

# What is Yoga and Transformation?





Yoga means to Yoke, to unite. It is the union of the body, mind, and soul.

Transformation happens when the body, mind, and soul become one.

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There are 8 limbs to Yoga and Transformation. They are divided into 3 groups; Body's outer, the Mind's inner, and the Soul's Quest.



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#### **BODY'S OUTER QUEST**

- 1. YAMA Discipline, Universal Ethics (5) (The Root Cause of Suffering)
- 2. NIYAMA Self-Restraint (5)
- 3. ASANA Postures, Physical Health, Anatomy, Alignment, Movement

#### MIND'S INNER QUEST

- 4. PRANAYAMA Breath Control, Life Force
- 5. PRATYAHARA Sense-Withdrawal, Psychological Health, (The Forgotten Limb)

#### SOUL'S QUEST

- 6. DHARANA Concentration
- 7. DHYANA Meditation
- 8. SAMADHI Enlightenment, Spiritual Health

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"When a yogin becomes qualified by practicing moral discipline (yama) and self-restraint (niyama), he can proceed to posture and the other limbs."

-Yoga-Bhashya-Vivarana 2.29

The Yoga Tradidion by George Feuerstein.

THE YAMAS DISCIPLINE Regulating Social Interactions

> 1. AHIMSA Nonharming - Peace

2. SATYA Truthfulness - Power

3. ASTEYA Nonstealing - Wealth

4. BRAHMACARYA Chasity - Health

5. APARIGRAHA Greedlessness - Wisdom





THE NIYAMAS
RESTRAINT
Regulating Inner Life

1. SAUCHA Purity - Clarity

2. SAMTOSHA Contentment - Happiness

> 3. TAPAS Heat - Awareness

4. SVADHYAYA Studying - Insight

5. ISVARA PRANIDHANA Serving - Awakening



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