### The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love & Letting-go

3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text

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# II. Love Meditations

# A. Classic Loving-kindness Meditation

(or Metta Bhavana if you prefer Pali)

### 1. Circumstantial Love

Safety for... one quarter! *IN-breath:* 

*OUT-breath:* 

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right little finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

*IN-breath:* 

Safety for...
two quarters! *OUT-breath:* 

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right ring finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

IN-breath: Safety for...

OUT-breath: three quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **middle** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

IN-breath: Safety f

*OUT-breath:* 

Safety for... all quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **index** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

2. Physical Love

IN-breath: Great health for...

OUT-breath: one quarter!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **little** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

IN-breath: Great health for...

OUT-breath: two quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **ring** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

IN-breath: Great health for...

OUT-breath: three quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **middle** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

one set of four breaths

*IN-breath:* 

Great health for... all quarters!

*OUT-breath:* 

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **index** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

3. Interpersonal Love

OUT-breath: one quarter!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **higher** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **little** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

OUT-breath: two quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **higher** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **ring** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

OUT-breath: three quarters!

one set of four breaths

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OUT-breath: all quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **higher** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **index** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

4. Mental Love

OUT-breath: one quarter!

one set of four breaths

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one set of four breaths

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through WATCHING the Play of Mind and RELAXING into its Release

{Sati Passaddhi in Pali, Mahamudra or Mahasandhi in Sanskrit, and Trekchöd in Tibetan Dzogchen }



### Watching the Play of Mind

Observant inhalation: Notice this... {This...

Relaxing exhalation: relaxing! yes!} one set of sixteen breaths

slide left thumb over tip of left <u>little finger</u> until it comes to rest upon the **higher knuckle** count the four breaths upon the right: little, ring, middle, and index finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as their tips.

# C. Loving-kindness for Insomnia

(or Metta Bhavana if you prefer Pali)

### 1. Circumstantial Love

IN-breath: Safe for some...

OUT-breath: relaxing!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **little** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

IN-breath: Safe for half...

OUT-breath: relaxing!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **ring** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

IN-breath: Safe for most...

OUT-breath: relaxing!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **middle** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

IN-breath: Safe for all...

OUT-breath: relaxing!

one set of four breaths

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IN-breath: Joy for some...

OUT-breath: relaxing!

one set of four breaths

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#### II-I. Mindfulness WITH breathing

or Anapanasati if you prefer Pali



#### A. Body's base of mindfulness

or Ka-ya if you prefer Pali

Mindfulness of breath's length
Mindfulness of breath's brevity
Mindfulness of the body
Mindfulness of the body's tranquility

# The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love and Letting-go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text *Body's FIRST meditation*

IN-breath: How long breath...

*How...* 

*OUT-breath:* 

how long breath?

long?

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>little</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

# The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love and Letting-go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text *Body's SECOND meditation*

IN-breath: How short breath...

*How...* 

*OUT-breath:* 

how short breath?

short?

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>ring</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

# The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love and Letting-go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text *Body's THIRD meditation*

*IN-breath:* 

*OUT-breath:* 

Notice form... notice form!

This...

form!

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **higher** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>middle</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

# The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love and Letting-go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text *Body's FOURTH meditation*

*IN-breath:* 

*OUT-breath:* 

Calming form... calming form!

*Form...* 

calm!

one set of sixteen breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **tip** count the four breaths upon the right <u>index</u> finger's:

lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

#### B. Feeling's base of mindfulness

or Ve-da-na if you prefer Pali

Mindfulness of physical pleasure which generates Tranquility's experience of physical bliss

Mindfulness of emotional pleasure which generates Tranquility's experience of emotional joy

Mindfulness of mind's coarser functions which generates Tranquility's experience of mental contentment

Mindfulness of mind's coarser calmness which generates Tranquility's experience of mental stillness

# The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love and Letting-go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text *Feelings' FIRST meditation*

IN-breath: Where feel bliss...

*OUT-breath:* 

where feel bliss?

Where...

bliss?

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>little</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

# The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love and Letting-go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text *Feelings' SECOND meditation*

*IN-breath:* 

*OUT-breath:* 

Where feel joy... where feel joy?

Where...

joy?

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>ring</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

# The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love and Letting-go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text *Feelings' THIRD meditation*

IN-breath: Notice thoughts...

*OUT-breath:* 

notice thoughts

These...

thoughts!

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>middle</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

# The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love and Letting-go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text *Feelings' FOURTH meditation*

IN-breath: Calming thoughts...

Thoughts...

*OUT-breath:* 

calming thoughts!

one set of four breaths

calm!

touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>index</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

#### C. Mind's base of mindfulness

or Cit-ta if you prefer Pali

Mindfulness of mind's subtle passive awareness which generates Tranquility's experience of infinite physical space

Mindfulness of passive awareness' gladness which generates Tranquility's experience of infinite mental awareness

Mindfulness of passive awareness' collectedness which generates Tranquility's experience of a lack of anything to grasp

Mindfulness of passive awareness' freedom which generates Tranquility's experience of passive awareness

### The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love and Letting-go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text Mind's FIRST meditation

IN-breath: Notice mind...

*OUT-breath:* 

notice mind!

This...

mind!

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **higher** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>little</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### The Buddha's Forgotten Yogas of Love and Letting-go – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson Text *Mind's SECOND meditation*

IN-breath:

*OUT-breath:* 

Gladden mind... gladden mind!

Cheer...

mind!

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **higher** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>ring</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

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*IN-breath:* 

Calming mind... calming mind!

Mind...

calm!

*OUT-breath:* 

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **higher** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>middle</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

Mind's FOURTH meditation

IN-breath:

*OUT-breath:* 

Freeing mind... freeing mind!

Mind..

free!

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **higher** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right <u>index</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

#### D. Phenomena's base of mindfulness

or Dham-ma if you prefer Pali

Mindfulness of change Mindfulness of fading Mindfulness of ceasing Mindfulness of release

### Phenomena's FIRST meditation

*IN-breath:* 

OUT-breath:

What changing... what changing?

What..

change?

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **tip** count the four breaths upon the right <u>little</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### Phenomena's SECOND meditation

IN-breath:

*OUT-breath:* 

What fading... what fading?

What..

fade?

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **tip** count the four breaths upon the right <u>ring</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### Phenomena's THIRD meditation

IN-breath:

*OUT-breath:* 

What ceasing... what ceasing?

What..

cease?

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **tip** count the four breaths upon the right <u>middle</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### Phenomena's FOURTH meditation

IN-breath: Releasing...

*OUT-breath:* 

releasing!

This..

yes!

one set of four breaths touch tip of left thumb to its <u>little</u> finger's **tip** count the four breaths upon the right <u>index</u> finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

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### IV. The Four Primal Dualities:

also known as the Eight Failings of the World or Lo-ka-vi-pat-ti if you prefer Pali



# A. CIRCUMSTANCE: the Fourth Base of Mindfulness



### 1. Loss

# a. Compassionately Soothing Loss

for all {Circumstances or Phenomena} {Dhamma in Pali} of the Four Bases of Mindfulness {Sa-ti-pat-tha-na in Pali} Compassion {Ka-ru-na in Pali} and Letting-go {Pas-sad-dhi in Pali}

### One Quarter

IN-breath: Soothe <u>loss</u> for...

OUT-breath: one quarter!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **little** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### Two Quarters

IN-breath: Soothe loss for...

OUT-breath: two quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **ring** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### Three Quarters

IN-breath: Soothe loss for...

OUT-breath: three quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **middle** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### All Quarters

IN-breath: Soothe <u>loss</u> for...

OUT-breath: all quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **index** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

# b. Wisely Releasing Loss

through the Lens of the Three Marks of Existence

{Ti-lak-kha-na in Pali}

Right View {Sam-ma Dit-thi in Pali} and Letting-go {Pas-sad-dhi in Pali}

### 1. The Stress of Shoving Loss away

{ or Duk-kha in Pali }

IN-breath: How hate <u>loss</u>?

OUT-breath: relaxing!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **little** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### 2. The <u>Impermanence</u> of Loss

{or A-nic-ca in Pali}

IN-breath: How could <u>loss</u>...

OUT-breath: always change?

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **ring** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

# 3. Disrupting our Habit of <u>Defining ourselves</u> by Loss

{or A-nat-ta in Pali}

IN-breath: How could <u>loss</u>...

OUT-breath: NOT be "me"?

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **middle** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### 4. Merely Noticing Danger and Simply Letting-go

{or Sat-ti Pas-sad-dhi in Pali}

IN-breath: Notice loss...

OUT-breath: relaxing!

one set of four breaths

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# c. Spontaneous Awareness Meditation

through WATCHING the Play of Mind and RELAXING into its Release

{Sati Passaddhi in Pali, Mahamudra or Mahasandhi in Sanskrit, and Trekchöd in Tibetan Dzogchen }



### Watching the Play of Mind

Observant inhalation: Notice this... {This...

Relaxing exhalation: relaxing! yes!} one set of sixteen breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **higher** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right: little, ring, middle, and index finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as their tips.

## 2. Gain

# a. Lovingly Giving Gain

for all {Circumstance or Phenomena} {Dhamma in Pali} of the Four Bases of Mindfulness {Sa-ti-pat-tha-na in Pali} Wishing-love {Met-ta in Pali} and Letting-go {Pas-sad-dhi in Pali}

### One Quarter

IN-breath: Great gain for...

OUT-breath: one quarter!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>ring</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **little** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### Two Quarters

IN-breath: Great gain for...

OUT-breath: two quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>ring</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **ring** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### Three Quarters

IN-breath: Great gain for...

OUT-breath: three quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>ring</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **middle** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### All Quarters

IN-breath: Great gain for...

OUT-breath: all quarters!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>ring</u> finger's **lower** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **index** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

# b. Wisely Releasing Gain

through the Lens of the Three Marks of Existence

{Ti-lak-kha-na in Pali}

Right View {Sam-ma Dit-thi in Pali} and Letting-go {Pas-sad-dhi in Pali}

### 1. The <u>Stress</u> of Reaching for Gain

{ or Duk-kha in Pali }

IN-breath: How crave gain?

OUT-breath: Relaxing!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>ring</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **little** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### 2. The <u>Impermanence</u> of Gain

{or A-nic-ca in Pali}

IN-breath: How could gain...

OUT-breath: always change?

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>ring</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **ring** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

# 3. Disrupting our Habit of <u>Defining ourselves</u> by Gain { or A-nat-ta in Pali }

IN-breath: How could gain...

OUT-breath: NOT be "me"?

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>ring</u> finger's **middle** set of creases count the four breaths upon the right **middle** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

### 4. Merely Noticing Gain and Simply Letting-go

{or Sat-ti Pas-sad-dhi in Pali}

IN-breath: Notice gain...

OUT-breath: relaxing!

one set of four breaths

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3. Lot

# a. Wisely Releasing our Circumstances

{or **Lot** in Life}

through the Lens of the Three Marks of Existence

{Ti-lak-kha-na in Pali}

Right View {Sam-ma Dit-thi in Pali} and Letting-go {Pas-sad-dhi in Pali}

#### 1. The <u>Stress</u> of Grasping at our **Lot**-in-Life

{or Duk-kha in Pali}

IN-breath: How grasp <u>lot</u>?

OUT-breath: Relaxing!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **tip** count the four breaths upon the right **little** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

#### 2. The <u>Impermanence</u> of our **Lot**-in-Life

{or A-nic-ca in Pali}

IN-breath: How could <u>lot</u>...

OUT-breath: always change?

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **tip** count the four breaths upon the right **ring** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

## 3. Disrupting our Habit of <u>Defining ourselves</u> by our Lot { or A-nat-ta in Pali }

IN-breath: How could <u>lot</u>...

OUT-breath: NOT be "me"?

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **tip** count the four breaths upon the right **middle** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

#### 4. Merely Noticing our Lot-in-Life and Simply Letting-go

{or Sat-ti Pas-sad-dhi in Pali}

IN-breath: Notice <u>lot</u>...

OUT-breath: relaxing!

one set of four breaths

touch tip of left thumb to left <u>little</u> finger's **tip** count the four breaths upon the right **index** finger's: lower, middle, and higher sets of creases, as well as its tip.

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# VII. Appendix

## A. Youngling Training

## 1. Parable of the Movie Concessions

It was 1971 and I was in first, or second grade. A class mate's mother had taken many of us to see "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" for his birthday.

My family did not often go to movies so this was very exciting for me.

Timid, and uncertain, and polite, I did what I was told, and gratefully accepted what I was offered.

I was offered hot buttered popcorn and what seemed like a huge vessel of Dr. Pepper, a soda I had heretofore never tasted.

So there I sat, in the darkened theater, with my class mates and several hundred strangers;

eating my popcorn, and sipping my Dr. Pepper, and all the while enjoying the movie, which I still remember, to this day.

Upon first consideration one could understandably assume that the movie could distract me...

from my snacking and sipping and thus undermine my enjoyment of them.

But I experienced the opposite to be true: that the movie enhanced my enjoyment of the popcorn and the soda...

and the popcorn and the soda enhanced my enjoyment of the movie.

And this could be very much like our practice of meditation...

where during our inhalation we silently, and mentally recite, "*Notice this...*"

and during our exhalation we silently, and mentally recite, "relaxing!"...

while actually physically relaxing as best we can.

For just as I was able to observe the movie while snacking and sipping we can notice our mind while noticing and relaxing.

We could notice sensations, and flavors, and scents, and sounds, and sights...

as well as our emotions, and intentions, and reasonings, and recollections, and imaginings.

And we could notice all those things passively and non-conceptually.

And as we physically relax into each exhalation, for that is what our bodies have evolved to do,

all that we noticed as we breathed in could feel a little less graspable and a little easier to mentally release as we relax into our out breath.

And just as the snacking and the sipping did not undermine

my enjoyment of the movie but rather enhanced it...

likewise our silent and mental recitations of "*Notice this*…" and "*relaxing*!" in harmony with our breathing…

does not undermine our ability to watch the play of mind or relax into its non-graspable nature but rather facilitates it.

More than two millennia ago a Jewish carpenter is said to have explained

that man was not made for the Sabbath, but Sabbath for man.

Likewise, I tell you that we do not sit in meditation that we might more efficiently recite "Notice this..." and "relaxing!"

but rather that we silently and mentally recite "Notice this..." and "relaxing!" that we might more efficiently meditate

so that our passive and non-conceptual observation of the play of mind

and our physical, and visceral, and mental relaxation into its non-graspable nature....

might be more easy, and effective, and transformative.

Recall Darth Bane's rule of two, wherein there must be a master to have power, and a student to crave it.

This is a form of elitism and manipulation.

And over the millennia many so-called spiritual teachers have used cryptic meditation instructions, and techniques...

to reinforce a rule-of-two-like elitism and coercion.

Some deliberately chose obfuscation and coercion because they embraced elitism and power, and prestige...

others chose the same obfuscation and coercion because they lacked the mental acuity to know better.

But I am here to tell you that something does NOT have to be difficult to be effective.

I'm telling you the opposite. I'm telling you that something must be easy and intuitive....

if it is to be sustainable, no less profound.

But do not take my word for it; put it to the test.

Play with these techniques every morning and every evening that you, like Rey Skywalker...

might meditate like a Jedi.

### 2. Parable of the Movie Patron

Let us revisit our friend the movie patron. He has purchased his ticket, and his snack, and his beverage, and has taken his seat in the air conditioned comfort of the movie theater.

After a handful of trailers, how many?

Just enough to make him forget what movie he came to see.

And after those trailers the movie begins.

And whether it is adventure, or horror, or comedy, or drama our friend the patron sits back and enjoys the ride as he knows he has little other choice.

For he does not confuse himself with the screenwriter, nor editor, nor director, nor producer and knows completely

that what occurs upon the screen is utterly out of his control.

So he nibbles his snack and sips his beverage and enjoys the show.

Likewise, when the wise sit down, cross-legged to meditate upon: earth, or floor, or blanket, or cushion

they know it is NOT their job to select the sensations, or flavors, or scents, or sounds, or sights, or emotions, or intentions, or reasonings, or recollections, or imaginings that cartwheel across the metaphoric stage of their mind.

What then is their job?
To notice: vulnerable, and passive,
without bothering to analyze or label
and to physically relax that they might mentally let go.

And to do all this in harmony with the tightening tendencies of each inhalation and with the relaxing propensities of each exhalation.

For, in our very good fortune, that is how evolutionary biology selected for our bodies and minds to best operate.

And if we put this advice into action, every morning and every evening, then we could very much be like a child, with a video game: difficult, and frustrating, and seemingly impossible to prevail against;

who at long last receives the manufacturer's cheat-codes and is at last able to transform their time spent with the video game from an ordeal, into a delight.

## 3. Karezza Tantra's ROMANTIC Panacea



One can not gaze at an image of Dröl-ma Mar-mo Yab Yum without noticing that she is sporting in Tantric union.

Just as the Baskin Robins franchise of ice cream parlors claims to offer thirty-one flavors likewise there many varieties of sexual tantra.

As with all things, there are also patriarchal as well as matriarchal takes on what the Buddhist Tantrikas refer to as Karma Mudra in Sanskrit, or Yab Yum if you prefer Tibetan.

In the book "Cupid's Poisoned Arrow" the author Marnia Robinson does an outstanding job explaining the flavor of sexual tantra that could be described as: matriarchal, or valley, or yin, or bonding, or oxytocin-oriented;

she explains this through the lenses of anthropology, and genetics, and neuroscience, and trenchant pragmatism.

Oh how I wish that her text was required reading in every junior high school Sexual Education class for the way we choose to make love or masturbate, and our choices in pornography, and erotica, and even fantasy

have a profound effect upon each of our midbrain's dopamine pathways, and oxytocin pathways, and our mental health, and our physical health, all our relationships, as well as our educational and vocational well-being.

The endocrino-neurological, and emotional, and intellectual, and romantic, and social, and educational, and vocational, and developmental healing made available

by the subtle and often G-rated techniques of Karezza tantra are a virtual panacea.

Purchase this book from Amazon dot com tonight either as a paper back or read it through the FREE kindle app on the digital devise of our choosing.

Read it with your partner aloud before bed. Apply its teachings, for no less then twenty-eight consecutive days, and watch your life change.

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## D. Addendum

Week	Rumination	Supplementation	Meditation
		<b>Youngling Training</b>	
First	Homework	Parable of the Movie Concession	Compassionately Soothing Loss, Wisely Releasing Loss, Spontaneous Awareness Med.
Second	Eleven Benefits of Loving Kindness	Parable of the Movie Patron	Lovingly Bestowing Gain, Wisely Releasing Gain, Spontaneous Awareness Meditation
<b>Third</b>	Anapanasati Sutta	ROMANTIC Panacea	Wisely Releasing Circumstance Spontaneous Awareness Meditation
Fourth	Class Etiquette	Panic Attack	
Fifth	What Was the Buddha?	Lethargy	Compassionately Soothing Illness and Wisely Releasing Illness
Sixth	Why do we Meditate?	PHYSICAL Panacea	Lovingly Wishing Health and Wisely Releasing Health
Seventh	In Buddhism what is the "Unborn"?	Two Paths	Releasing Body and Meditation's Spontaneous Release
Eighth	Why use the article "THE buddha"?	Essence of the Four Vows	Compassionately Soothing Scorn and Wisely Releasing Scorn
		Padawan Training	
Ninth	The Fall of Emperor Palpatine	Good Night and Wake-up Channels	Lovingly Wishing Love and Wisely Releasing Love
Tenth	Metaphorically Playing Victim	Walking Meditation	Releasing Feelings and Meditation's Spontaneous Release
Eleventh	If we are short of temper what it NOT our friend?	Gazing Meditation	Compassionately Soothing Shame and Wisely Releasing Shame
Twelfth	When Religion Opposes Science	Four Levels	Lovingly Wishing Fame and Wisely Releasing Fame
		Jedi Knight Training	
Thirteenth	Fear in the Time of Covid 19	PATH of Mastery	Releasing Mind and Meditation's Spontaneous Release
Fourteenth	Master Windu's Glare	MEANS of Mastery	Generic: Wishing Good fortune and Health
Fifteenth	Count Dooku's Taunts	NOT a Sprint BUT a Stroll	Generic: Wishing Love and Wisdom
Sixteenth	Making Wise Decisions	Final Q and A	Buddhist Sexual Tantra

Their nudity reminds us of mindfulness' vulnerability, their bodies comprised of light remind us of non-graspability, their beauty reminds us of love's energy, the stability with which he sits reminds us of centeredness, and the abandon with which she sports reminds us of spontaneity.

