

The Top 10 Methods of Meditation

Readily recommended throughout the ages, meditation serves as our own personal fountain of peace. Whether studied or spontaneous, meditation fulfills our deepest need for serenity and self-knowledge. To follow are several classic routes to realization. Remember, know the modality JUST enough to know thyself-- then let the method fall away into the truth of your being...

1. **Sitting**

as in "just sitting." Finding a comfortable position and resting therein for longer than you think you can.

2. **Transcendental Meditation**

TM has been practiced for ages, and can offer a sense of order to a chaotic mind.

3. **Breathwork**

Witnessing breathing for a given time, or making the breath flow a certain way, offers us opportunities to slide by an awfully big brain.

4. **Loving-kindness**

Meditation on specific emotions can illumine our eternal heart. Contemplating Gratitude, Faith, and Humility can do wonders for you and your worldly "team mates" too.

5. **Guided**

Making your body comfortable as you listen to teachers & tapes walk you through the levels and lands of your growing awareness. By nature of this modality alone, you can transform through Trust...

6. **Walking**

Who says your body must be still for your mind to become a minor player? Moving in rhythm can make your mind quickly hit the theta stride (in other words, oscillating in tandem to the vibration of creation).

7. **Yoga**

Or how about movement AND stillness for those of you who want to mix it up? From hatha yoga your body grows malleable, as does your mind-- Increasing your flexibility offers you peace in surprises and a self-knowing that transcends discomfort.

8. **Music**

Listen loud, and listen long to sounds that truly inspire you... To whom exactly are those words sung? Where could that melody move you? After all, do we really need all the "roadies" to soar to the stars?

9. **Mantra**

...can make your whole life a moving meditation. Meaning-filled words spoken or inner-whispered repeatedly, shift your experience. Mantra need not be granted or assigned, as we can personally choose what we want to exude. Why not choose a phrase and meditate today?

10. **Chanting**

Compelling sounds can make our bodies respond positively and our thinking quiet down. In this sound-creation space we hear only grace, and FEEL the movement of miracles within.

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This piece was originally submitted by Elizabeth Mullen, Principal LifeCoach of CornerstoneCoachingTM. She can be reached at em@cornerstonecoaching.com, or visited on the web at www.cornerstonecoaching.com. Elizabeth Mullen wants you to know: Meditation is a lot like toilet paper. It's really only serious when you don't get enough...

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