

THE 24 SPOKES OF THE DHARMACHAKRA

Ancient Indian Interpretation:

1. Primordial Prakṛiti (Infinite Universal Nature)
2. Mahat-Tattva (Universal Intelligence; Buddhi)
3. Ahaṅkāra (Individual Consciousness)
4. Manas (Conscious Mind)
5. Pāni or Kara (Hand)
6. Pāda (Feet)
7. Pāyu (Anus)
8. Vāk or Vāc (Larynx)
9. Upastha (Genital Organ)
10. Śrotra or Karṇa (Ears)

11. Cakṣuṣ or Netra (Eyes)
12. Tvak or Tvac (Skin)
13. Jihvā (Tongue)
14. Nāsikā (Nose)
15. Śabda (Sound)
16. Sparśa (Touch)
17. Rūpa (Form) of Tejas (Light)
18. Rasa (Flavour)
19. Gandha (Smell)
20. Ākāśa (Ether)
21. Vāyu (Air)
22. Agni (Fire)
23. Ap (Water)
24. Pṛthivī (Earth)

Buddhist Interpretation:

1. Root
2. Object
3. Predominance
4. Contiguity
5. Immediacy
6. Co-nascence
7. Mutuality
8. Foundation
9. Inducement
10. Pre-nascence
11. Post-nascence
12. Repetition
13. Karma

14. Karma-result
15. Nutriment
16. Faculty
17. Jhāna
18. Path
19. Association
20. Dissociation
21. Presence
22. Absence
23. Disappearance
24. Non-disappearance

*Meanings from Nyanatiloka's *Buddhist Dictionary* and *Chakra-Dhvaja* by Vasudeva Agrawala

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While the Dharmachakra, or Wheel of Law, on the flag of independent India has 24 spokes, the circle in the crest of Missouri's state flag is lined with 24 stars.

The national flag of India is tri-color (saffron, white and green). In the center of the white band, there is a wheel in navy blue. The design of the wheel is drawn from the chakra appearing on the Sarnath Lion Capital of Aśoka. Various sages, scholars and Paṇḍits have given different meanings to each of the chakra's 24 spokes.

Buddhist philosophy relates the 24 spokes to the 24 modes of condition. Paccaya means "condition" and stands for something upon which something else, the "conditioned thing," is dependent. ☺

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