# How to Live Your Spiritual Practice

PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR AWAKENED LIVING

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#### **Opening Prayer**

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Asato Ma Sad Gamaya Tamaso Ma Jyotir Gamaya Mrityor-Ma-Amritam Gamaya Aum Shanti 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 Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything. —attributed to Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J. You do not acquire happiness. Your nature is happiness. All that is done is to remove unhappiness. These methods do so.

– Ramana Maharshi

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By concentrating within, you can directly feel the divine bliss of your soul within and, also without. If you can stabilize yourself in that consciousness, your outer personality will develop and become attractive to all beings.

The soul is made in God's image, and when we become established in soul awareness, our personality begins to reflect divine goodness and beauty. That is your real personality.

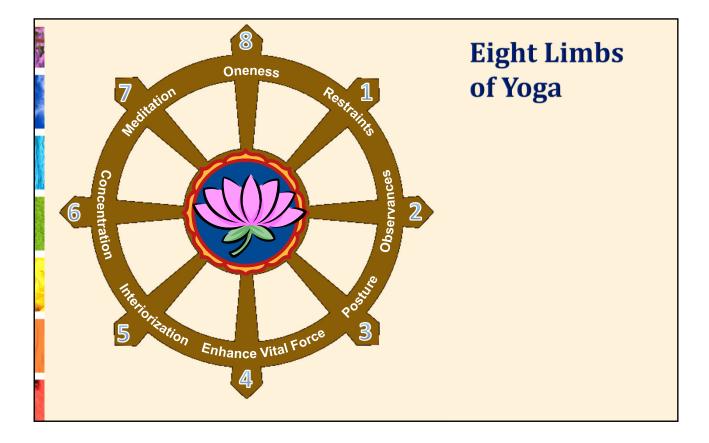
—Paramahansa Yogananda

# Kriya Yoga

Kriya Yoga is Self-realization through intentional living:

- Self-discipline
- Self-study
- Self-surrender

These practices purify the mind and body, eliminating any obstacles to Self- and God-realization.



## Ten Principles to Fulfilled Living

- 1. Be Kind
- 2. Be Truthful
- 3. Be Generous
- 4. Be Prudent
- 5. Be Free

- 6. Be Clear
- 7. Be Content
- 8. Be Disciplined
- 9. Be Curious
  - 10. Be Whole

# **How to Live Your Spiritual Practice**

You are what your deep, driving desire is. As your desire is, so is your will. As your will is, so is your deed. As your deed is, so is your destiny. —Brihadaranyaka Upanishad IV.4.5

# A person who is free from reactivity is free to respond

– Yogacharya O'Brian, Jewel of Abundance

## Four Keys to Spiritually Healthy Relationships

- Keep your attention on God
- Leg go of self-will
- Practice positive speech
- Remain even-minded

#### **Cultivating the Virtues**

Without reducing negative qualities, progress in spiritual life is as impossible as carrying water in a sieve.

– Baba Hari Das, Fire Without Fuel



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