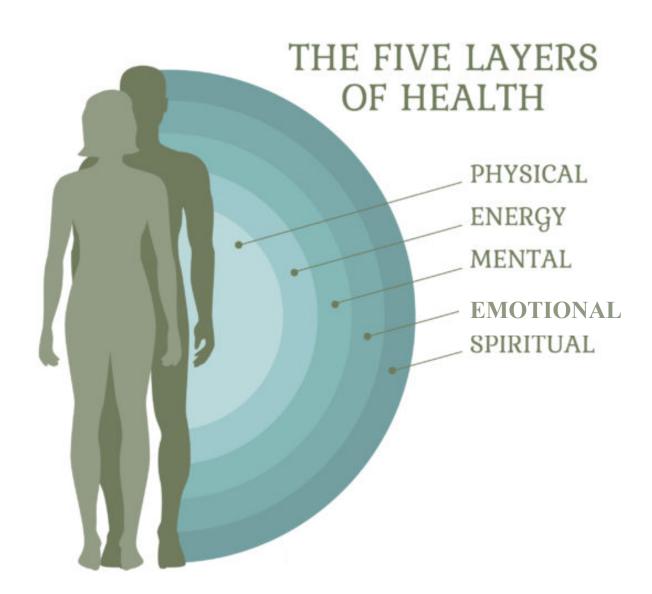
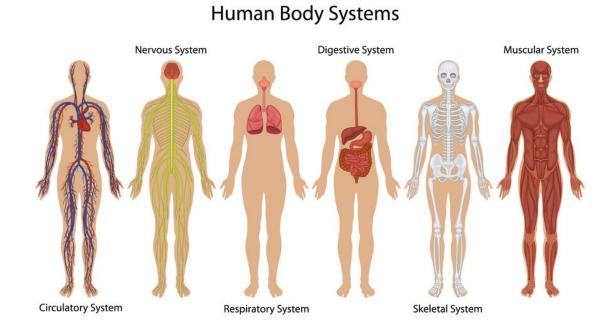
# **THE 5 BODIES**



#### 1. PHYSICAL BODY

Made up of bones, muscles, skin, lymphatic system, nerves, DNA, cells, tissues, organs, body systems etc



Purifying and strengthening the physical body by having a healthy diet, exercise, Sports, Kriyas, Asanas (yoga postures), sun salutations.

Physical manifestations would be a rash, bruise, broken arm etc.

## Brain chemicals and health:

 DOPAMINE - Happiness hormone, we subconsciously try to increase when we try to make ourselves happy and loved, (e.g. alcohol, smoking, shopping, overeating, social media scrolling etc) but dopamine goes away quickly, so does not increase long term happiness, but decreases it.

- 2. Cortisol Stress Hormone. Cortisol is essential for human function, but harmful if released because of concern that someone or something bad will happen. Sarcasm, teasing, criticism and fighting with other family members are examples of reasons cortisol is released. Cortisol is also released when there is fear of a negative experience would happen again. Children who have high cortisol levels are more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol, make poor choices in life, have less happy lives and commit crimes.
- 3. **Oxytocin** It's the bonding chemicals and Increases long-term happiness. You won't see the effects immediately but will do in time. We are wired for deep, meaningful connections and that is what makes us happy. Hugging & smiling releases oxytocin. Petting a pet also increases oxytocin levels and increases life span in both humans and pets.

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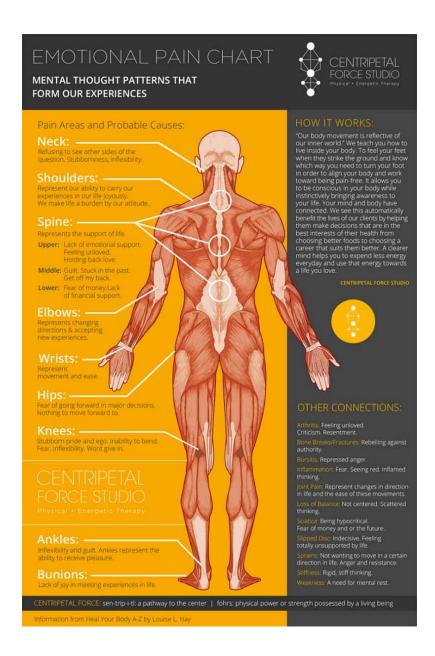
Oxytocin in safe relationships &



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#### 4. EMOTIONAL BODY

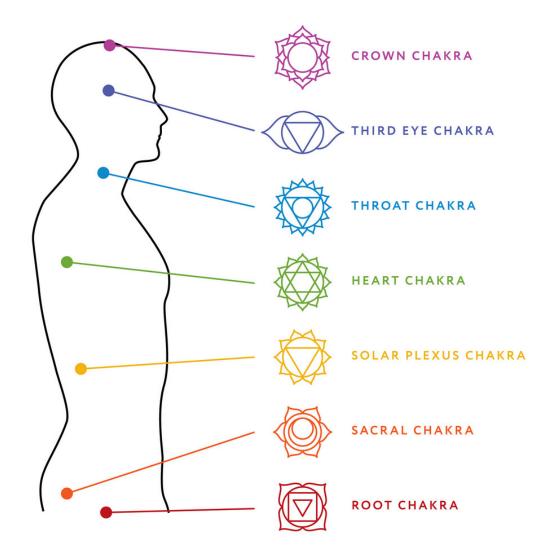
Our 'felt' self, this is the level on which we feel 'happy', 'sad', 'guilty', 'afraid'.



Strengthening the emotional body by taking the path of 'Self Realisation', the practice of Peace, Self respect, Understanding, Forgiveness and Compassion, Patience, Gratitude and Decrement.

### 5. ENERGY BODY

The body of energy flow- the meridian, chakra system, the aura.



To purify the energy body one must practice Kundalini Yoga, Kriya Yoga, breathing exercises and meditation.

#### 6. MENTAL BODY

The realm of the 'mind'. What we think and believe, our values and how we see ourselves. Visualisation, Hypnotherapy, Coaching, Setting goals are done on a mental level. Meditation, Yoga Nidra and devotional activities also calms the Mind.



## 7. SPIRITUAL BODY

The realm of the 'Soul', 'Higher self' or of our infinite potential. We can never get harmed or damaged on this level, we are complete and whole in every way. Our connection to God is directly felt at this level. Spending time in Nature and being with the self helps us get to this level. There is clarity and Contentment.

Blocks in other levels, however, can limit our ability to feel connected to this level.