

### **APHORISMS**

# of PATANJALI

PADA I - SAMADI

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1.1 atha yogānuśāsanam

atha yogānuśāsanam

now begins an exposition of the sacred art of yoga.

1.2 yogah cittavṛtti nirodhah

yogaścittavṛttinirodhaḥ

Yoga is the cessation of movements in the consciousness.

1.3 tadā drastuh svarūpe avasthānam

tadā drastuh svarūpe'vasthānam

Then, the seer dwells in his own true splendour.

1.4 vṛtti sārūpyam itaratra

vṛttisārūpyamitaratra

At other times, the seer identifies with the fluctuating consciousness.

1.5 vṛttayaḥ pañcatayyaḥ kliṣṭā akliṣṭāḥ

vrttayah pañcatayyah klistā'klistāh

The movements of consciousness are fivefold. They may be cognizable or non- cognizable, painful or non-painful.

1.6 pramāņa viparyaya vikalpa nidrā smṛtayaḥ

pramāņaviparyayavikalpanidrāsmṛtayaḥ

They are caused by correct knowledge, illusion, delusion, sleep and memory.

1.7 pratyakşa anumāna āgamāḥ pramāṇāni

pratyakşānumānāgamāḥ pramāṇāni

Correct knowledge is direct, inferred or proven as factual.

I.8 viparyayah mithyājñānam atadrūpa pratistham

viparyayo mithyājñānamatadrūpapratiṣṭham

Illusory or erroneous knowledge is based on non-fact or the non-real.

I.9 śabdajñāna anupātī vastuśūnyah vikalpah

śabdajñānānupātī vastuśūnyo vikalpah

Verbal knowledge devoid of substance is fancy or imagination.

I.10 abhāva pratyaya ālambanā vṛttiḥ nidrā

abhāvapratyayālambanā vrttirnidrā

Sleep is the non-deliberate absence of thought-waves or knowledge.

I.11 anubhūta vişaya asampramoşah smṛtih

anubhūtavişayāsampramoşah smṛtih

Memory is the unmodified recollection of words and experiences.

I.12 abhyāsa vairāgyābhyām tannirodhah

abhyāsavairāgyābhyām tannirodhah

Practice and detachment are the means to still the movements of consciousness.

I.13 tatra sthitau yatnah abhyāsah

tatra sthitau yatno'bhyāsaḥ

Practice is the steadfast effort to still these fluctuations.

I.14 sa tu dīrghakāla nairantarya satkāra āsevitah drdhabhūmih

sa tu dīrghakālanairantaryasatkārāsevito dṛḍhabhūmiḥ

Long, uninterrupted, alert practice is the firm foundation for restraining the fluctuations.

I.15 dṛṣṭa ānuśravika viṣaya vitṛṣṇasya vaśīkārasamijñā vairāgyam

dṛṣṭānuśravikaviṣayavitṛṣṇasya vaśīkārasamijnā vairāgyam

Renunciation is the practice of detachment from desires.

I.16 tatparam puruşakhyāteh gunavaitrsnyam

tatparam puruşakhyātergunavaitrsnyam

The ultimate renunciation is when one transcends the qualities of nature and perceives the soul.

I.17 vitarka vicāra ānanda asmitārūpa anugamāt samprajñātaņ

vitarkavicārānandāsmitārūpānugamāt samprajñātah

Practice and detachment develop four types of samādhi: self-analysis, synthesis, bliss, and the experience of pure being.

I.18 virāmapratyaya abhyāsapūrvaḥ samskāraśeṣaḥ anyaḥ

virāmapratyayābhyāsapūrvaḥ saṃskāraśeṣo'nyaḥ

The void arising in these experiences is another samādhi. Hidden impressions lie dormant, but spring up during moments of awareness, creating fluctuations and disturbing the purity of the consciousness.

I.19 bhavapratyayah videha prakṛtilayānām

bhavapratyayo videhaprakṛtilayānām

In this state, one may experience bodilessness, or become merged in nature. This may lead to isolation or to a state of loneliness.

I.20 śraddhā vīrya smṛti samādhiprajñā pūrvakah itareṣām

śraddhāvīryasmṛtisamādhiprajñāpūrvaka itareṣām

Practice must be pursued with trust, confidence, vigour, keen memory and power of absorption to break this spiritual complacency.

I.21 tīvrasamvegānām āsannah

tīvrasamvegānāmāsannah

The goal is near for those who are supremely vigorous and intense in practice.

I.22 mṛdu madhya adhimātratvāt tataḥ api viśeṣaḥ

mṛdumadhyādhimātratvāt tato'pi viśeṣaḥ

There are differences between those who are mild, average and keen in their practices.

I.23 Īśvara pranidhānāt vā

Īśvarapraņidhānādvā

Or, the citta may be restrained by profound meditation upon God and total surrender to Him.

I.24 kleśa karma vipāka āśayaih aparāmṛṣṭah puruṣaviśeṣah Īśvarah

kleśakarmavipākāśayairaparāmṛṣṭaḥ puruṣaviśeṣa īśvaraḥ

God is the Supreme Being, totally free from conflicts, unaffected by actions and untouched by cause and effect.

I.25 tatra niratiśayam sarvajñabījam

tatra niratiśayam sārvajñabījam

God is the unexcelled seed of all knowledge.

I.26 sa eşaḥ pūrveṣām api guruḥ kālena anavacchedāt

sa pūrveṣāmapi guruḥ kālenānavacchedāt

God is the first, foremost and absolute guru, unconditioned by time.

I.27 tasya vācakaḥ praṇavaḥ

tasya vācakah praņavah

He is represented by the sacred syllable āum, called pranava.

I.28 tajjapah tadarthabhāvanam

tajjapastadarthabhāvanam

The mantra āum is to be repeated constantly, with feeling, realizing its full significance.

I.29 tataḥ pratyakcetana adhigamaḥ api antarāya abhāvaḥ ca

tataḥ pratyakcetanādhigamo'pyantarāyābhāvaśca

Meditation on God with the repetition of āuṁ removes obstacles to the mastery of the inner self.

I.30 vyādhi styāna samsaya pramāda ālasya avirati bhrāntidarsana alabdhabhūmikatva anavasthitatvāni cittavikṣepaḥ te antarāyāḥ

vyādhistyānasaṃśaya pramādālasyāvirati bhrāntidarśanālabdha bhūmikatvānavasthitatvāni cittavikṣepāste'ntarāyāḥ

These obstacles are disease, inertia, doubt, heedlessness, laziness, indiscipline of the senses, erroneous views, lack of perseverance, and backsliding.

I.31 duḥkha daurmanasya aṅgamejayatva śvāsapraśvāsāḥ vikṣepa sahabhuvaḥ

duḥkhadaurmanasyāngamejayatvaśvāsapraśvāsā vikṣepasahabhuvaḥ

Sorrow, despair, unsteadiness of the body and irregular breathing further distract the citta.

I.32 tatpratiședhārtham ekatattva abhyāsaḥ

tatpratiședhārthamekatattvābhyāsaḥ

Adherence to single-minded effort prevents these impediments.

I.33 maitrī karuņā muditā upēkṣāṇām sukha duḥkha puṇya apuṇya viṣayāṇām bhāvanātaḥ cittaprasādanam

maitrīkaruņāmuditopekṣāṇām

sukhaduhkhapunyāpunyavişayānām

bhāvanātaścittaprasādanam

Through cultivation of friendliness, compassion, joy, and indifference to pleasure and pain, virtue and vice respectively, the consciousness becomes favourably disposed, serene and benevolent.

1.34 pracchardana vidhāranābhyām vā prānasya

pracchardanavidhāraņābhyām vā prāņasya

Or, by maintaining the pensive state felt at the time of soft and steady exhalation and during passive retention after exhalation.

I.35 vişayavatī vā pravṛttiḥ utpannā manasaḥ sthiti nibandhanī

vişayavatī vā pravṛttirutpannā manasaḥ sthitinibandhinī

Or, by contemplating an object that helps to maintain steadiness of mind and consciousness.

I.36 viśokā vā jyotişmatī

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Or, inner stability is gained by contemplating a luminous, sorrowless, effulgent light.

I.37 vītarāga viṣayaṁ vā cittam

vītarāgavisayam vā cittam

Or, by contemplating on enlightened sages who are free from desires and attachments, calm and tranquil, or by contemplating divine objects.

1.38 svapna nidrā jñāna ālambanam vā

svapnanidrājñānālambanam vā

Or, by recollecting and contemplating the experiences of dream-filled or dreamless sleep during a watchful, waking state.

I.39 yathābhimata dhyānāt vā

yathābhimatadhyānādvā

Or, by meditating on any desired object conducive to steadiness of consciousness.

I.40 paramāņu paramamahattvāntaḥ asya vaśīkāraḥ

paramāņu paramamahattvānto'sya vaśīkāraḥ

Mastery of contemplation brings the power to extend from the finest particle to the greatest.

I.41 kṣīṇavṛtteḥ abhijātasya iva maṇeḥ grahītṛ grahaṇa grāhyeṣu tatstha tadañjanatā samāpattiḥ

kşīņavrtterabhijātasyeva maņergrahītrgrahaņagrāhyeşu tatsthatadañjanatā samāpattiņ

The yogi realizes that the knower, the instrument of knowing and the known are one, himself, the seer. Like a pure transparent jewel, he reflects an unsullied purity.

I.42 tatra śabda artha jñāna vikalpaih sankīrņā savitarkā samāpattih

tatra śabdārthajñānavikalpaih samkīrņā savitarkā samāpattih

At this stage, called savitarkā samāpatti, the word, meaning and content are blended, and become special knowledge.

I.43 smṛtipariśuddhau svarūpaśūnya iva arthamātranirbhāsā nirvitarkā

smṛtipariśuddhau svarūpaśūnyevārthamātranirbhāsā nirvitarkā

In nirvitarka samāpatti, the difference between memory and intellectual illumination is disclosed; memory is cleansed and consciousness shines without reflection.

I.44 etayaiva savicārā nirvicārā ca sūkşmavişayā vyākhyātā

etayaiva savicārā nirvicārā ca sūkṣmaviṣayā vyākhyātā

The contemplation of subtle aspects is similarly explained as deliberate (savicāra samāpatti) or non-deliberate (nirvicāra samāpatti).

I.45 sūksmavisayatvam ca alinga paryavasānam

sūksmavisayatvam cālingaparyavasānam

The subtlest level of nature (prakṛti) is consciousness. When consciousness dissolves in nature, it loses all marks and becomes pure.

I.46 tā eva sabījah samādhih

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The states of samādhi described in the previous sūtras are dependent upon a support or seed, and are termed sabīja.

I.47 nirvicāra vaiśāradye adhyātmaprasādah

nirvicāravaiśāradye'dhyātmaprasādah

From proficiency in nirvicāra samāpatti comes purity. Sattva or luminosity flows undisturbed, kindling the spiritual light of the self.

I.48 rtambhara tatra prajñā

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When consciousness dwells in wisdom, a truth-bearing state of direct spiritual perception dawns.

I.49 śruta anumāna prajñābhyām anyavişayā viśeşārthatvāt

śrutānumānaprajñābhyāmanyavişayā viśeşārthatvāt

This truth-bearing knowledge and wisdom is distinct from and beyond the knowledge gleaned from books, testimony, or inference.

1.50 tajjah samskārah anyasamskāra pratibandhī

tajjah samskāro'nyasamskārapratibandhī

A new life begins with this truth-bearing light. Previous impressions are left behind and new ones are prevented.

I.51 tasyāpi nirodhe sarvanirodhāt nirbījaḥ samādhiḥ tasyāpi nirodhe sarvanirodhānnirbījaḥ samādhiḥ When that new light of wisdom is also relinquished, seedless samādhi dawns.

# PADA II - SADHANA

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II.1 tapaḥ svādhyāya Īśvarapraṇidhānāni kriyāyogaḥ tapaḥsvādhyāyeśvarapraṇidhānāni kriyāyogaḥ

Burning zeal in practice, self-study and study of scriptures, and surrender to God are the acts of yoga.

II.2 samādhi bhāvanārthaḥ kleśa tanūkaraṇārthaśca samādhibhāvanārthaḥ kleśatanūkaraṇārthaśca

The practice of yoga reduces afflictions and leads to samādhi.

II.3 avidyā asmitā rāga dveṣa abhiniveśaḥ kleśāḥ avidyāsmitārāgadveṣābhiniveśāḥ kleśāḥ

The five afflictions which disturb the equilibrium of consciousness are: ignorance or lack of wisdom, ego, pride of the ego or the sense of 'I', attachment to pleasure, aversion to pain, fear of death and clinging to life.

II.4 avidyā kṣetram uttareṣām prasupta tanu vicchinna udārāṇām avidyā kṣetramuttareṣām prasuptatanuvicchinnodārāṇām

Lack of true knowledge is the source of all pains and sorrows whether dormant, attenuated, interrupted or fully active.

II.5 anitya aśuci duḥkha anātmasu nitya śuci sukha ātma khyātiḥ avidyā anityāśuciduḥkhānātmasu nityaśucisukhātmakhyātiravidyā

Mistaking the transient for the permanent, the impure for the pure, pain for pleasure, and that which is not the self for the self: all this is called lack of spiritual knowledge, avidyā.

II.6 drk darśanaśaktyoh ekātmatā iva asmitā

drkdarśanaśaktyorekātmatevāsmitā

Egoism is the identification of the seer with the instrumental power of seeing.

II.7 sukha anuśayī rāgaḥ

sukhānuśayī rāgaḥ

Pleasure leads to desire and emotional attachment.

II.8 duhkha anuśayī dveşah

duḥkhānuśayī dveṣaḥ

Unhappiness leads to hatred.

II.9 svarasavahī viduşah api tatha ārūdhah abhiniveśah

svarasavāhī viduşo'pi tathārūdho'bhiniveśah

Self-preservation or attachment to life is the subtlest of all afflictions. It is found even in wise men.

II.10 te pratiprasavaheyāḥ sūkṣmāḥ

te pratiprasavaheyāḥ sūkṣmāḥ

Subtle afflictions are to be minimized and eradicated by a process of involution.

II.11 dhyānaheyāh tadvṛttayah

dhyānaheyāstadvṛttayaḥ

The fluctuations of consciousness created by gross and subtle afflictions are to be silenced through meditation.

II.12 kleśamūlah karmāśayah dṛṣṭa adṛṣṭa janma vedanīyah

kleśamūlah karmāśayo drstādrstajanmavedanīyah

The accumulated imprints of past lives, rooted in afflictions, will be experienced in present and future lives.

II.13 sati mūle tadvipākah jāti āyuh bhogāh

sati mūle tadvipāko jātyāyurbhogāņ

As long as the root of actions exists, it will give rise to class of birth, span of life and experiences.

II.14 te hlāda paritāpa phalāh puņya apuņya hetutvāt

te hlādaparitāpaphalāḥ puṇyāpuṇyahetutvāt

According to our good, bad or mixed actions, the quality of our life, its span, and the nature of birth are experienced as being pleasant or painful.

II.15 pariņāma tāpa samskāra duņkaiņ guņavṛtti virodhāt ca duņkham eva sarvam vivekinaņ pariņāmatāpasaṃskāraduņkhairguņavṛttivirodhācca duņkhameva sarvam vivekinaņ

The wise man knows that owing to fluctuations, the qualities of nature, and subliminal impressions, even pleasant experiences are tinged with sorrow, and he keeps aloof from them.

II.16 heyam duḥkham anāgatam

heyam duḥkhamanāgatam

The pains which are yet to come can be and are to be avoided.

II.17 drastrdrsyayoh samyogah heyahetuh

drastrdrsyayoh samyogo heyahetuh

The cause of pain is the association or identification of the seer (ātmā) with the seen (prakṛti) and the remedy lies in their dissociation.

II.18 prakāśa kriyā sthiti śīlam bhūtendriyātmakam bhogāpavargārtham dṛśyam

prakāśakriyāsthitiśīlam bhūtendriyātmakam bhogāpavargārtham dṛśyam

Nature, its three qualities, sattva, rajas and tamas, and its evolutes, the elements, mind,

senses of perception and organs of action, exist eternally to serve the seer, for enjoyment or emancipation.

II.19 viśeşa aviśeşa lingamātra alingāni gunaparvāni

viśeşāviśeşalingamātrālingāni gunaparvāni

The guṇas generate their characteristic divisions and energies in the seer. Their stages are distinguishable and non-distinguishable, differentiable and non-differentiable.

II.20 drastā drsimātrah suddhah api pratyayānupasyah

drasta drsimatrah suddho'pi pratyayanupasyah

The seer is pure consciousness. He witnesses nature without being reliant on it.

II.21 tadarthah eva dráyasya ātmā

tadartha eva dráyasyātmā

Nature and intelligence exist solely to serve the seer's true purpose, emancipation.

II.22 kṛtārtham prati naṣṭam api anaṣṭam tadanya sādhāraṇatvāt

kṛtārtham prati naṣṭamapyanaṣṭam tadanyasādhāraṇatvāt

The relationship with nature ceases for emancipated beings, its purpose having been fulfilled, but its processes continue to affect others.

II.23 sva svāmi śaktyoḥ svarūpopalabdhi hetuḥ saṁyogaḥ

svasvāmiśaktyoh svarūpopalabdhihetuh samyogah

The conjunction of the seer with the seen is for the seer to discover his own true nature.

II.24 tasya hetuh avidyā

tasya heturavidyā

Lack of spiritual understanding (avidyā) is the cause of the false identification of the seer with the seen.

II.25 tad abhāvāt samyogābhāvah hānam taddrseh kaivalyam

tadabhāvāt samyogābhāvo hānam taddršeh kaivalyam

The destruction of ignorance through right knowledge breaks the link binding the seer to the seen. This is kaivalya, emancipation.

II.26 vivekakhyātih aviplavā hānopāyah

vivekakhyātiraviplavā hānopāyah

The ceaseless flow of discriminative knowledge in thought, word and deed destroys ignorance, the source of pain.

II.27 tasya saptadhā prāntabhūmiḥ prajñā

tasya saptadhā prāntabhūmih prajñā

Through this unbroken flow of discriminative awareness, one gains perfect knowledge which has seven spheres.

II.28 yogāngānusthānāt aśuddhikṣaye jñānadīptih āvivekakhyāteh

yogāngānusthānādasuddhiksaye jnānadīptirā vivekakhyāteņ

By dedicated practice of the various aspects of yoga impurities are destroyed: the crown of wisdom radiates in glory.

II.29 yama niyama āsana prāṇāyāma pratyāhāra dhāraṇā dhyāna samādhayaḥ aṣṭau añgāni yamaniyamāsanaprāṇāyāmapratyāhāradhāraṇādhyānasamādhayo 'ṣṭāvaṅgāni

Moral injunctions (yama), fixed observances (niyama), posture (āsana), regulation of breath (prāṇāyāma), internalization of the senses towards their source (pratyāhāra), concentration (dhāraṇā), meditation (dhyāna) and absorption of consciousness in the self (samādhi), are the eight constituents of yoga.

II.30 ahimsā satya asteya brahmacarya aparigrahāḥ yamāḥ

ahimsāsatyāsteyabrahmacaryāparigrahā yamāh

Non-violence, truth, abstention from stealing, continence, and absence of greed for possessions beyond one's need are the five pillars of yama.

II.31 jāti deśa kāla samaya anavacchinnāh sārvabhaumāh mahāvratam

jātideśakālasamayānavacchinnāh sārvabhaumā mahāvratam

Yamas are the great, mighty, universal vows, unconditioned by place, time and class.

II.32 śauca santosa tapah svādhyāya Īśvarapranidhānāni niyamāh

śaucasamtosatapahsvādhyāyeśvarapranidhānāni niyamāh

Cleanliness, contentment, religious zeal, self-study and surrender of the self to the supreme Self or God are the niyamas.

II.33 vitarkabādhane pratipakṣabhāvanam

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Principles which run contrary to yama and niyama are to be countered with the knowledge of discrimination.

II.34 vitarkaḥ hiṁsādayaḥ kṛta kārita anumoditāḥ lobha krodha moha pūrvakaḥ mṛdu madhya adhimātraḥ duḥkha ajñāna anantaphalāḥ iti pratipakṣabhāvanam

vitarkā himsādayah krtakāritānumoditā lobhakrodhamohapūrvakā

mṛdumadhyādhimātrā duḥkhājñānānantaphalā iti pratipakṣabhāvanam

Uncertain knowledge giving rise to violence, whether done directly or indirectly, or condoned, is caused by greed, anger or delusion in mild, moderate or intense degree. It results in endless pain and ignorance. Through introspection comes the end of pain and ignorance.

II.35 ahimsāpratisthāyām tatsannidhau vairatyāgaņ

ahimsāpratisthāyām tatsannidhau vairatyāgah

When non-violence in speech, thought and action is established, one's aggressive nature is relinquished and others abandon hostility in one's presence.

II.36 satyapratisthāyām kriyāphalāśrayatvam

satyapratisthāyām kriyāphalāśrayatvam

When the sādhaka is firmly established in the practice of truth, his words become so potent that whatever he says comes to realization.

II.37 asteyapratisthāyām sarvaratnopasthānam

asteyapratisthāyām sarvaratnopasthānam

When abstention from stealing is firmly established, precious jewels come.

II.38 brahmacaryapratisthāyām vīryalābhah

brahmacaryapratişţhāyām vīryalābhah

When the sādhaka is firmly established in continence, knowledge, vigour, valour and energy flow to him.

II.39 aparigrahasthairye janmakathamtā sambodham

aparigrahasthairye janmakathamtasambodhah

Knowledge of past and future lives unfolds when one is free from greed for possessions.

II.40 śaucāt svāngajugupsā paraih asamsargah

śaucāt svāngajugupsā parairasamsargaņ

Cleanliness of body and mind develops disinterest in contact with others for self-gratification.

II.41 sattvaśuddhi saumanasya aikāgrya indriyajaya ātmadarśana yogyatvāni ca

sattvaśuddhisaumanasyaikāgryendriyajayātmadarśanayogyatvāni ca

When the body is cleansed, the mind purified and the senses controlled, joyful awareness needed to realize the inner self, also comes.

II.42 santoşāt anuttamah sukhalābhah

samtoşādanuttamasukhalābhah

From contentment and benevolence of consciousness comes supreme happiness.

II.43 kāya indriya siddhih aśuddhikṣayāt tapasah

kāyendriyasiddhiraśuddhikşayāt tapasah

Self-discipline (tapas) burns away impurities and kindles the sparks of divinity.

II.44 svādhyāyāt istadevatā samprayogaņ

svādhyāyād istadevatāsamprayogah

Self-study leads towards the realization of God or communion with one's desired deity.

II.45 samādhisiddhih Īśvarapranidhānāt

samādhisiddhirīśvarapranidhānāt

Surrender to God brings perfection in samādhi.

II.46 sthira sukham āsanam

sthirasukham āsanam

Āsana is perfect firmness of body, steadiness of intelligence and benevolence of spirit.

II.47 prayatna śaithilya ananta samāpattibhyām

prayatnaśaithilyānantasamāpattibhyām

Perfection in an āsana is achieved when the effort to perform it becomes effortless and the infinite being within is reached.

II.48 tatah dvandvāh anabhighātah

tato dvandvānabhighātaḥ

From then on, the sādhaka is undisturbed by dualities.

II.49 tasmin sati śvāsa praśvāsayoh gativicchedah prāṇāyāmah

tasminsati śvāsapraśvāsayorgativicchedaḥ prāṇāyāmaḥ

Prāṇāyāma is the regulation of the incoming and outgoing flow of breath with retention. It is to

be practiced only after perfection in asana is attained.

II.50 bāhya ābhyantara stambha vṛttiḥ deśa kāla saṁkhyābhiḥ paridṛṣṭaḥ dīrgha sūkṣmaḥ bāhyābhyantarastambhavṛttirdeśakālasaṃkhyābhiḥ paridṛṣṭo dīrghasūkṣmaḥ

Prāṇāyāma has three movements: prolonged and fine inhalation, exhalation and retention; all regulated with precision according to duration and place.

II.51 bāhya ābhyantara viṣaya ākṣepī caturthaḥ

bāhyābhyantaravişayākşepī caturthah

The fourth type of prāṇāyāma transcends the external and internal prāṇāyāmas, and appears effortless and non-deliberate.

II.52 tatah kşīyate prakāśa āvaraņam

tatah kşīyate prakāśāvaraņam

Prāṇāyāma removes the veil covering the light of knowledge and heralds the dawn of wisdom.

II.53 dhāraņāsu ca yogyatā manasah

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The mind also becomes fit for concentration.

II.54 svavişaya asamprayoge cittasya svarūpānukāraņ iva indriyāņām pratyāhāraņ svavişayāsamprayoge cittasvarūpānukāra ivendriyāņām pratyāhāraņ

Withdrawing the senses, mind and consciousness from contact with external objects, and then drawing them inwards towards the seer, is pratyāhāra.

II.55 tatah paramā vaśyatā indriyāņām

tatah paramā vaśyatendriyāņām

Pratyāhāra results in the absolute control of the sense organs.

#### PADA III - KAIVALYA

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III.1 deśa bandhaḥ cittasya dhāraṇā

deśabandhaścittasya dhāraṇā

Fixing the consciousness on one point or region is concentration (dhāraṇā).

III.2 tatra pratyaya ekatānatā dhyānam

tatra pratyayaikatānatā dhyānam

A steady, continuous flow of attention directed towards the same point or region is meditation (dhyāna).

III.3 tadeva arthamātranirbhāsam svarūpaśūnyam iva samādhih

tadevārthamātranirbhāsam svarūpaśūnyamiva samādhiņ

When the object of meditation engulfs the meditator, appearing as the subject, self-awareness is lost. This is samādhi.

III.4 trayam ekatra samyamah

trayamekatra samyamah

These three together - dhāraṇā, dhyāna and samādhi - constitute integration or saṁyama.

III.5 tajjayāt prajñālokah

tajjayātprajñālokaḥ

From mastery of samyama comes the light of awareness and insight.

III.6 tasya bhūmişu viniyogah

tasya bhūmişu viniyogah

Samyama may be applied in various spheres to derive its usefulness.

III.7 trayam antarangam pūrvebhyah

trayamantarangam pūrvebhyah

These three aspects of yoga are internal, compared to the former five.

III.8 tadapi bahirangam nirbījasya

tadapi bahirangam nirbījasya

Similarly, samyama is external when compared to seedless (nirbīja) samādhi.

III.9 vyutthāna nirodha samskāryoḥ abhibhava prādurbhāvau nirodhakṣaṇa cittānvayaḥ nirodhapariṇāmaḥ

vyutthānanirodhasaṃskārayorabhibhavaprādurbhāvau nirodhapariṇāmaḥ nirodhaksanacittānvayo

Study of the silent moments between rising and restraining subliminal impressions is the transformation of consciousness towards restraint (nirodha parināmaḥ).

III.10 tasya praśantavahita samskarat

tasya praśantavahita samskarat

The restraint of rising impressions brings about an undisturbed flow of tranquillity.

III.11 sarvārthatā ekāgratayoḥ kṣaya udayau cittasya samādhipariṇāmaḥ

sarvārthataikāgratayoḥ kṣayodayau cittasya samādhipariṇāmaḥ

The weakening of scattered attention and the rise of one-pointed attention in the citta is the transformation towards samādhi.

III.12 tataḥ punaḥ śānta uditau tulya pratyayau cittasya ekāgratāpariṇāmaḥ

tataḥ punaḥ śāntoditau tulyapratyayau cittasyaikāgratāpariṇāmaḥ

When rising and falling thought processes are in balance, one-pointed consciousness emerges. Maintenance of awareness with keen intensity from one-pointed attentiveness to no-pointed attention is ekāgratā pariņāma.

III.13 etena bhūtendriyeşu dharma lakşaņa avasthā pariņāmāḥ vyākhyātāḥ

etena bhūtendriyeşu dharmalakşaņāvasthāpariņāmā vyākhyātāņ

Through these phases, cultured consciousness is transformed from its potential state (dharma) towards further refinement (lakṣaṇa) and the zenith of refinement (avasthā). In this way, the transformation of elements, senses, and mind takes place.

III.14 śānta udita avyapadeśya dharma anupātī dharmī

śāntoditāvyapadeśyadharmānupātī dharmī

The substrata is that which continues to exist and maintain its characteristic quality in all states, whether manifest, latent, or subdued.

III.15 krama anyatvam parināma anyatve hetuh

kramānyatvam pariņāmānyatve hetuḥ

Successive sequential changes cause the distinctive changes in the consciousness.

III.16 pariņāmatraya samyamāt atīta anāgatajñānam

pariņāmatrayasamyamād atītānāgatajñānam

By mastery of the three transformations of nature (dharma), quality (lakṣaṇa) and condition (avasthā), through samyama on the nirodha, samādhi, and ekāgratā states of consciousness, the yogi acquires knowledge of the past and the future.

III.17 śabda artha pratyayānām itaretaradhyāsāt saṅkaraḥ tatpravibhāga saṁyamāt sarvabhūta rutajñānam

Śabdārthapratyayānāmitaretarādhyāsāt

sankarastatpravibhāgasamyamātsarvabhūtarutajñānam

Words, objects and ideas are superimposed, creating confusion; by samyama, one gains knowledge of the language of all beings.

III.18 samskāra sākṣākaraņāt pūrvajātijñānam

saṃskārasākṣātkaraṇātpūrvajātijñānam

Through direct perception of his subliminal impressions, the yogi gains knowledge of his previous lives.

III.19 pratyayasya paracittajñānam

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He acquires the ability to understand the minds of others.

III.20 na ca tat sālambanam tasya aviṣayī bhūtatvāt

na ca tatsālambanam tasyāvişayībhūtatvāt

A yogi who is able to read the minds of others in general, can also, if necessary, precisely identify specific contents which are beyond the reach of the mind.

III.21 kāya rūpa samyamāt tadgrāhyaśakti stambhe cakṣuḥ prakāśa asamprayoge antardhānam

kāyarūpasamyamāttadgrāhyaśaktistambhe cakṣuḥprakāśāsamprayoge'ntardhānam

By control over the subtle body, the yogi can suspend at will the rays of light emanating from himself so that he becomes invisible to onlookers. He may again make himself visible by bringing back the power of perceptibility.

III.22 etena śabdādi antardhānam uktam

etena śabdādyantardhānamuktam

In the same way as described above, he is able to arrest sound, smell, taste, form and touch.

III.23 sopakramam nirupakramam ca karma tatsamyamāt aparāntajñānam aristebhyah vā

sopakramam nirupakramam ca karma tatsamyamādaparāntajñānamaristebhyo vā

The effects of action are immediate or delayed. By samyama on his actions, a yogi will gain foreknowledge of their final fruits. He will know the exact time of his death by omens.

III.24 maitryādişu balāni

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He gains moral and emotional strength by perfecting friendliness and other virtues towards one and all.

III.25 balesu hasti balādīni

baleşu hastibalādīni

By samyama on strength, the yogi will develop the physical strength, grace, and endurance of an elephant.

III.26 pravṛtti āloka nyāsāt sūkṣma vyavahita viprakṛṣṭajñānam

pravṛttyālokanyāsātsūkṣmavyavahitaviprakṛṣṭajñānam

Concealed things, near or far, are revealed to a yogi.

III.27 bhuvanajñānam sūrye samyamāt

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By samyama on the sun the yogi will have knowledge of the seven worlds, and of the seven cosmic centres in the body.

III.28 candre tārāvyūhajñānam

candre tārāvyūhajñānam

By samyama on the moon, the yogi will know the position and system of the stars.

III.29 dhruve tadgatijñānam

dhruve tadgatijñānam

By samyama on the Pole Star, the yogi knows the course of destiny.

III.30 nābhicakre kāyavyūhajñānam

nābhicakre kāyavyūhajñānam

By samyama on the navel, the yogi acquires perfect knowledge of the disposition of the human body.

III.31 kanthakūpe ksutpipāsā nivrttiņ

kanthakūpe kşutpipāsānivṛttih

By samyama on the pit of the throat, the yogi overcomes hunger and thirst.

III.32 kūrmanadyām sthairyam

kūrmanādyām sthairyam

By samyama on kūrmanāḍī, at the pit of the throat, the yogi can make his body and mind firm and immobile like a tortoise.

III.33 mūrdhajyotişi siddhadarśanam

mūrdhajyotişi siddhadarśanam

By performing samyama on the light of the crown of the head (ājñā cakra), the yogi has visions of perfected beings.

III.34 prātibhāt vā sarvam

prātibhādvā sarvam

Through the faculty of spiritual perception the yogi becomes the knower of all knowledge.

III.35 hrdaye cittasamvit

hrdaye cittasamvit

By samyama on the region of the heart, the yogi acquires a thorough knowledge of the contents and tendencies of consciousness.

III.36 sattva puruşayon atyantāsamkīrnayon pratyaya avišeşan bhogan parārthatvāt svārthasamyamāt puruşajnānam

sattvapuruşayoratyantāsamkīrņayoh

pratyayāviśeșo

bhogaḥ

parārthatvātsvārthasamyamātpuruşajñānam

By samyama, the yogi easily differentiates between the intelligence and the soul which is real and true.

III.37 tataḥ prātibha śravaṇa vedana ādarśa āsvāda vārtāḥ jāyante

tatah prātibhaśrāvaņavedanādarśāsvādavārtā jāyante

Through that spiritual perception, the yogi acquires the divine faculties of hearing, touch, vision, taste and smell. He can even generate these divine emanations by his own will.

III.38 te samādhau upasargāḥ vyutthāne siddhayaḥ

te samādhāvupasargā vyutthāne siddhayah

These attainments are impediments to samādhi, although they are powers in active life.

III.39 bandhakāraņa śaithilyāt pracāra samvedanāt ca cittasya paraśarīrāveśaņ

bandhakāraņaśaithilyātpracārasaṃvedanācca cittasya paraśarīrāveśaḥ

Through relaxation of the causes of bondage, and the free flow of consciousness, the yogi enters another's body at will.

III.40 udānajayāt jala paṅka kaṇṭakādiṣu asaṅgaḥ utkrāntiḥ ca

udānajayājjalapankakantakādişvasanga utkrāntisca

By mastery of udāna vāyu, the yogi can walk over water, swamps and thorns without touching them. He can also levitate.

III.41 samānajayāt jvalanam

samānajayājjvalanam

By samyama on samāna vāyu, a yogi glows like fire and his aura shines.

III.42 śrotra ākāśayoḥ sambandha samyamāt divyam śrotram

śrotrākāśayoḥ sambandhasaṃyamāddivyaṃ śrotram

By samyama on the relation between space and sound, the yogi acquires the power of hearing distant and divine sounds. The organ of hearing, the ear, grasps sound in space. This is the conquest of air.

III.43 kāya ākāśayoḥ sambandha samyamāt laghutūlasamāpatteḥ ca ākāśagamanam

kāyākāśayoḥ sambandhasaṃyamāllaghutūla samāpatteścākāśagamanam

By knowing the relationship between the body and ether, the yogi transforms his body and

mind so that they become as light as cotton fibre. He can then levitate in space. This is the conquest of ether.

III.44 bahih akalpitā vṛttih mahāvidehā tatah prakāśa āvaranakṣayah

bahirakalpitā vṛttirmahāvidehā tatah prakāśāvaranakṣayah

By samyama on mahāvideha (the disembodied state), where consciousness acts outside the body, the veil covering the light of illumination is destroyed.

III.45 sthūla svarūpa sūksma anvaya arthavatva samyamāt bhūtajayah

sthūlasvarūpasūkṣmānvayārthavattvasaṃyamādbhūtajayaḥ

By sarnyama on the elements - their mass, forms, subtlety, conjunction and purposes, the yogi becomes Lord over them all.

III.46 tataḥ aṇimādi prādurbhāvaḥ kāyasampat taddharma anabhighātaḥ ca tato'ṇimādiprādurbhāvaḥ kāyasampattaddharmānabhighātaśca

From that arises perfection of the body, the ability to resist the play of the elements, and powers such as minuteness.

III.47 rūpa lāvaņya bala vajra samhananatvāni kāyasampat

rūpalāvaņyabalavajrasamhananatvāni kāyasampat

Perfection of the body consists of beauty of form, grace, strength, compactness, and the hardness and brilliance of a diamond.

III.48 grahaņa svarūpa asmitā anvaya arthavattva samyamāt indriyajayaņ

grahaņasvarūpāsmitānvayārthavattvasaṃyamādindriyajayaḥ

Through samyama upon the purpose of the conjunction of the process of knowing, the ego, and nature, there is mastery over the senses.

III.49 tatah manojavitvam vikaranabhāvah pradhānajayah ca

tato manojavitvam vikaranabhāvah pradhānajayaśca

By mastery over the senses of perception, the yogi's speed of body, senses and mind matches that of the soul, independent of the primary causes of nature. Unaided by consciousness, he subdues the first principle of nature (mahat).

III.50 sattva puruşa anyatā khyātimātrasya sarvabhāva adhiṣṭhātṛtvaṁ sarvajñātṛtvaṁ ca sattvapuruṣānyatākhyātimātrasya sarvabhāvādhiṣṭhātṛtvaṃ sarvajñātṛtvaṃ ca

Only one who knows the difference between the illuminative intelligence and the seer attains supreme knowledge of all that exists and all that manifests.

III.51 tadvairāgyāt api doṣabījakṣaye kaivalyam

tadvairāgyādapi doṣabījakṣaye kaivalyam

By destruction of the seeds of bondage and the renunciation of even these powers, comes eternal emancipation.

III.52 sthānyupanimantraņe saṅgasmayākaraṇaṁ punaraniṣṭa prasaṅgāt

sthānyupanimantraņe saṅgasmayākaraṇam punaraniṣṭaprasaṅgāt

When approached by celestial beings, there should be neither attachment nor surprise, for undesirable connections can occur again.

III.53 kşana tatkramayon samyamat vivekajam jñanam kşanatatkramayon samyamadvivekajam jñanam

By samyama on moment and on the continuous flow of moments, the yogi gains exalted knowledge, free from the limitations of time and space.

III.54 jāti lakṣaṇa deśaiḥ anyatā anavacchedāt tulyayoḥ tataḥ pratipattiḥ jātilakṣaṇadeśairanyatānavacchedāt tulyayostataḥ pratipattiḥ

By this knowledge the yogi is able to distinguish unerringly the differences in similar objects which cannot be distinguished by rank, qualitative signs or position in space.

III.55 tārakam sarvaviṣayam sarvathāviṣayam akramam ca iti vivekajam jñānam tārakam sarvaviṣayam sarvathāviṣayam akramam ceti vivekajam jñānam

The essential characteristic of the yogi's exalted knowledge is that he grasps instantly, clearly and wholly, the aims of all objects without going into the sequence of time or change.

III.56 sattva puruşayon śuddhi sāmye kaivalyam iti sattvapuruşayon śuddhisāmye kaivalyamiti

When the purity of intelligence equals the purity of the soul, the yogi has reached kaivalya, perfection in yoga.

## **PADA IV - VIBHUTI**

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IV.1 janma auşadhi mantra tapah samādhijāh siddhayah janmauşadhimantratapahsamādhijāh siddhayah

Accomplishments may be attained through birth, the use of herbs, incantations, self-discipline or samādhi.

IV.2 jātyantara pariņāmah prakṛtyāpūrāt jātyantaraparināmah prakṛtyāpūrāt

The abundant flow of nature's energy brings about a transformation in one's birth, aiding the process of evolution.

IV.3 nimittam aprayojakam prakṛtīnām varaṇabhedaḥ tu tataḥ kṣetrikavat nimittamaprayojakam prakṛtīnām varaṇabhedastu tataḥ kṣetrikavat

Nature's efficient cause does not impel its potentialities into action, but helps to remove the obstacles to evolution, just as a farmer builds banks to irrigate his fields.

IV.4 nirmāņacittāni asmitāmātrāt

nirmāṇacittānyasmitāmātrāt

Constructed or created mind springs from the sense of individuality (asmitā).

IV.5 pravṛtti bhede prayojakam cittam ekam anekeṣām

pravṛttibhede prayojakam cittamekamanekeṣām

Consciousness is one, but it branches into many different types of activities and innumerable thought-waves.

IV.6 tatra dhyānajam anāśayam

tatra dhyānajamanāśayam

Of these activities of consciousness of perfected beings, only those which proceed from meditation are free from latent impressions and influences.

IV.7 karma aśukla akṛṣṇam yoginaḥ trividham itareṣām

karmāśuklākṛṣṇam yoginastrividhamitareṣām

A yogi's actions are neither white nor black. The actions of others are of three kinds, white, black or grey.

IV.8 tatah tadvipāka anuguņānām eva abhivyaktih vāsanānām

tatastadvipākānuguņānāmevābhivyaktirvāsanānām

These three types of actions leave impressions which become manifest when conditions are favourable and ripe.

IV.9 jāti deśa kāla vyavahitānām api ānantaryam smṛti samskārayon ekarūpatvāt

jātideśakālavyavahitānāmapyānantaryam smṛtisamskārayorekarūpatvāt

Life is a continuous process, even though it is demarcated by race, place and time. Due to the uninterrupted close relationship between memory and subliminal impressions, the fruits of actions remain intact from one life to the next, as if there were no separation between births.

IV.10 tāsām anāditvam ca āśiṣaḥ nityatvāt

tāsāmanāditvam cāśiso nityatvāt

The impressions, memories and desires have existed eternally, as the desire to live is eternal.

IV.11 hetu phala āśraya ālambanaiḥ saṅgṛhītatvāt eṣām abhāve tad abhāvaḥ

hetuphalāśrayālambanaih samgrhītatvādeṣāmabhāve tadabhāvah

Impressions and desires are bound together by their dependence upon cause and effect. In the absence of the latter, the former too ceases to function.

IV.12 atīta anāgatam svarūpatah asti adhvabhedāt dharmāņām

atītānāgatam svarūpato'styadhvabhedāddharmāņām

The existence of the past and the future is as real as that of the present. As moments roll into movements which have yet to appear as the future, the quality of knowledge in one's intellect and consciousness is affected.

IV.13 te vayakta sūksmāh guņātmānah

te vyaktasūksmā guņātmānaņ

The three phases of time intermingle rhythmically and interweave with the qualities of nature.

They change the composition of nature's properties into gross and subtle.

IV.14 pariņāma ekatvāt vastutattvam

parināmaikatvādvastutattvam

Unity in the mutation of time caused by the abiding qualities of nature, sattva, rajas and tamas,

causes modifications in objects, but their unique essence, or reality, does not change.

IV.15 vastusāmye cittabhedāt tayoh vibhaktah panthāh

vastusāmye cittabhedāttayorvibhaktah panthāh

Due to the variance in the quality of mind-content, each person may view the same object differently, according to his own way of thinking.

IV.16 na ca ekacitta tantram ced vastu tat apramāņakam tadā kim syāt

na caikacittatantram vastu tadapramāņakam tadā kim syāt

An object exists independent of its cognizance by any one consciousness. What happens to it when that consciousness is not there to perceive it?

IV.17 taduparāga apeksitvāt cittasya vastu jñāta ajñātam

taduparāgāpekṣitvāccittasya vastu jñātājñātam

An object remains known or unknown according to the conditioning or expectation of the consciousness.

IV.18 sadā jñātaḥ cittavṛttayaḥ tatprabhoḥ puruṣasya apariṇāmitvāt

sadā jñātāścittavrttayastatprabhoh puruşasyāparināmitvāt

Puruşa is ever illuminative and changeless. Being constant and master of the mind, he always knows the moods and modes of consciousness.

IV.19 na tat svābhāsam dráyatvāt

na tatsvābhāsam dráyatvāt

Consciousness cannot illumine itself as it is a knowable object.

IV.20 ekasamaye ca ubhaya anavadhāranam

ekasamaye cobhayanavadharanam

Consciousness cannot comprehend both the seer and itself at the same time.

IV.21 cittantaradrśye buddhibuddheh atiprasangah smrtisankarah ca

cittantaradrśye buddhibuddheratiprasangan smrtisankaraśca

If consciousness were manifold in one's being, each cognizing the other, the intelligence too would be manifold, so the projections of mind would be many, each having its own memory.

IV.22 citeh apratisamkramāyāh tadākārāpattau svabuddisamvedanam

citerapratisamkramāyāstadākārāpattau svabuddhisamvedanam

Consciousness distinguishes its own awareness and intelligence when it reflects and identifies its source - the changeless seer - and assumes his form.

IV.23 drastr drśya uparaktam cittam sarvārtham

drastrdrśyoparaktam cittam sarvārtham

Consciousness, reflected by the seer as well as by the seen, appears to be all-comprehending.

IV.24 tat asankhyeya vāsanābhih citram api parārtham samhatyakāritvāt

tadasamkhyeyavāsanābhiścitramapi parārtham samhatyakāritvāt

Though the fabric of consciousness is interwoven with innumerable desires and subconscious

impressions, it exists for the seer on account of its proximity to the seer as well as to the objective world.

IV.25 viśesadarśinah ātmabhāva bhāvanānivṛttih

viśesadarśina ātmabhāvabhāvanāvinivrttih

For one who realizes the distinction between citta and ātmā, the sense of separation between the two disappears.

IV.26 tadā vivekanimnam kaivalya prāgbhāram cittam

tadā vivekanimnam kaivalyaprāgbhāram cittam

The consciousness is drawn strongly towards the seer or the soul due to the gravitational force of its exalted intelligence.

IV.27 tat cchidreşu pratayayantarani samskarebhyan

tacchidreşu pratyayantarani samskarebhyan

Notwithstanding this progress, if one is careless during the interval, a fissure arises due to past hidden impressions, creating division between the consciousness and the seer.

IV.28 hānam eṣām kleśavat uktam

hānameṣām kleśavaduktam

In the same way as the sādhaka strives to be free from afflictions, the yogi must handle these latent impressions judiciously to extinguish them.

IV.29 prasamkhyāne api akusīdasya sarvathā vivekakhyāteh dharmameghah samādhih prasamkhyāne pyakusīdasya sarvathā vivekakhyāterdharmameghah samādhih

The yogi who has no interest even in this highest state of evolution, and maintains supreme attentive, discriminative awareness, attains dharmameghaḥ samādhi: he contemplates the fragrance of virtue and justice.

IV.30 tatah kleśa karma nivrttih

tatah kleśakarmanivrttih

Then comes the end of afflictions and of karma.

IV.31 tadā sarva āvaraņa malāpetasya jñānasya ānantyāt jñeyam alpam

tadā sarvāvaraņamalāpetasya jñānasyānantyājjñeyamalpam

The, when the veils of impurities are removed, the highest, subjective, pure, infinite knowledge is attained, and the knowable, the finite, appears as trivial.

IV.32 tatah kṛtārthānām parināmakrama samāptih guṇānām

tatah kṛtārthānām parināmakramasamāptirgunānām

When dharmameghaḥ samādhi is attained, qualities of nature (guṇas) come to rest. Having fulfilled their purpose, their sequence of successive mutations is at an end.

IV.33 kṣaṇa pratiyogī pariṇāma aparānta nirgrāhyaḥ kramaḥ

kşanapratiyogī parināmāparāntanirgrāhyah kramah

As the mutations of the gunas cease to function, time, the uninterrupted movement of moments, stops. This deconstruction of the flow of time is comprehensible only at this final stage of emancipation.

IV.34 puruṣārtha śūnyānām guṇānām pratiprasavaḥ kaivalyam svarūpapratiṣṭhā vā citiśaktiḥ iti

puruṣārthaśūnyānāṃ guṇānāṃ pratiprasavaḥ kaivalyaṃ svarūpapratiṣṭhā vā citiśaktiriti Kaivalya, liberation, comes when the yogi has fulfilled the puruṣārthas, the fourfold aims of life, and has transcended the guṇas. Aims and guṇas return to their source, and consciousness is established in its own natural purity.

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