Spiritual Centers In Man

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We regard growth as a natural process but the phenomenon of unfoldment is actually a revelation of the release of the spiritual potential with which all creatures have been endowed. Evolution is actually a kind of ideation or an expansion of consciousness through bodies. Jacob Boehme, the German mystic, describes the soul as a tree with its roots in the heart and its branches extending through all the regions of space. The fruit of this tree is for the healing of the nations, and the shade which it provides is consolation and protection for those who are weary of worldliness. The sacred institutions of both Eastern and Western nations have taught the science of human regeneration. They have revealed the paths that lead to liberation from mental, emotional, and physical suffering. In this essay I have attempted to show that growth is a pleasant journey and that those who keep the laws of living place themselves in the keeping of these laws. FROM THE PUBLISHER

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Manly P. Hall was the founder of the Philosophical Research Society. In over seventy-five years of dynamic public activity, he delivered more than 8,000 lectures in the United States and abroad, and authored countless books, essays, and articles. In his lectures and writings, Manly Hall always emphasized the practical aspects of philosophy and religion as they applied to daily living. He restated for modern man those spiritual and ethical doctrines which have given humanity its noblest ideals and most adequate codes of conduct. Believing that philosophy is a working tool to help the individual in building a solid foundation for his dreams and purposes, Manly Hall steadfastly sought recognition of the belief that world civilization can be perfected only when human beings meet on a common ground of intelligence, cooperation, and worthy purpose.
This short booklet talks about many interesting subjects related to the legends about the mystery schools and the initiation rites that were practiced in ancient Egypt, Mexico, and according to Hall other places like India. I wasn't sure how much Manly Hall was talking from personal experience and how much was just general information about these mysterious subjects. There are 7 spinal chakras in the human body. The number 7 has mystical meanings in the bible including the Book Of Revelation as Hall points out. Like Edgar Cayce Hall saw a connection between Revelation and the human body. This book is sort of broken up into two sections. The first section covers the 7 prerequisite cardinal requirements that all initiates must first understand before attempting to learn about these mysterious forces of nature. Then Hall talks about the 7 more specific factors the initiation candidates must then understand. Hall tells how becoming an initiate takes many years of patient study as the individual overcomes his lower nature. He warns of the dangers of attempting to experiment with things like advanced yoga techniques without being properly prepared. There's also the ever present danger of crossing the line into black magic either intentionally or by not being able to prevent other evil sorcerers from high jacking the person's energies. This is all very mysterious and outside the perception of most people. What Manly Hall doesn't elaborate on however is why someone would want to become an initiate and what exactly they would be able to do with their powers. That's probably part of the secrecy involving the subject of initiation rites in general. The
initiates were sworn to secrecy about what they learned about.

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