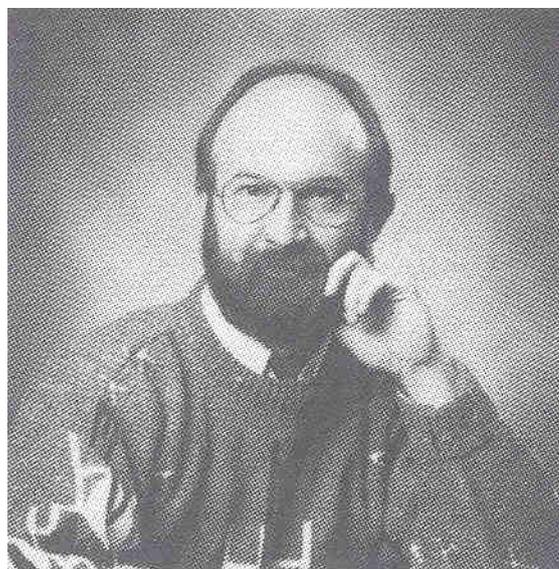
- Ray 1 - Will or Power;
- Ray 2 – Love-Wisdom;
- Ray 3 - Adaptability, Active Intelligence;
- Ray 4 - Beauty, Harmony (through conflict);
- Ray 5 - Concrete Knowledge, Science;
- Ray 6 - Idealism, Devotion, Fanaticism;
- Ray 7 - Ceremonial Magic, Order.

Soul: Literally, atma, buddhi, manas or will, love or pure reason, and abstract mind. It is the higher correspondence of personality. The soul is the spiritual Life or Being which calls the personality into existence for purposes of evolutionary growth and service. It is that part of a person which is indestructible and persists from life to life. It is the psyche; It expresses quality; It is only group conscious; It guides the life of the personality; It is an Initiate of all degrees. The goal set before all personalities is to become one with the overshadowing Soul and to express that Soul perfectly. Just as the personality should be the vehicle of the Soul, so the Soul is the vehicle of the Monad.

Yang Chiao Mai, Yin Chiao Mai: Two of the extra meridians. The eight extra meridians are the former along with the Conception Vessel (Ren Mai), Governing Vessel (DuMai), Yang Wei Mai, Yin Wei Mai, Chong Mai and Tai Mai. Of the eight, only the Conception and Governing Vessels have their own acupuncture points. The Yang Chiao and Yin Chiao vessels are said to terminate close to the pineal gland.

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"...From the universal point of operation, the home of the generator of the Great Breath, is sent forth the impulse which acts at one and the same time on every center of manifested life, whatever its nature.

These centers constitute 'the harp of a thousand strings' whereon the fingers of God- the Cosmic Energies- are eternally playing the great life symphony. As the breath sweeps over these strings, as their tones rise and fall, suns and planets are born and die, to live again, as man is born, dies and lives again."

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