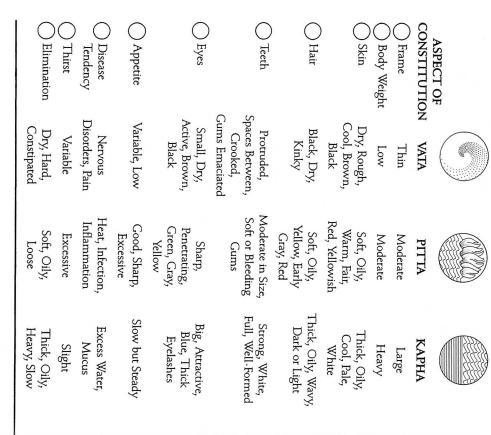
The Background of Ayurvedic Medicine

THE HUMAN CONSTITUTION (PRAKRUTI)



Note: Circles have been provided next to the aspects for those who wish to determine a general idea of individual constitutional make-up. Mark V for Vata, P for Pitta, or K for Kapha in each circle according to the description best fitting each aspect.

To experience characteristics different from one's respective Dosha might indicate a derangement of that Dosha.

Pulse	Spending Habits	Speech	Sleep	ODreams	Memory	O Faith	Excesses	Mind	O Physical Activity	ASPECT OF CONSTITUTION
Thready, Feeble, Moves Like a Snake	Spends Quickly, Impulsively	Fast, Chaotic, Uninterrupted	Scanty, Interrupted	Flying, Jumping, Running, Fearful	Recent Memory Good, Remote Memory Poor	Wavering, Changeable	Fearful, Insecure, Anxious	Restless, Active Curious	Very Active	ON VATA
Moderate, Jumping Like a Frog	Spends Moderately & Methodically	Sharp, Clear, Cutting	Little but Sound	Fiery, Angry, Passionate, Colorful	Sharp	Determined	Aggressive, Irritable, Jealous	Aggressive, Intelligent	Moderate	PITTA
Broad, Slow, Moves Like a Swan	Spends Slowly, Saves	Slow, Monotonous, Melodious	Heavy, Prolonged, Excessive	Watery, Ocean, Swimming, Romantic	Slow but Prolonged	Steady, Loyal	Greedy, Attached, Self-Contented	Calm, Slow, Receptive	Lethargic	КАРНА

Add up all the marks. The Dosha marked most often will generally indicate one's primary constitution. The Dosha marked next frequently will generally indicate the secondary Dosha. It may happen that the two will be relatively equal; that the constitution may be dual (i.e. Vata/Pitta, Vata/Kapha, Pitta/Kapha). Occasionally, all three may be relatively equal and a balanced or Tridosha type may exist.