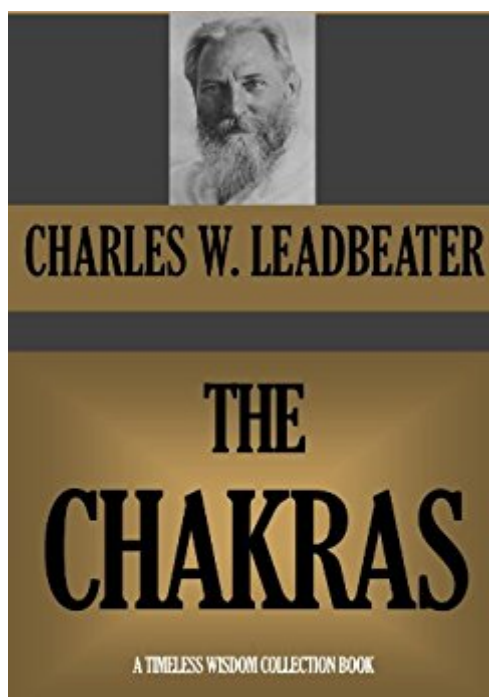


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Synopsis

Much has been written about the chakras, but it is chiefly in Sanskrit or in some of the Indian vernaculars. It is only quite recently that any account of them has appeared in English. I mentioned them myself in *The Inner Life* about 1910, and since then Sir John Woodroffe's magnificent work *The Serpent Power* has been issued, and some of the other Indian books have been translated. The symbolical drawings of them which are used by the Indian yogis were reproduced in *The Serpent Power*, but so far as I am aware the illustrations which I give in this book are the first attempt to represent them as they actually appear to those who can see them. Indeed, it is chiefly in order to put before the public this fine series of drawings by my friend the Rev. Edward Warner that I write this book, and I wish to express my deep indebtedness to him for all the time and trouble that he has devoted to them. I have also to thank my indefatigable collaborator, Professor Ernest Wood, for the collection and collation of all the valuable information as to the Indian views on our subject which is contained in Chapter V.

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This book is important as a Western account of what is essentially an Eastern concept. The chakras are very important energy centres in humans, and are used in meditation and in cognition of the inner worlds. Leadbeater's book is fairly easy to read, and has really good colour illustrations which have since been often quoted and reproduced many times over the last 70 years. This book was written in the 1920s when the subject was little known in the Western world. Much of the material was obviously obtained from Hinduism, as the chakras are easy to see illustrated in temples in India. I must say I prefer Dr Hiroshi Motoyama's more comprehensive and recent book, but Leadbeater really did pave the way with this one. I recommend it and give it five stars in the historical and useful context. It's a great introduction to the subject.

If you ever wanted a serious and reputable book on the Chakras, then look no further because Leadbeater's classic book covers everything you need to know fundamentally about them. He not only talks about the chakras, but also about the different energies of man, the subtle bodies, the multi-dimensional universe etc. His findings are completely Hindu based, with the various contributions from Theosophy, Buddhism and medieval Christianity, all interwoven with pictures, diagrams and charts. Oh! How extremely vital it is for modern society to know the hidden system of man's anatomy! This book is a perfect and necessary complement to Samael Aun Weor's great book "Endocrinology and Criminology", which examines the chakras from a scientific/philosophic standpoint and how they relate to the endocrine system, nervous systems and the many aspects of human psychology. Forget about all the "New Age" pseudo-info on spiritual issues and matters and remember the true pioneers of the Occult like Blavatsky, Steiner, Heindel, Manly P. Hall, Besant...and Leadbeater.

I've seen this book in many bookstores and libraries, but never got around to reading it. You'll only find this book to be interesting if you're already immersed in the works of the Theosophy writers like Madame Blavatsky, Annie Besant, and Leadbeater himself. There's a lot of jargon and arcane terminology in this book, such as "the Three Outpourings," "the Third Aspect of the Logos," etc., and very little usable advice as to how the chakra system could have a practical impact on one's life.

This is where you start, right here at the source! No matter others opinion of the book or the author, there is no denying his mastery and expertise on the subject matter. Make the decision for yourself... Begin here and follow the path on with Serpent Power and then to Wheels of Life or anything by Anodea Judith.

One of the all-time great works on the chakras. This was the first spiritual books I ever read outside of my numerous bible stories. I was a teenager and hungry for more information on an incredible spiritual experience I had involving my third eye. This book didn't disappoint! The language is dated (It was written in the 1920's,) but it opened a whole new universe for me...Leadbeater was an incredibly gifted clairvoyant and his clairvoyant reproduction of the 7 primary chakras are colorful and amazing! He explains, as did most Theosophists of his times, hidden sacred jewels in English terms that one usually could only find in Sanskrit. The virtues associated with each chakras is quite informative. A great classic to read, own and cherish...For me, this little marvel of a book seems to transmit its own wondrous energy just by looking at it!

this is a very good authoritative book on chakras. The color pictures are very good considering when this was printed color reproductions were not of the technological quality they are today. if you do buy the book make sure it has the frontispiece still in there as this was missing in mine but the seller was very gracious and is sending me another copy. It is well-written and easy to understand in considering this is about the deeper aspects of our Soul it makes it a valuable learning opportunity. If you want further information that is good-quality like this you could contact the Aetherius Society who also sells their books on .com

this is a great introduction to the chakra systems by a man who introduced it to the west. Krishnamurti mentor C.W leadbeater . i have never read a Leadbeater book i didn't like and this is no exception. although the language is rather old timey (you will see if you read it) also this book has some beautiful full color plates of each chakra

Leadbeater explains the philosophical root of kundalini and the practice of raising the sacred fire, what its effects might be, and what the yogis goals in this practice are. If you do yoga you should read this little book.

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