

United Martial Arts

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Bagua 8 Inner Palms

also called: 8 Mother Palms

8 Animal Palms 8 Ch'i-Kung Palms

1. The Dragon Hangs its Claws

Sinks Breath to Dan-Tien, Relaxes Shoulders, Energizes Fingers

2. The Eagle Spreads its Wings

Strengthens Lungs, Expands Ch'i Left and Right

3. The Lion Holds the Ball

Stimulates Triple-Burner

4. The Phoenix Circles the Mountaintop

Stimulates Hui-Yin and Bai-Hui, Opens Microcosmic Orbit

5. Striking Heaven and Piercing Earth

Expands Ch'i up and Down, Stimulates Lungs

6. The White Monkey Offers the Fruit

Opens the Mid-back Point, Stimulates Kidneys

7. The Boy Pushes the Millstone

Stimulates the Heart, Circulates Energy to the Lao-Kung (Mid-palm Point),

8. The Heavenly Horse Walks in the Void

Stimulates Liver and Spleen

Some benefits and purposes of the 8 Inner Palms practice.

- 1. Balances Stillness and Motion
- 2. Strengthens and Reconstructs the Shoulders
- 3. Teaches Basic Blocks and Guard Positions
- 4. Helps the Chi' Circulate Throughout the Body
- 5. Strengthens Circle Walk
- 6. Builds Concentration
- 7. Teaches Basic Breathing Patterns
- 8. Trains Structural Alignment and Energetic Connection