

I. Internalizing Awareness

A. Quieting/Centering

2. Closing the Eyes and Being Present

Close your eyes and quiet your mind. Be still.

Let go of all thoughts, worry and tension.

Give yourself fully to a higher power. Relax, trust and let go... Breathe in fully and exhale with a deep sigh...

And again, breathe in fully and exhale with a deep sigh... And let go even more....

Feel a deep sense of contentment and peace in your heart.

II. Induction Techniques Phase I

A. Physical Relaxation

2. Deliberate Tension and Relaxation

We will move our awareness into the body to release trapped energy and move deeper into total relaxation.

Those with cardiac disease, hypertension, glaucoma should use caution. If you cannot have undue pressure in the head for any reason, it is important that you breathe normally as you tense the body.

Upper Body:

- As you inhale, make fists and deliberately induce stiffness and tension throughout your shoulders, arms and fists.

- Tighten...tighten...even more.

- Now let go completely. Relax.

- On your next exhalation, relax even more. Let go.

- Observe and feel the flood of energy in your arms.....

(pause.....)

Lower Body:

- This time as you inhale, deliberately induce stiffness and tension in hips, legs and feet.

- Tighten...tighten...hold..hold.

- Let go. Let go completely. Relax.

- Observe the flood of energy in your legs.....

(pause.....)

Whole Body:

- This time tighten and tense the entire body as you inhale: arms, hands, shoulders, feet, legs, face, buttocks.

- Tighten...tighten...hold hold.

- Now let go completely. Relax.

- On your next exhalation let go even more.

- Observe and the flood of energy extending to all the muscles, nerves and cells of your entire body.

- Let your whole body melt into the flood of energy you feel in your body.

- Let your body go limp.....like a rag doll...relax even more.

- Release any holding..... anywhere.
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B. Prana/Energy Awareness

1. Palming the Face

- Maintaining this inner awareness, gently begin rubbing the palms together.
 - Now place your fingertips on your eyelids. The entire surface of the palms touching your face.
 - Start now by massaging the face.
 - The fingers working from the eyebrows up to the hairline, moving out to the temples-- circling the fingers at the temples.
 - Moving down to the joint of the jaw, along the jawline to the chin.
 - Massage around the parentheses of the mouth, up to the bridge of the nose, around the orbits of the eyes.
 - Moving to the ears, pulling down in front of and behind the ears, and maybe even a gentle pull on the earlobes. Feeling tensions and holding melt away.
 - Squeeze the back of the neck, and maybe even the shoulders.
 - Now, place the entire surface of the palms on the face, fingertips on the eyelids.
 - Drop all expression from the face.
 - Take a deep breath in and let go.
 - Take another deep breath in and let go even more.
 - Release your arms to your sides.
 - Feel the impact flooding the whole body and the entire being. Bathe in the sensations.
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