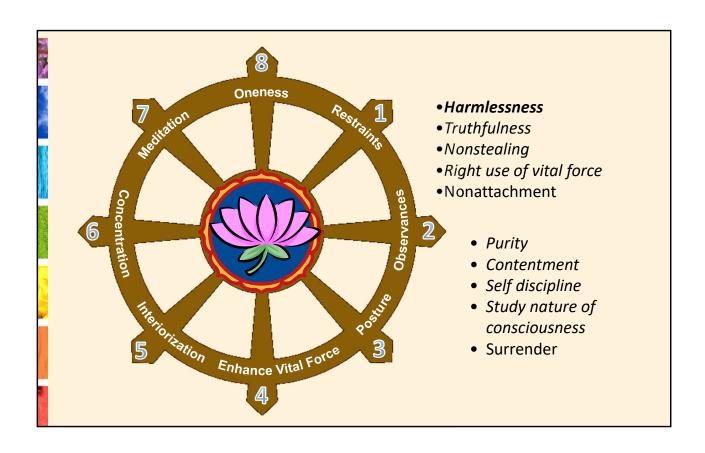


## **Opening Prayer**

Aum
Asato Ma Sad Gamaya
Tamaso Ma Jyotir Gamaya
Mrityor-Ma-Amritam Gamaya
Aum Shanti Shanti

Oh Lord, Lead us from the unreal to the Real Lead us from the darkness of ignorance to the Light of Truth Lead us from falsely identifying with the mortal body & mind to the realization of our immortal divine nature RESTRAINT ONE:

Harmlessness (Ahimsa)



## **Harmlessness (Ahimsa)**

One who is established in the virtue of harmlessness is free from enmity.

—Yoga Sutra 2.35

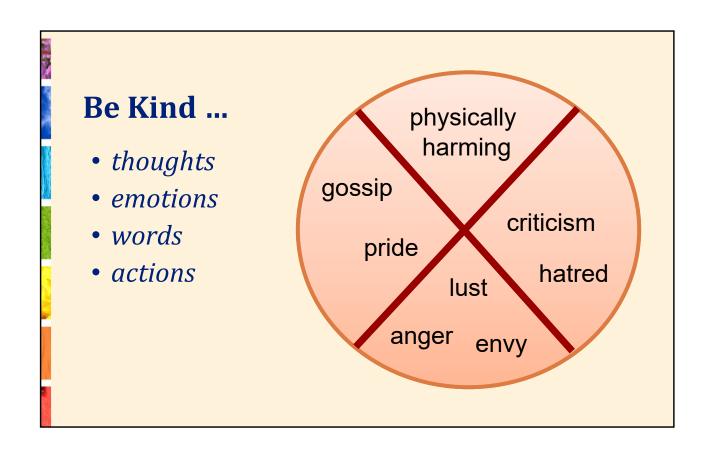
## **Be Kind**

If we are truly non-harming, we will be helping.

—Yogacharya O'Brian

Ahimsa is not the crude thing it has been made to appear. Not to hurt any living thing is no doubt a part of ahimsa. But it is its very least expression. The principle of ahimsa is hurt by every evil thought, by undue haste, by lying, by wishing ill to anybody. It is also violated by our holding on to what the world needs.

—Mahatma Gandhi



## Tools for Transforming Anger & Hatred

- Discernment
- Compassion
- Forgiveness

Those who see
all creatures in themselves
and themselves in all creatures
know no fear.

—Isha Upanishad

The spiritual practice of harmlessness is the awareness that all is God, all is Divine.

—Yogacharya O'Brian

Habits can be friends or enemies.
They can lead us away from the soul
or they can become stepping stones
to liberation.

- Yogacharya Ellen Grace O'Brian

