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*Chetas* is a Sanskrit word that can be tentatively translated as consciousness, intellect, reason, mind, or perception.

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