

This is a screenplay for a 10-minute play by kids on the 10 Primordial Masters of Sahaja Yoga, with each child playing one of the 10 Adi Gurus. It is based on the children's book "The Ten Primordial Masters by Rafael Sol" and the interaction between Confucious and Lao Tzu as described here: (<https://www.iihf.in/lao-tzu-confucius-meet/>).

The Wisdom Keepers



Characters:

- **RAJA JANAKA** (King, wise and calm)
- **ABRAHAM** (Faithful, questioning)
- **MOSES** (Leader, strong and clear)
- **ZOROASTER** (Enthusiastic, spreading light)
- **CONFUCIUS** (Thoughtful, seeking balance)
- **LAO TZU** (Mysterious, gentle)
- **SOCRATES** (Questioning, unconcerned with wealth)
- **PROPHET MUHAMMAD** (Kind, emphasizing unity)
- **GURU NANAK** (Loving, simple)
- **SAİNATH** (Miraculous, patient)
- **NARRATOR 1**
- **NARRATOR 2**
- **Astavakra (Voice only)**

Setting: A simple stage. Props can be minimal – a throne for Janaka, a staff and tablet for Moses, a scroll for Confucius, etc.

(The play opens with NARRATOR 1 and NARRATOR 2 stepping forward.)

NARRATOR 1: Welcome, everyone! Today, we're going on a journey through time and wisdom.

NARRATOR 2: We'll meet ten amazing teachers who helped humanity find its way. They came to bring balance and guide us towards righteousness and spirituality.

NARRATOR 1: Our Guru, Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, described them as the ten incarnations of the Primordial Master, Shri Adi Guru Dattatreya!

NARRATOR 2: Let's begin with a king who sought true knowledge!

(NARRATOR 1 and NARRATOR 2 move to the side. RAJA JANAKA enters and sits on his "throne.")



RAJA JANAKA: (To the audience) I am Raja Janaka, a king from ancient India, around 5000 BC. I was a scientist and an enlightened being, and father of Shri Sita, the wife of Shri Rama. I once challenged all the sages: "If someone can teach me the knowledge of my true Spirit, let him be my teacher!"

(ASHTAVAKRA, played by an off-stage voice or another child, calls out.)

ASHTAVAKRA (V.O.): O King! This is Ashtavakra! Let us go to a pure place in the forest. And listen only to me without even thinking about it.

RAJA JANAKA: (Stands up and walks a few steps, then sits still, eyes closed, as if meditating. Then he speaks while keeping his eyes closed.) I became so still, even my officers and ministers couldn't get me to move! Only when Ashtavakra called did I stir. He said I understood the Spirit – it's not the thoughts in your head; it's always there within you! **(RAJA JANAKA steps to the side. ABRAHAM enters.)**



ABRAHAM: Greetings! I am Abraham. I lived between 1800 and 1600 BC in Mesopotamia. In my time, people worshipped idols, but I believed in one true God.

(ABRAHAM looks up, as if listening.)

ABRAHAM: One day, God spoke to me! He told me to leave my home and go to a new land, promising to make me a great nation. Even though my wife Sarah and I were old, God promised us a child, and Isaac was born! God even tested my faith, asking me to sacrifice Isaac, but an Angel stopped me just in time.

(ABRAHAM moves aside. MOSES enters.)



MOSES: I am Moses, born around 1300 BC. When I was a baby, Pharaoh ordered all Hebrew boys to be drowned, but my mother saved me by putting me in a basket on the Nile river. Pharaoh's daughter found me, and I grew up in the Egyptian court.

(MOSES holds up his staff.)

MOSES: Later, God called me to save my people from slavery. I showed Pharaoh God's power through ten plagues. And when we were trapped by the Red Sea, God allowed me to part the waters so we could cross on dry land! God gave me the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, laws to help my people live good lives.

(MOSES displays a tablet and quickly recites a few commandments.)

MOSES: No other gods before me! Honor your father and mother! Do not murder!

(MOSES moves aside. ZOROASTER enters.)



ZOROASTER: I am Zoroaster, born in Persia in 630 BC. When I was 30, the angel of the Good Spirit, Vohu Mana, appeared to me and showed me the divine Light of God, also known as Ahura Mazda! I learned there is only one omnipresent and eternal God, who is good and Light!

(ZOROASTER gestures expansively.)

ZOROASTER: When King Vishtaspa asked how to fight bad people, I said, "There is only one way to overcome evil: increase Good! To eliminate darkness: spread the Light!" My teachings, gathered in songs called "gathas," spread throughout the land.

(ZOROASTER moves aside. CONFUCIUS and LAO TZU enter together. Confucius holds a scroll, Lao Tzu has his hands open.)



CONFUCIUS: (To Lao Tzu, with a respectful but slightly puzzled expression) Venerable Master Lao Tzu, I am Confucius, born in China in 551 BC. I believe education can transform society, especially during times of war and corruption. I teach about the "honest man" and finding balance.

LAO TZU: (Speaks softly and calmly) I am Lao Tzu, a Venerable Master from China, born around 600 BC. When a guard once asked for my wisdom, I told him, "He who knows does not preach; he who preaches does not know."

CONFUCIUS: (Frowns slightly, then brightens) You once told me, "Those written words are in fact only the footprints of ancient men, neither their shoes nor their feet, let alone what was in their minds. Don't regard their words as some sort of unbreakable dogma." And to "cut off your pride, get rid of your greed, reduce your haughtiness, throw away some of your ambitions." It puzzled me then, but I have pondered your words.



LAO TZU: (Nodding gently) I spoke of the Tao, the Way and the Virtue, which is the union of opposites: being and non-being, masculine and feminine, light and shadow. Compassion is the best weapon and defense. Give love for hate. If Confucius wanted to change society, I wanted people to change within themselves.

CONFUCIUS: (Looks at the audience) The rule of life is to act towards others as you would like them to act towards you. Our teachings greatly influenced China and other Asian cultures.

(CONFUCIUS and LAO TZU move aside. SOCRATES enters, walking simply.)



SOCRATES: Hello, I am Socrates, born near Athens, Greece, around 470 BC. I taught philosophy in the streets, to everyone, young and old.

(SOCRATES gestures earnestly.)

SOCRATES: I tried to convince people to care about their soul, not wealth. Virtue brings true benefits. The desire for possessions causes all wars and discords. I even practiced meditation by standing motionless for hours. When I was sentenced to death for my teachings, I accepted it, because I knew the soul is immortal, and I wanted to die in righteousness.

(SOCRATES moves aside. PROPHET MUHAMMAD enters.)



PROPHET MUHAMMAD: Peace be upon you. I am Prophet Muhammad, born in Mecca around 570 AD. When I was 40, I received revelations from the Archangel Gabriel and then Allah or God dictated to me the verses of the Koran.

(PROPHET MUHAMMAD speaks gently.)

PROPHET MUHAMMAD: I taught about the exclusive worship of one, indivisible God, Allah. The Koran praises Abraham, Moses, and Jesus. My teachings emphasize mercy and moral principles. As it is said, "God is merciful to those who are merciful to others." My journey to Medina, the Hegira, marked the start of the Muslim calendar.

(PROPHET MUHAMMAD moves aside. GURU NANAK enters.)



GURU NANAK: Sat Sri Akal! I am Guru Nanak, born in Punjab in 1469. From a young age, I was a dreamer, more interested in meditation than worldly affairs.

(GURU NANAK speaks simply and lovingly.)

GURU NANAK: I traveled widely, speaking to everyone, sharing a message of God's love. I understood there were no Hindus or Muslims, just people loved by God. This was the birth of the Sikh religion. A disciple once asked how to draw near to God, and I told them: "Love God as the lotus loves water... Make divine love the feather and your heart the writer. If you repeat the name of God, you live." My teachings are in the book Adi Granth.

(GURU NANAK moves aside. SAĪNATH enters.)



SAİNATH: (Smiling patiently) I am Sainath, also known as Shirdi Sai Baba. My birth is a mystery. I lived in an abandoned mosque, keeping a fire and lamp always lit, and lived on gifts that I gave back to the poor.

(SAİNATH gestures as if pouring water.)

SAİNATH: Once, when I needed oil for my lamp, some young men gave me only water, laughing. But I put the water in my lamps, and they lit up! Many came to me for miracles. I believed in the unity of all religions, being familiar with both Islam and Hinduism. I tell my devotees, "If you stretch out your palms towards me in devotion, I will be immediately with you, day and night."

(SAİNATH steps back with the other Gurus.)

NARRATOR 1: So there you have them, ten incredible teachers from different times and places.

NARRATOR 2: Each with their own unique message, but all pointing towards truth, righteousness, and a deeper understanding of life and our connection to the divine.

NARRATOR 1: From King Janaka's search for the Spirit...

NARRATOR 2: ...to Abraham's unwavering faith...

NARRATOR 1: ...Moses's laws and leadership...

NARRATOR 2: ...Zoroaster's light against darkness...

NARRATOR 1: ...Confucius's wisdom of balance...

NARRATOR 2: ...Lao Tzu's quiet path of the Tao...

NARRATOR 1: ...Socrates's pursuit of virtue and the immortal soul...

NARRATOR 2: ...Prophet Muhammad's message of one compassionate God...

NARRATOR 1: ...Guru Nanak's simple love for God...

NARRATOR 2: ...and Saïnath's miraculous patience and unity of faiths.

ALL GURUS: (Step forward and bow or offer a final gesture of peace.)

NARRATOR 1: We hope you enjoyed meeting these incredible "Primordial Masters"!

NARRATOR 2: Thank you! Jai Shri Mataji!

(The kids bow and exit the stage.)