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1. The Chandra X-ray Observatory, NASA's premier X-ray Observatory

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Possible Reference:

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2. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar

Indian-American Nobel laureate in physics. Widely known as "Chandra". One of the foremost astrophysicists of the twentieth century. Discoverer of the Chandrasekhar limit to the mass of a white dwarf (and much else besides).

For more information about Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar see "[The Man Behind the Name](#)."

3. "Moon" or "luminous" in Sanskrit (the full name "Chandrasekhara" in Sanskrit is "Shiva" , one of the Hindu trinity. "Subrahmanya" is Shiva's son.)

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