

Franziska's notes of the 200 h YTT with Rae Indigo Part 2: The Anatomy of Consciousness

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Morning Practice Day 5
Meditative & Strong

1 | meditation part 1 (5 minutes)



bring yourself in a comfortable seated position close your eyes and allow yourself to arrive in the room

start noticing the internal qualities: are they any different form yesterday? do you feel alert or sleepy, anxious or sad, excited or nothing at all? begin developing the quality of observation

notice how your physical body feels: is there soreness, tightness, lightness? in what areas, it is symmetrical or asymmetrical? as you begin to direct your attention towards these things, start to lighten your breath

so you're doing two things at one now becoming aware what's unfolding inside your skin and increasing the volume there that you're working with

inhale to the bottom of your lungs and consciously expand the bottom of your ribcage, pushing out let the exhale be like a relaxation and just begin to create an aspirate sound of breath you are constricting the back of your throat slightly the inhale will sound a little bit like 'so' and the exhale like 'ham'

let your shoulders drop down a little bit more lean back slightly and straighten the spine up allow a subtle internal correction do your best to balance your head evenly on the top of your spine create some space in the inner ear by allowing your jaw to release slightly rest the tip of your tongue on the front top teeth again, lean back ever so slightly and use that movement back to align your spine just a little bit more and see, if you can find the most subtle micro movements

notice if you dropped the control of your breath and reintegrate it

yesterday we talked about focused mind on one thing and I'm asking you to do several things at once so, what this means in your practise is there is no space for secondary thoughts allowing secondary thoughts into the mind filed is a habit you don't fight with the thoughts but you continue drawing your attention back to the practise

meditation part 1 (3 minutes each side)



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open your eyes a little, extend your right leg out in front of you rest your hands on your knees, and see if you can find a subtle arch in your spine and rise

begin consciously expanding your inhale all the way down the right leg have the idea that you can direct prana wherever you would like, easily and naturally



keeping your eyes closed, take your right hand and let it walk down your leg like a spider until you reach your right foot place your palm around the ball of your foot begin making circles with the ankle directing your prana into the right leg this is a meditation

circles first to one side and then circles to the other side allowing part of you to just witness this movement

then holding the ball of the foot and begin to squeeze the muscles in the right leg until the heel is slightly off the mat

find your breath just noticing the information travelling down the leg if the hamstrings are tight, feel free to bend your knee



slowly release, allowing your right hand draw all the way up your right leg lean back and place your hands behind you keep your right leg straight, bending your left knee gently lift your hips up, not to high take a diagonal angle and hold, find the pelvic floor muscles and consciously contract them up hollowing the belly



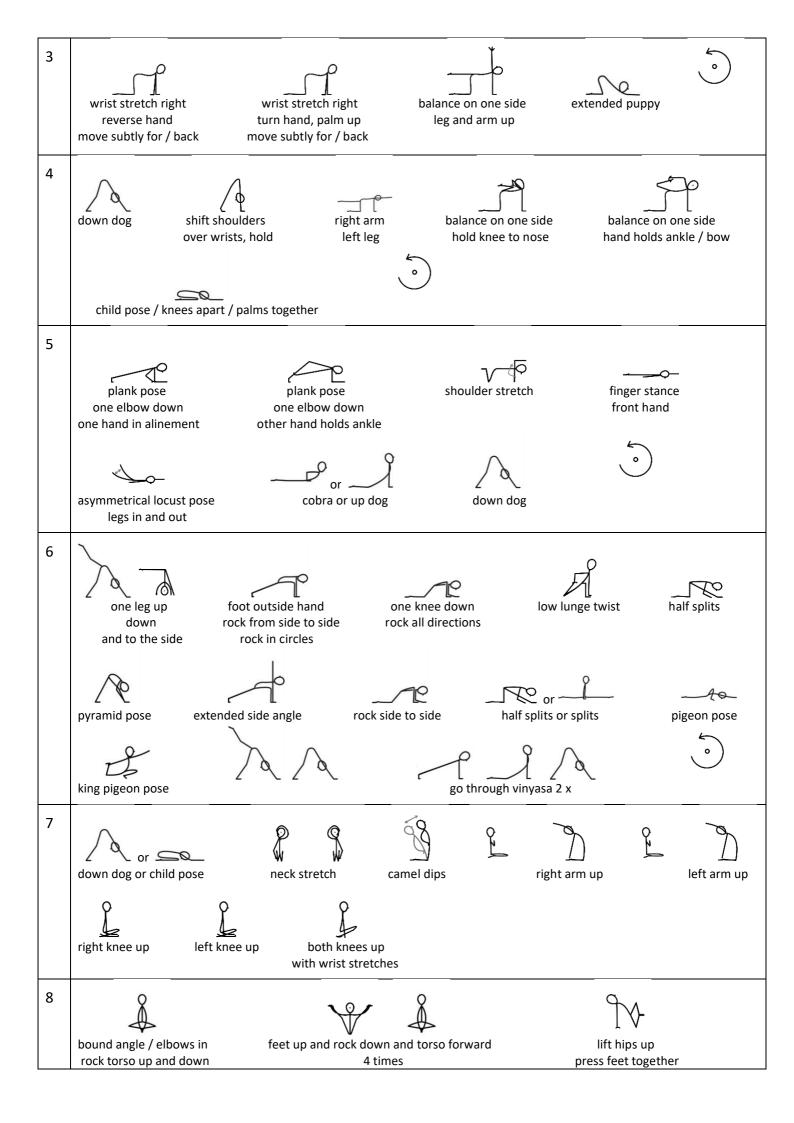
slowly lower your hips down and let the left leg again fall into janu sirsasana stance interlace your fingers underneath your throat holding your eyes closed the entire time open the heart towards the sky and take 5 breath on your own each breath can suddenly increase the volume of air in the inhale and the exhale

release the arms



cross both legs, rest your palms on your knees naturally draw your spine back, using the backward moving as a method to create space re-entering your head create steady breath into the bottom of your lungs whenever you have a thought, com back into the practise immediately slowly open your eyes





				squeeze hipbones together		
	semi circles in the lumbar spine whole circle both sides semi circles again	bound angle forward fold	shoulder stretch back of hands on ribcage	shoulder str fingers interlaced, all the way around	palms turned	
	legs up belly in and up					
9	lobster claw one leg grabs around one arm high u hands shoulder distance apart hands turned out lift up	upward plar	nk forward	⇔ I bend	•	
10	eight angle pose / start with lobster of	Olaw and then thread feet to	ogether and lift		•	
11	hip opener or arm underneath lower leg	ne knee bend other ankle or twist lbow into the arch of upper	n top o	Iragonfly	•	
12	bridge pose holding ankle	bridge pose one leg out both sides		_	leg over the other	
	happy baby other side	happy baby				
13		and holds outside oot / lower leg down	back to neutr	_	ning pigeon	
	open to other side bridge	pose or full wheel		shoulder stand or le	egs up the wall	

15 shavasana

fully let go of the effort you made all the effort today begin consciously unsqueezing your brain just like releasing a sponge consciously unsqueezing the brain letting yourself cultivate giant waves of relaxation

notice any stories that the mind is telling you cultivate an attitude of disinterest allowing yourself to have a positive habit, disengaging the constant thought stream and turning the signal of your attention towards the internal space unsqueezing the brain

allowing this unsqueezing to move in waves down the spinal cord waves of relaxation and whenever a thought moves through your midfield as it arises so too, let it go these thoughts will be waiting for you when you're done with practise so don't worry consciously unsqueezing your brain

allowing these waves of relaxation moving from the brain down your spinal column out to your fingers and toes

until all effort in you dissipates easily and naturally

as you notice the dissolution of attention towards the physical form continue drawing your attention back letting the mind become like clouds on the distant horizon

bring awareness back into this body just naturally moving using whatever methods you like to bring yourself toward a comfortable seated posture

at the top of the next inhale join me in a round of three

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namaste

thank you everyone for joining me on a Sunday morning, it's always a pleasure