



Energy Medicine Glossary

Astral body

Another word for the energy field or subtle body

Aura/auric field

The colorful energetic field permeating and surrounding our bodies that interacts with and reflects our entire beingness. It encompasses all aspects of ourselves, including, but not limited to, the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. Another word for the energy field or subtle body

Chakra

Means "Spinning wheel" and is the Sanskrit word given to the cone shaped energy vortices which control the flow of energy throughout the entire body. There are seven main chakras that are associated with specific coloration, frequency, and location. See the section on charkas for more information.

Dan-tien/Hara

A ball of energy located 1.5 inches below the navel. Referred to primarily in qi gong, tai chi and other martial arts systems. It is associated with the adrenals and considered to be a bank of energy to be cultivated and replenished.

Energy center

...see Chakra

Energy field

See Aura

Energy system

Has three parts: energy field/ aura, energy centers/ chakras, energy tracts/ meridians which act interdependently with all of life. It is electromagnetic energy.

Hara line

A vertical line running through the center of the body. It connects us to heaven and earth as it runs through the hara/dan tien. It is associated with centering, focus, and our intention. i.e. when the hara line is straight and strong, we are in harmony with all existence.

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Higher sense perception

Knowledge obtained beyond the normal five senses. This may be visual, auditory, kinesthetic, intuitive, or a sense of knowing.

Intuition

Another word used to describe information beyond the five senses

Levels of the field

There are approximately seven levels of the field, related to and interacting with the seven major charkas. See the energy anatomy section for more information.

Meridian

A pathway for qi/chi that runs through a primary organ.

Prana

Energy or breath in Sanskrit, also understood as life force.

Qi /ki/chi

Eastern terms for energy.

Qi Gong

A healing art form, internally focused, to build up gi.

Subtle anatomy

The specific anatomical structures that comprise the auric field, including the charkas, and levels of the field. Most cultures that subscribe to this medicine have their own vocabulary to describe these primarily unseen structures.

Tai Qi

A martial art form, balancing internal focus with outer movement

Universal Energy Field

The energized atmosphere that surrounds us continually.

Vertical power current

A part of the subtle anatomy. A vertical tube-like pathway passing through the center of the body. The tips of the chakras connect to this power current to allow for communication and distribution of energy throughout the body system.

Vortex

Smaller spinning portions that fit within the chakra. The number of vortices varies from chakra to chakra. Their function corresponds to the minutia involved with the functioning of a particular organ.