AWAKENING THE MIND

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HERE'S WHAT WE'LL COVER

"YOGA TAKES YOU INTO THE PRESENT MOMENT, THE ONLY PLACE WHERE LIFE EXISTS." - PATANJALI

Week #2

In week two we build on our practice from week one, where we focused on stability with the Earth meditation and Ganesh focus. Now we use that stable base to awaken our bright mind, symbolised by Saraswati, which is full of creativity and compassion. With an awakened mind, we can make conscious choices about our food and lifestyle. We can also work with the ancient sacred texts and develop our intuition to plan a beautiful day.

WEEK #2 SADHANA

AWAKENING THE BRIGHT MIND

Please practise regularly:

- Yoga Adhikari Namaskar stage 2
- Meditation Prithvi Sadhana stage 2 with Sharada Dharanam
- Scripture Awakening your intuition
- Walk mindfully in nature
- 3 Developing a conscious connection with food
- Time for fun and relaxation

ADHIKARI NAMASKARA SALUTATIONS TO THE INNER SEEKER

SESSION 1

STAGE 1 - OPENING THE LOTUS OF OUR BEING AND LIFTING IT TO THE HIGHEST



Strong stand

Namaste

2

Lotus

3

Inhale

Exhale

5

Forward bend

repeat 1-5 2 times

STAGE - 2 C.N.S BREATH (CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM)

6



Right hand on top, palms face

each other

Inhale up centre Line



Exhale, turn palm up at crown of head





Inhale at top



Exhale

11



Left hand on top, palms face each other

12

Inhale up centre Line



13

Exhale, turn palm up at crown of head



15

Inhale at top



Exhale

repeat 6-15 2 times

STAGE 3 - CLEARING THE REST OF THE BODY

16



Palms Face



Turn to your right, left hand on top, palms face

each other



Inhale left hand up



Exhale palm Up



Inhale Rotate to Front, arms come

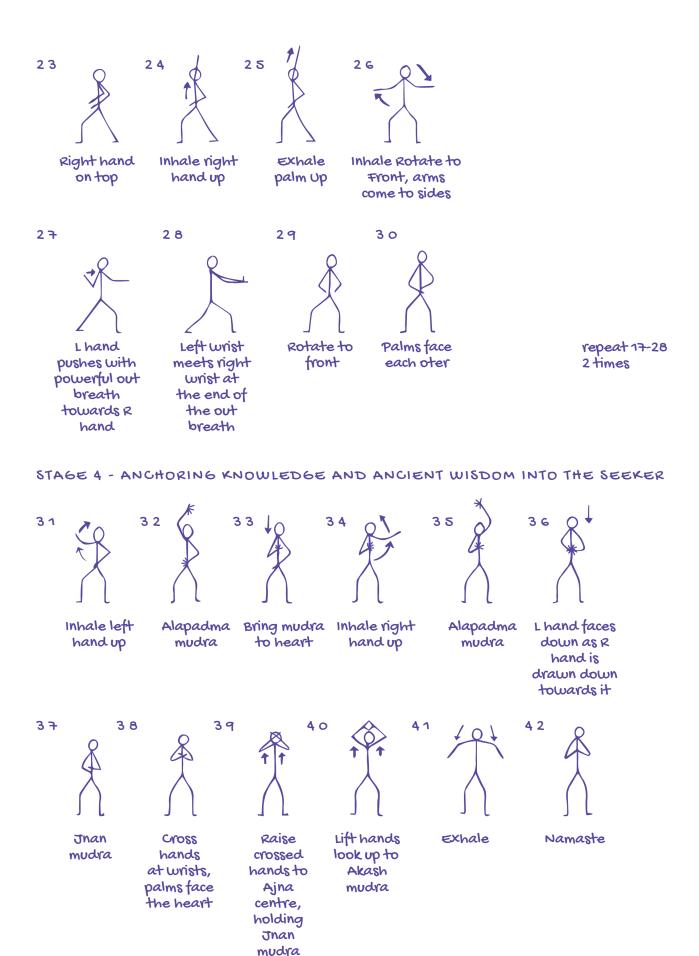
to sides



Rotate to left, R hand pushes powerful out breath towards L hand

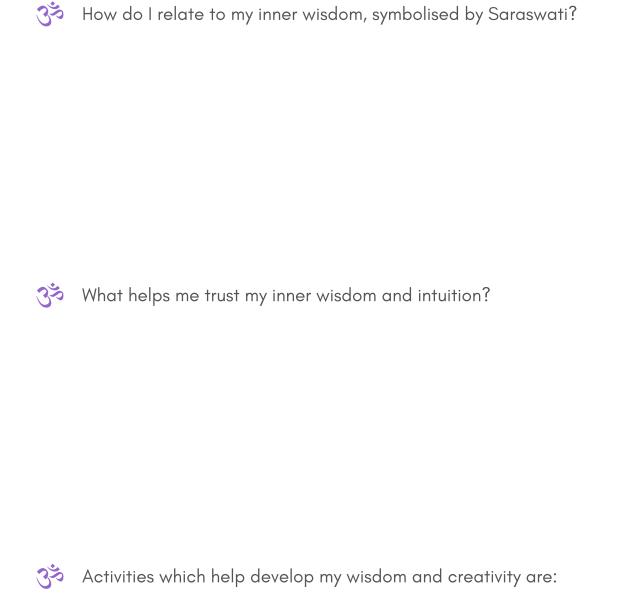


Right wrist meets Left wrist at the end of the out breath



PRITHVI SADHANA WITH SHARADA DHARANAM

SESSION 2



ANNA SADHANA

SESSION 3

- Explore the benefits of plant based foods to help both you and the planet
- Eat fresh, healthy food, which is local, organic and full of vitality
- Light a flame and affirm 'I create this food with love" before you start cooking
- Take a moment before you eat your food and offer your gratitude to the earth for her abundance
- Eat your food with awareness and appreciation

Dear Father and Divine Mother
Giver of Life
The food that lies before us
We humbly offer unto You
We pray that in love, faith and truth,
We may use these simple foods
to better serve
You and all humankind

YOGA FOR THE HIGHER MIND

SESSION 4

e.g. I love doing the Warrior posture because it helps me be confident I love doing ... because it helps me be ... I love doing ... because it helps me be ... I love doing ... because it helps me be ... e.g. I can use the Fearless Flight sequence to transform anxiety into courage I can use ... to transform ... into ... I can use ... to transform ... into ... I can use ...

to transform ...

into ...

Qualities of the Higher Mind

Grounded Clear Purposeful Confident Creative **Empowered** Connected Loved Stable Light Free Strong Enthusiastic Supported Compassionate Ready for action Courageous Accepted Calm Ecstatic Graceful Optimistic Intuitive Joyful Quiet Sunny Vibrant Restored Adaptable Harmonious Think of a goal that's important to you (eg: I'm going to teach yoga classes!)

Each evening:

- Take a moment to attune to your Authentic Self / Higher Mind
- Ask it to help you choose one step towards your goal that you can implement tomorrow.
- Visualise yourself taking that step. 'Pre-live it' going amazingly well.

During the day:

- Practice acting from your Authentic Self / Higher Mind
- The opportunity to take your step will come... do it!
- Visualise yourself taking that step. 'Pre-live it' going amazingly well.

Nadis

Subtle energy channels within the body



Tejas

Ayurvedic term for inner radiance

Khechari mudra

Touching the tip of the tongue to the roof of the mouth

Sama Vritti

Equal ratio breathing (4:4:4:4)

Prithvi Dharanam

Earth breathing technique

Ganapati

The archetype of stillness, stability and peace that rests in the base chakra

Saraswati

Embodiment of wisdom, representing our awakened mind and intellect

Koshas

The five layers of awareneness: physical, subtle energy, emotional mind, discriminating mind, connected mind

Chakras

Literally means 'wheel', aspects of awareness within our psyche