

The seals are opened by the force of the upward flow of the Serpentine Fire. There is little left in the average man to flow upward, because it is consumed and dissipated in masturbation and copulation.

In the Bible the Serpentine Fire is referred to as Oil and Golden Oil (Zech. 4:12; Mat. 25:3, 4, 8).

The startling effect of the upward flow of the Golden Oil is the activation of the Sixth and Seventh Sense powers of the brain, together with an increase in all of the other sense powers.

These sense powers are symbolized as loaves and fishes in the New Testament (Mat. 14:17, 15:36). Five loaves represent the five senses of the average man, and the Seven Loaves represent the Seven Senses of the Master.

The activation of the higher brain powers is symbolized as "a new heaven (brain) and a new earth (body), the holy city, new Jerusalem" (Rev. 21:1, 2). In plainer words, the disciple is raised to Seership.¹⁵

C. W. Leadbeater in his book *The Chakras* defines the wheels that are mentioned in Revelations.

According to ancient Hindu philosophy and yoga teachings, there are subtle psychic sense organs in man's body which channel psychic energies and vital force, and are related to the glandular and nervous systems. They are also said to serve as a link between physical, psychic and super-physical states of consciousness. These centers are called chakras, a Sanskrit term meaning wheels or disks. The chakras have been seen and described by clairvoyant investigators as wheel-like vortices which appear in vivid colors like blazing coruscating whirlpools. In Oriental books they have also been likened to flowers with many petals.

C. W. Leadbetter (1847-1934), regarded by many as a highly developed clairvoyant, was the author of more than thirty books concerning the psychic nature of man and the spiritual life. He has described his research into the nature and functions of the chakras in this book, which was first published in 1927. It has since been through several printings and has become a classic in its field. The work is hand-

somely illustrated with ten-color plates and nine drawings.¹⁶

ESOTERIC ENDOCRINOLOGY

The function of tissues, muscles, organs, glands, and systems of the body is dependent upon the nerves that supply them with that Cosmic Force which the Ancient Masters called astral light and is now called cosmic radiation.

Among the known twenty-five organs of the body which elaborate, refine, and secrete substances necessary for the conservation of its internal equilibrium and the activation of its structures, ten may be considered as the cardinal glands in which we are now interested. These are the thyroid, parathyroid, spleen, pancreas, suprarenals, thymus, prostate, gonads, pituitary, and pineal.

There are five of these special ganglionic centers in the body and two in the brain which are of such importance that the last book of the Bible is devoted exclusively to them, and they are mentioned as Seven Seals because in the average individual they function much below par.

The Book with Seven Seals mentioned in chapter 5 of Revelation is man's body and the seven vital centers which we have mentioned. The amazing effect on body and mind produced by the normal activation of these seven important ganglionic centers is the remarkable story related in Revelation in symbol and allegory, and the student will find an interpretation of these symbols and allegories in Prof. Hote-ma's work titled *Son of Perfection*.

1. Thyroid—Located in the neck, astride of the Adam's apple. It exerts special influence on the general metabolism. While it does not build so much like the Pituitary (anabolism), it disintegrates (catabolism), for it facilitates activity involving the utilization of oxygen in the general exchanges of the body's chemistries.