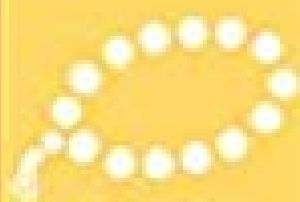


# The Four Stages *of* Yoga



How to Lead a Fulfilling Life

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conscious work for all those with monastic tendencies; rishis" In the next stage of existence we explore how householder relationships evolve; These four stages were made to bring people even more inner peace, happiness, and greater health and longevity. Here, we see how Vedic India's traditional Four Ashrams of Existence are experienced in the context of a yoga community in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Four Stages of Yoga highlights stories and conversations that encompass the journey yogis take from birth to the last moments of existence. We read tales of how yogis develop devotion, personal experiences with great souls like Mom Teresa of Calcutta, and how married couples and singles can live more fulfilling lives. In this book, a Western yogini brings the Four Ashrams alive for the present day. Just mainly because Vedic myths have been carried straight down through eons to entertain and enlighten us, the true stories and visions encompassed herein talk with the very heart of living yoga exercise in an everyday world. The 1st stage includes tales of childbirth and how yogis can draw a spiritual soul into their family, to rites of passage for kids, and how yogic academic institutions for adults help instill and deepen compassion. Through the creation of a unique yoga college come stories of appointments with the Dalai Lama at his home in McLeod Ganj, and also experiences with yogis, rishis, and mystics throughout India. made the Four Ashrams (or stages of life) as a way for visitors to instill their lives with deeper meaning. In the higher civilizations of ancient, Vedic India, the fantastic spiritual teachers known as " how Vedic astrology can help our lives along with how yogis approach love, romance, and celibacy; and the mysticism that surrounds a yogic relationship ritual. In the 3rd stage we are released to how yogic couples, singles, and monastics are living their lives in innovative new ways. Though yoga philosophy has been around far much longer than most recognize, the deeper nuances of its results on our own lives is uncovered in this present day expose. The fourth stage offers reports of those embracing the Vedic sannyas vows, and how they live their lives in this remarkable and powerful stage of surrender and transcendence. Conversations with rishis, yogic psychics, and those experiencing this cycle provide a lens that provides hope and satisfaction going back stages of lifestyle, and the final preparation for death and the afterlife.



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33Chapter 16 - The Veil - is about marriage. I am so content that she's found her path and that she has such a unique present for posting it with others.. Highly recommend for all spiritual seekers. In addition, understanding the language of the center and how our intuition can direct us in this amazing life journey helps me feel my purpose even more fully.I read the chapter on Mom Teresa to my 96 year old mother who is suffering from dementia. She was so touched by this remarkable saint's tale, she was fully present for each phrase. The message of going inward in this last part of the journey (that the author identifies as Sanyasi), confirmed for my mother the value that she still offers inside our community through the insights she gleans in her extremely rich and active inner existence.The changes that people encounter in ourselves through these 24 year phases, invite us to be open to improve, and the change that's unique, creative, and purposefulThis is a book for everybody! Embracing all stages of life! Dance teacher - chiropractor - yoga exercise college student. In the latter part of my college years I had a vision of being a dancer. After that visualize your thoughts flowing similarly-not rippling restlessly; Hence, her suggestion that I see a chiropractor. He explained to take yoga exercises lessons. To that end, I opened a yoga exercises studio 4 years ago, which enables earning a living, while serving others. A university education hadn't fulfilled my longing - at best, there had only been hints, in literary works that while inspiring cannot give me a direct experience of inner pleasure. It sounded interesting, mysterious, and not very relevant to my entire life at the time. I understand why now. From time to time I would wonder about those four ashrams or stages of life, but a touch too busy to stop and seek them out...After that this wonderful reserve by Nischala Cryer arrived, and I idea, 'well, I'm sort of close to that fourth stage, maybe I should have a look at it. I have been curious about her life, and this book helped me to comprehend why she had to retreat from her older life to check out her spiritual journey. What a treasure! It teaches research of yoga and displays women and men where to find their inner power. The Four Stages of Yoga is a superb confirmation and guide for all who wish to find a higher contacting and look for to awaken in enlightenment." p. So glad I did! Every part of this book is exquisite with information about life stages and illustrative tales about the writer and others...tales that invite the reader, not merely to engage in the writing, but also, to explore one's own life experiences.In each person's story, regardless of how far it may look from the reader's current reality, Nischala offers an opening for self-reflection and growth.We especially enjoyed her narration of the trip to see the Dalai Lama and her interviews with spiritual teachers. It can appear that way as a space full of students follow a teacher together, seeking to presume a particular pose - or sit jointly in meditation. I also liked the description of her personal struggles to surpass these ideals over an eternity of living in a spiritual

community."Chapter 3 - How Toddlers Train Us - "In Yoga exercise, our first step towards a broader knowledge of interconnectedness starts with our closest romantic relationships: for householders, it frequently begins with our kids. But I felt that I got to at least consider the beginning.A Deeper Yoga exercise . "Renewing wedding vows each year reminds us why we wedded; it allows us to take a deeper step together and acts as a method to end up being purified and blessed for the next stage of our trip." p. 126At the finish of chapter 20, Nischala rates Swami Kriyananda:"Look at, or imagine, a river flowing constantly. I found a wonderful ballet teacher, Nina, who told me that easily continued dance with my body the way it was (very tight and totally out of alignment) that I would oftentimes be crippled in a couple of years. not drifting sluggishly; not frozen in fixed views as an ice sheet in wintertime. Adapt you to ultimately circumstances. The more centered you are in your Self, the less difficult you will find it to change because the needs occur. Affirm silently, "I adapt like flowing water to new circumstances and suggestions. The overlay of an ancient Vedic taxonomy as a screen to gain perspective about modern day life is definitely both intriguing and useful.152"The Four Stages of Yoga" is filled with much knowledge and suggestions to expand one's horizons! I recommend this wonderful book. A deeper practice of yoga This beautifully written book is a helpful guide for anyone who would like to live a more meaningful and purposeful life.. And it's really a sensible companion for those who are determining another guidelines of their lives. That is an inspiring reserve for anyone interested in yoga (or simply curious). I've been teaching yoga and meditation for over 30 years, and have noticed many books on yoga exercises, and this book brings new insightful to the field. This book gives remarkable insight in to the four stages of life as taught originally in ancient India. With a very clear and poetic voice, the writer weaves her personal trip with paradigms, interviews and descriptions that inform and inspire. I felt I was there by Nishala's aspect as she undergoes life at the remote control mountain retreat that has been her home for days gone by 30 years. Her observations of the natural beauty, the mountain creatures and her interactions with her environment on both a physical and spiritual level are uplifting and entertaining. In response to Nefretiti's tale, I wrote a reminder in my own journal: "Recognize that Yoga is not a one-size fits all. As a matter of disclosure, I understood Nischala in her corporate existence before she became a member of the Ananda community. She have been a great friend and then she kind of disappeared. I was totally content with hatha yoga exercise, chanting, and a little meditating...I was in my 20's and there is so much in lifestyle to be explored...civil rights, the arts, a career and a wonderful hubby...and, yes, at one stage I became a yoga teacher!'WOW! . Understanding the path of yoga. Our values, our purpose, our setting to be, change as we pass through these phases from student to householder and onward to the

ultimate phases of our lives whenever we get the chance to broaden beyond the narrow confines of domestic lifestyle. Additionally, as a Ph.D. student in Psychology with a concentration in yoga exercise and meditation, I have already been researching the yoga literature for days gone by four years, and I can truthfully say The Four Levels of Yoga is an beneficial and enlightening book about them. Being in the 3rd stage, the Forest Dweller, I could relate with the author's own private encounters of finding one's accurate purpose in this incarnation, but still having earthly obligations of offering for a family group. Little did I understand that this would be the beginning of a wonderful life-journey! My initial instincts were to check out "The Forest Dweller" and "The Sannyasi"... stages closer to where I am in life's journey at this time. I highly recommend this book to all, whether you are a novice or an expert yoga practitioner, or whether you want to understand the road of yoga. We also enjoyed the description of her personal struggles to live up . I came across it very valuable and would suggest it to individuals who would like to dive deeper into understanding life and acquire wisdom beyond customs and formalities in western globe. . Poetic, Clear and Inspiring I loved reading The Four Stages of Yoga. Others possess described the 4 levels, but the author has approached it from an experiential viewpoint of how exactly to apply them nowadays. Her personal interviews with people because they are actually trying to apply these ideals within their daily lives is incredibly enriching. Even when your brain is still, each one is having their very own experience, an knowledge that can clarify or right their aspirations - tuning in - following their very own destiny. Also enlightening had been her experiences guiding learners on educational trips across the world as a co-founder of Ananda University. She will everything with deep wisdom and compassion. In line with the teachings of yoga exercises, but also using good examples from additional spiritual traditions, you obtain the feeling this is a reserve on the living your life fully and in truth. University of Southern California (USC) An entertaining consider the natural, inner company of our lives in four stages It was 59 years ago that I entered Stanford University with a deep hunger to find the meaning of life. Boris Fritz, Retired Aerospace Engineer, PhD Candidate in the annals of Religions at UCLA, and currently Adjunct Professor at Loyola Marymount University & When I still left, six years afterwards, I was still looking. Somewhere across the line I heard the expression 'the four ashrams'. It was only when I came across the internal teachings of yoga exercise, as trained by Paramhansa Yogananda, that my quest to reconcile my scientifically qualified mind with my heart's longing for happiness began to end up being fulfilled. captivating stories and personal lessons that spiritual seekers have learned during their life journey. The yogis of ancient India asked probably the most fundamental query of all: "What is it that all people are seeking." The solution they attained, by observing the individual

scene with calm, goal eye, was: "Behind the unlimited variations of their stated motives, everyone is seeking an increase of happiness, and freedom from suffering." They then discovered those activities that increase pleasure and diminish sorrow. The non-public narratives give this publication a magnetic intimacy and the mythology, symbolism and philosophic filaments enrich the reader whether they are on the yogic path, interested in spirituality or simply (merely) curious. Ancient knowledge- shed in the West, is definitely brought to life "The Four Stages of Yoga" explores the ancient teaching our lives are naturally unfolded in four distinct stages. I have been practicing yoga and meditation for the past 18 years. In the West, we've lost sight of how wealthy and expansive these years could be. This is the treasure I came across in Nischala Cryer's publication "The Four Levels of Yoga exercises". In a straightforward and heartfelt style, drawn from direct knowledge (from her own existence and interviews with others) Nischala gives a rich textural knowledge of these levels. She weaves between literary modalities in a manner that is astonishing, allowing the topic to be seen from multiple perspectives. Should you have not really encountered the historic wisdom of the 'four ashrams' this is a wonderful launch. If you are already acquainted with the ideas you will find an unusual and illuminating approach. who would teach us approximately attitudes that bring best in life This book really helped me understand different stages of life and what they mean. Being 29 years old, I haven't had a teacher in my traditional school, who teach us about attitudes that provide best in life, how come the certain soul from a kid choose the specific parents to live with and how to develop intuition. Author gives many helpful tips she draws from vedic traditions that teach how exactly to navigate in each stage to excel individually and spiritually. The overlay of an ancient Vedic taxonomy as a window to gain perspective about present day lifestyle is both intriguing and useful.. It is a great material if you are thinking about holistic education that practices deeper understanding of students. This reserve is so beautifully created and engaging...very hard to put it down. She talks about the energy of prayer, and shares very inspiring and fun personal experience in being a mother, a wife and a instructor. The non-public narratives give this publication a magnetic . Drawn from the deeper teachings of yoga exercises, it describes unique possibilities each stage of lifestyle offers personal fulfillment and awakening.. The 4 Stages of Yoga is an inspired book and reading. It is a mix of genres, voices, cultures, and wisdom." p. It's a deceptively basic picture of life's purpose and possibilities. Fantastic, Entertaining and Beautifully Written Reserve on Living a Spiritual Life Well written; Yoga gave me, most importantly, a penetrating and profoundly fulfilling picture of how human being lifestyle is arranged.. Nischala interviews several interesting people on what they created there spiritual life during their stage of life. This may be a book on how to raise or be a



child, be a parent, or what is the purpose of your twilight years. The amount of wisdom and insights and personal encounters is endless. i've learned much from this wonderful book. The tales, interviews, insights remaining me feeling inspired and aspiring towards those qualities that demonstrate the power we need to create our very own meaningful reality through our conscious choices.



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