

Dr. Goldman's Book Reviews

ANATOMY OF THE SPIRIT

The Seven Stages of Power and Healing

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Caroline Myss is an integrator. She has the ability to learn separate sets of facts and integrate them into a cohesive system. She is a natural born medical intuitive, that is, simply by being in an empathic relationship with another person, she can feel or read their energy field and determine the origin of medical symptoms. Starting out as a hobby, she began to make medical readings for a living. As she has read more widely, she has created a whole set of observations on the functioning of people, their health and spirit and how it all fits together.

In *Anatomy of the Spirit*, Dr. Myss introduces the reader to the body's energy centers. In Indian, Hindu terminology, these are called the Chakras. Having been raised as a Roman Catholic, Myss draws parallels between the Chakras and the Catholic Sacraments. In addition, she makes the same parallels with the ten Sefirot of Jewish Kabbalah. After having introduced the three systems, she integrates the three into a single unified theory. Essentially, the Chakras, Sacraments and Sefirot are all describing the same human energy centers. The Chakras are part of the Ayurvedic medical system described in *Perfect Health* by Deepak Chopra. Dr. Myss spends the bulk of the rest of the book dealing with each individual Chakra and how it relates to health.

I find Caroline Myss to be an excellent writer. She clearly expresses her ideas and builds her points. Unlike many people on the lecture circuit, I find her books to be better than CDs of her live lectures. I have purchased some of her books as audio courses with a live audience and I was not pleased. She is a little scattered when speaking. I recommend her books.

Anatomy of the Spirit is the first book in a series. As Dr. Myss has grown and learned, she further develops her ideas of health and medical care. Her books should be read in order as they build on one another. The others are, in order: *Why People Don't Heal, and How They Can, Sacred Contracts and Invisible Acts of Power*. The insights of Caroline Myss have had a profound effect on my views of medicine and healthcare.
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