

Chacric Nadis, Leadbeater and Masonic Degrees

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This presentation was my attempt to share possibly universal tenets behind a sad and necessary lifelong process of reconciling painful and largely unconscious wounds brought on by two divorces during my childhood. When the basic principles of three main bodies of work I had been pursuing for many years for any chance at simple self-survival (Self-Realization Fellowship, Jungian Depth Psychology and Freemasonry) converged into a single unified message, I thought perhaps this should be shared.

The main works cited:

- **The Hidden Life of Freemasonry**, C.W. Leadbeater (33°), 1925
- **The Bhagavad-Gita: Royal Science of God Realization**, Paramahansa Yogananda, 1995, 1999
- **Galactic Alignment: Transformation of Consciousness According to Mayan, Egyptian and Vedic Traditions**, John Major Jenkins, 2002
- **Founding Fathers, Secret Societies: Freemasons, Illuminati, Rosicrucians and the Decoding of the Great Seal**, Robert Hieronimus, 1989, 2006
- **The Chakras**, C.W. Leadbeater, 1927

From **The Hidden Life of Freemasonry** (pages 259-262):

"In each of the previous Degrees I have referred to certain currents of etheric force which flow through and around the spine of every human being.

It is part of the plan of Freemasonry to stimulate the activity of these forces in the human body in order that evolution may be quickened...

*In the **First Degree*** it affects the **Ida** or **feminine** aspect of the force, thus making it easier for the candidate to control **passion and emotion**.

*In the **Second Degree*** is the **Pingala** or **masculine** aspect which is strengthened, in order to facilitate **control of mind**.

But *in this **Third Degree*** it is the central energy itself, the **Sushumna**, which is aroused, thereby opening the way for the influence of the **pure spirit from on high**.

It is by passing up through this channel of the Sushumna that a yogi leaves his physical body at will in such a manner that he can retain full consciousness on higher planes, and bring back into his physical brain a clear memory of his experiences."

From **Galactic Alignment** (Chapter 16: United States of the Virgin & Chapter 23: Galactic Chakra System):

"In order to understand the agenda and ideals of the Founding Fathers as they prepared to create a new nation, we need some background in the tradition of Freemasonry." (page 190)

"The galactic chakra system helps us understand the process of transformation that is going on in the world today. It can be understood with the terminology of a Kundalini awakening." (page 266)

From primarily **The Chakras** (pages 31-41, 116-121) and **Bhagavad-Gita** (pages 60-61, 131, 541, 544, 982):

The ascent of Kundalini:

Ida = Entered Apprentice

(Feminine, Left, White, Moon, Positive)

Pingala = Fellow Craft

(Masculine, Right, Red, Sun, Negative)

Sushumna = Master Mason

(Hot, cleansing and energizing all the chakras)

Alas, these are but three of apparently as many as 72,000 or so Nadis in us...

The chakras, or spinal energy dynamos, are seven. In order, from top-down, they have been described as:
Cranial, Medulla, Cervical, Dorsal, Lumbar, Sacral, Coccyx



In a positive sign of the growing awareness of humanity, degreed curriculums now exist to study and realize these guiding principles further. This, for example, from long-time Mason and scholar Manly Hall (33°) and one of the current courses from his University of Philosophical Research:

“The Spinal column is the ‘rod of Brahma’ and it is this which is symbolized by the bamboo rod carried by ascetics and the seven knotted wand of the Yogi. The spinal column and nervous system of man is a manifestation of the “world tree” of universal life referenced in a great many wisdom traditions and shares the principles and archetypes of all creation.”

In summary then, the Three Degrees of Freemasonry correlate with the Three Chacric Nadis which guide and illuminate the Kundali ascent in the spine and corresponding awakening of consciousness. The Eastern and Western wisdom traditions are one. Pretty wild, huh? The path is clear, and the tools for enjoying further brotherly (and sisterly) love and freedom are readily accessible. How fortunate are we!

From another related source in closing, Carl Johan Calleman’s Mayan Calendar and Transformation of Consciousness (2004, page 219):

“With the ego slain in the Universal Underworld, the Heavens will favor a consciousness that is devoid of inner conflict and produces no external conflict.”

Think of it. War, financial fraud, resource depletion, ideological (including political) disputes, corporate malfeasance, poverty, violence in action and thought... when these **external effects** are properly viewed and reconciled through their **internal causes** (such as those factors always in play in our Chacric Nadis, or energy system) the cart will finally be behind the horse where it belongs once again. Whether we detect it or not through our limited five physical senses, this procession is happening all around us. We could not stop it if we tried. Especially with Masonry as our guide, it is a great time to be alive indeed.

An important parting thought is from Stephen Covey when he suggested years ago that the best way to learn something is to teach it. While hardly an “expert” in these matters, I learned much in the process of this presentation. Grateful am I for the opportunity in our Ben Franklin Lodge 83 to share and pursue these ideals of love, freedom and truth together. (And thankfully by the grace of God, no, those two nasty aforementioned childhood divorces don’t sting nearly as badly anymore as they once did.)

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