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“*The Subtle Energy Body* makes a great resource for those that are already attuned their own energy body but more importantly it's for those that are seeking that "something" that is missing in their lives. Lockhart provides a gateway, you provide the body.” (*Irene Watson, Reader Views, November 2010*)

“In this large book Eastern and Western traditions in esoteric cosmology are drawn together. As the title indicates it is all about the Subtle Energy Body . . . This should please both sides of the aisle and perhaps even crate a meeting of those diametrically opposed minds. Wouldn't that be lovely?” (*Jennifer Hoskins, New Dawn Magazine, July 2011*)

“This book has retained a place of prominence for me, as a source not only of reverence and reference, but also provocation and insight, valuable gifts that Lockhart brings with subtlety and generosity.” (*Paul Hougham, The Scientific and Medical Network, June 2012*)

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