

Identify This Yoga Posture

In normative tantric systems, kundalini is considered to be dormant until it is activated (as by the practice of yoga) and channeled upward through the central channel in a process of spiritual perfection. Other schools, such as Kashmir Shaivism, teach that there are multiple kundalini energies in different parts of the body which are active and do not require awakening. Kundalini is believed by adherents to be power associated with the divine feminine, Shakti. Kundalini yoga as a school of yoga is influenced by Shaktism and Tantra schools of Hinduism. It derives its name through a focus on awakening kundalini energy through... 4553b4777c

List of asanas asana (Sanskrit: आसना, IAST: āsana) is a body posture, used in both medieval hatha yoga and modern yoga. The asanas have been given a variety of English names by competing schools of yoga. While many of the oldest mentioned asanas are indeed seated postures for meditation, asanas may be standing, seated, arm-balances, twists, inversions, forward bends, backbends, or reclining in prone or supine positions. The term is derived from the Sanskrit word for An asana (Sanskrit: आसना, IAST: āsana) is a body posture, used in both medieval hatha yoga and modern yoga. The term is derived from the Sanskrit word for 'seat' 4553b4777c

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Trauma-sensitive yoga It was developed at the Justice Resource Trauma-sensitive yoga is yoga as exercise, adapted from 2002 onwards for work with individuals affected by psychological trauma. However, a 2019 systematic review found that the studies to date were not sufficiently robustly designed to provide strong evidence of yoga's effectiveness as a therapy; it called for further research. Trauma-sensitive yoga is a form of yoga as therapy, adapted from modern postural yoga, mindfulness, and meditation. Its goal is to help trauma survivors to develop a greater sense of mind-body connection, to ease their physiological experiences of trauma, to gain a greater sense of ownership over their bodies, and to augment their overall well-being 4553b4777c

Hatha Yoga Pradipika Different manuscripts offer different titles for the text The Haṭha Yoga Pradīpikā (Sanskrit: haṭhayogapradīpikā,

सुखासनम् (Sukhasana or Light on Hatha Yoga) is a classic fifteenth-century Sanskrit manual on haṭha yoga, written by Svātmārāma. It is among the most influential surviving texts on haṭha yoga, being one of the three classic texts alongside the Gheranda Samhita and the Shiva Samhita. early hatha yoga that may have contributed to the Hatha Yoga Pradipika have been identified. In the text, Svātmārāma traces the lineage of the teachings to Matsyendranath of the Natha tradition 4553b4777c

The 10th or 11th century Goraksha Sataka and the 15th century Hatha Yoga Pradipika identify 84 asanas; the 17th century Hatha Ratnavali provides a different list of 84 asanas, describing some of them. In the 20th century, Indian nationalism favoured physical culture in response to colonialism. In that environment, pioneers such as Yogendra, Kuvalayananda, and Krishnamacharya taught a new system of asanas (incorporating systems of exercise as well as traditional hatha yoga). Among Krishnamacharya's pupils were influential Indian yoga teachers including Pattabhi Jois, founder of Ashtanga (vinyasa) yoga, and B.K.S. Iyengar, founder of Iyengar yoga. Together they described... 4553b4777c

Yoga Body It is based Yoga Body: The Origins of Modern Posture Practice is a 2010 book on the origins of modern posture practice by the yoga scholar Mark Singleton. Yet, from the 1920s, an asana-based yoga emerged, with an emphasis on its health benefits, and flowing sequences (vinyasas) adapted from the gymnastics of the physical culture movement. Yoga Body: The Origins of Modern Posture Practice is a 2010 book on the origins of modern posture practice by the yoga scholar Mark Singleton. By the 19th century, the book explains, asanas and their ascetic practitioners were despised, and the yoga that Vivekananda brought to the West in the 1890s was asana-free. This was encouraged by Indian nationalism, with the desire to present an image of health and strength. It is based on his PhD thesis, and argues that the yoga known worldwide is, in large part, a radical break from hatha yoga tradition, with different goals, and an unprecedented emphasis on asanas, many of them acquired in the 20th century 4553b4777c

Kundalini yoga This energy, often symbolized as a serpent coiled at the root chakra at the base of the spine, is guided upward through the chakras until it reaches the crown chakra at the top of the head. Most yoga schools use pranayama, meditation, and moral code observation to raise the kundalini. Kundalini yoga (IAST: kuṇḍalinī-yoga), (Devanagari : कुण्डलिनी योग) is a 20th century, spiritual practice in

the yogic and tantric traditions of Hinduism Kundalini yoga (IAST: kuṇḍalinī-yoga), (Devanagari : कुण्डलिनी योग) is a 20th century, spiritual practice in the yogic and tantric traditions of Hinduism, centered on awakening the kundalini energy. This leads to the blissful state of samadhi, symbolizing the union of Shiva and Shakti
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List of mudras (yoga) In yoga, mudrās are used in conjunction with pranayama (yogic breathing exercises), generally while seated in Padmasana, Ardhasiddhasana, Sukhasana or Vajrasana pose, to stimulate different parts of the body and mind, and to affect the flow of prana in the body. This is a list of Yoga mudras. In yoga, mudrās are used in conjunction with pranayama (yogic breathing exercises), generally while seated in Padmasana This is a list of Yoga mudras
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Yoga as exercise Yoga in this form has become familiar across the world, especially in the US and Europe. Yoga as exercise is a physical activity consisting mainly of postures, often connected by flowing sequences, sometimes accompanied by breathing exercises Yoga as exercise is a physical activity consisting mainly of postures, often connected by flowing sequences, sometimes accompanied by breathing exercises, and frequently ending with relaxation lying down or meditation. Academic research has given yoga as exercise a variety of names, including modern postural yoga and transnational anglophone yoga. It is partly derived from medieval Haṭha yoga, which made use of similar postures, but it is generally simply called "yoga"
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== Background == 4553b4777c Hasta mudras (hand mudras) may be conducive for meditation, and help in internalization. Many hand mudrās evolved for use in rituals, especially within tantra. Others developed as iconographical symbols for depictions of deities in statues and paintings. Others were developed for non-verbal story telling in traditional dance. In the Hevajra Tantra hand mudrās are used to identify oneself to the goddesses at different holy sites.
4553b4777c Some other yoga organisations follow Sivananda's teachings, including the Divine Life Society (founded by Sivananda), Bihar School of Yoga, Integral Yoga (Satchidananda) and the Chinmaya Mission, but use different names for their yoga systems. Sivananda Yoga is the yoga system of the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centre organisation, and is based on Sivananda's teachings to synthesise the principles of the four paths of yoga (Yoga of Synthesis) along with the five points of yoga compiled by Vishnudevananda. The

four classical paths of yoga consist of Karma Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, Raja Yoga and Jnana Yoga. These are: Proper Exercise (āsana), Proper Breathing (prāṇāyāma), Proper Relaxation (śavāsana), Proper Diet and Positive Thinking (vedānta) and Meditation (dhyāna). 4553b4777c Postures were not central in any of the older traditions of yoga; posture practice was revived in the 1920s by yoga gurus including Yogendra and Kuvalayananda, who emphasised its health benefits. The flowing sequences of Surya Namaskar (Salute to the Sun) were pioneered by the Rajah of Aundh, Bhawanrao Shrinivasrao Pant Pratinidhi, in the 1920s. It and many standing poses used in gymnastics were incorporated into yoga by the yoga teacher Krishnamacharya in Mysore from the 1930s to the 1950s. Several of his students went on to found influential schools of yoga: Pattabhi Jois created Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga, which in turn led to Power... 4553b4777c

Yoga in the United States More widespread interest in yoga can be dated to the Hindu leader Vivekananda's visit from India in 1893; he presented yoga as a spiritual path without postures (asanas), very different from modern yoga as exercise. interpretations of yoga, based on tantra and oriented to physical pleasure. Craddock and the businessman and occultist Pierre Bernard, created their own interpretations of yoga, based on tantra and oriented to physical pleasure. The practice of yoga as consisting mainly of physical postures began in 1919 when The history of yoga in the United States begins in the 19th century, with the philosophers Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau; Emerson's poem "Brahma" states the Hindu philosophy behind yoga. Two other early figures, however, the women's rights advocate Ida C 4553b4777c

== Title and composition == 4553b4777c

Sivananda yoga Sivananda Yoga is a spiritual yoga system founded by Sivananda and Vishnudevananda; it includes the use of asanas (yoga postures) but is not limited to Sivananda Yoga is a spiritual yoga system founded by Sivananda and Vishnudevananda; it includes the use of asanas (yoga postures) but is not limited to them as in systems of yoga as exercise. Vishnudevananda named this system, as well as the international Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centres organisation responsible for propagating its teachings, after his guru, Sivananda 4553b4777c

The practice of yoga as consisting mainly of physical postures began in 1919 when the pioneer of asana-based yoga, Yogendra, brought his

system, influenced by physical culture, to the United States. From 1948, Indra Devi, a pupil of Krishnamacharya, brought yoga to public attention by teaching celebrity pupils in her Hollywood studio. A large variety of asana systems evolved, including the precise Iyengar Yoga and Pattabhi Jois's energetic Ashtanga (vinyasa) yoga and its Power Yoga spinoffs. Spiritual styles also flourished, including Transcendental Meditation... 4553b4777c The book attracted wide interest, both among scholars and among yoga teachers and practitioners. Its argument has largely been accepted by scholars, and it has encouraged further research into the nature of modern yoga and its origins. 4553b4777c More recently, eight works of early hatha yoga that may have contributed to the Hatha Yoga Pradipika have been identified. 4553b4777c Starting in 2019, the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centres have dealt... 4553b4777c The traditional number of asanas is the symbolic 84, but different texts identify different selections, sometimes listing their names without describing them. Some names have been given to different asanas over the centuries, and some asanas have been known by a variety of names, making tracing and the assignment of dates difficult. For example, the name Muktasana is now given to a variant of Siddhasana with one foot in front of the other, but has also been used for Siddhasana and other cross-legged meditation poses. As another example, the headstand is now known by the 20th century name Shirshasana, but an older name for the pose is Kapalasana. Sometimes, the names have the same meaning, as with Bidalasana and Marjariasana,... 4553b4777c The book was attacked from two sides: saffronising Hindu nationalists wanting to reclaim yoga as a single thing, distinctively... 4553b4777c

Asana Asanas are also called yoga poses or yoga postures in English. also called yoga poses or yoga postures in English. The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali define "asana" as "[a position that] is steady and comfortable". The 10th or 11th century Goraksha Sataka and the 15th century Hatha Yoga Pradipika identify 84 asanas; An āsana (Sanskrit: आसना) is a body posture, originally and still a general term for a sitting meditation pose, and later extended in hatha yoga and modern yoga as exercise, to any type of position, adding reclining, standing, inverted, twisting, and balancing poses. Patanjali mentions the ability to sit for extended periods as one of the eight limbs of his system 4553b4777c

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