

PATANJALI YOGA SUTRAS



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The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali is the classical ancient Indian treatise on the practice of Yoga. While Yoga conjures up images of bodily postures in popular western culture, this aspect of yoga, the asanas, is only the third limb of the eight limbs outlined in the Yoga Sutra. This seminar will consist of a close reading of Patanjali's original text, focusing on the opening section of the work, wherein Yoga is defined and the state of samadhi. liberation, described, as well as on the eight limbs of yoga covered in the heart of the text, which outline the step by step methods for attaining this enlightened state. Students are advised to bring any copy of the Sutras which has the Sanskrit text.

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