

# Awakening Shakti The Transformative Power Of Goddesses Yoga Sally Kempton

This book provides an excellent introduction to the essence of Hindu Tantrism, discussing all the major concepts and correcting many existing misconceptions. Unlocking the Source for True Leadership Too many people, men and women alike, have bought into a notion of leadership that exclusively emphasizes traditionally “masculine” qualities: hierarchical, militaristic, win-at-all-costs. The result has been corruption, environmental degradation, social breakdown, stress, depression, and a host of other serious problems. Nilima Bhat and Raj Sisodia show us a more balanced way, an archetype of leadership that is generative, cooperative, creative, inclusive, and empathetic. While these are traditionally regarded as “feminine” qualities, we all have them. In the Indian yogic tradition they're symbolized by Shakti, the source that powers all life. Through exercises and inspirational examples, Bhat and Sisodia show how to access this infinite energy and lead with your whole self. Male or female, leaders who understand and practice Shakti Leadership act from a consciousness of life-giving caring, creativity, and sustainability to achieve self-mastery internally and be of selfless service to the world. A multi-faceted portrait of Lakshmi, Hindu goddess of wealth and prosperity. Includes translations of verses used to invoke this goddess.

The gateways to wonder and delight are flung open wide

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for all to enter. At once a beautiful love song and an encyclopedia of yogic techniques, the cherished text known as the Vijnana Bhairava Tantra shimmers with new effulgence in Lorin Roche's The Radiance Sutras. Lorin brings us his unique perspective on each of 112 Sanskrit teachings, along with his one-of-a-kind guidance in how to meditate with, embody, and practice them—what he describes as "answering the call of the sutras you love." Here is an invitation to experience directly the ecstatic depths of yoga as revealed by the divine partners Shiva and Shakti, through an intimate exploration of: The divinity that is permeating your body at this very moment The alchemical power of Sanskrit Yoga meditation—harmonizing all the elements and levels of your being The depths of your connection to the energies of life Taken as a whole, this teaching is startling in its breadth and the huge range of human experience that it encompasses. This is a book to savor one phrase at a time, over a period of days or years or a lifetime. With The Radiance Sutras, yoga and meditation students everywhere can nurture their own relationship with these living wisdom teachings.

Winner of the 2017 Nautilus Gold Book Award! The wisdom of the Mahavidyas, the ten wisdom goddesses who represent the interconnected darkness and light within all of us, has been steeped in esoteric and mystical descriptions that made them seem irrelevant to ordinary life. But with this book, written by a respected cardiologist who found herself on a spiritual search for the highest truth, you're invited to explore this ancient knowledge and learn how it can be applied to daily

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struggles and triumphs—and how it can help you find unreserved self-love and acceptance. The pursuit of contentment is an innate part of the human experience, arising from a fundamental sense of lack or inadequacy—all the things we believe to be wrong with us when we compare or judge ourselves. In our search for peace and happiness, we may find ourselves fighting the shadows within us, trying to repress or disown certain qualities, especially our anger, violence, discomfort, craving, and disappointment. But in order to stop this fight, we must expand our understanding beyond the dualities of good versus bad, right versus wrong, and beautiful versus ugly, and accept the parts of ourselves we've tried to deny. Pulling from Eastern traditions including tantra and yoga, and focusing on the feminine principle of divine energy also known as Shakti, this book bridges the divide between dualistic concepts and non-dual philosophy. By exploring the symbolism of the Mahavidyas (Kali, Tara, Tripurasundari, Bhuvaneshwari, Tripura Bhairavi, Chinnamasta, Dhumavati, Baglamukhi, Matangi, and Kamalatmika)—each with a veiled face representing a destructive quality that perpetuates ignorance and suffering, and a true face representing the wisdom that stimulates profound transformation and liberation—you'll learn to embrace and incorporate every aspect of who you are. With practices, self-inquiry prompts, and stories from the author's own spiritual seeking, this exploration of the divine feminine will gently reveal the source of your fear, pain, and suffering, showing you that when you allow those parts of yourself to arise and simply be, you can finally begin to heal,

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overcome your limitations, and open to the light and beauty of your true nature.

How do you live a life of spiritual awakening as well as outer abundance, inner freedom as well as deep intimacy? How do you serve the world selflessly, yet passionately celebrate your life? The sages of Tantra have known for centuries that when you follow the path of Shakti—the sacred feminine principle personified by the goddesses of yoga—these gifts can manifest spontaneously. Yet most of us, women as well as men, have yet to experience the full potential of our inner feminine energies. When you know these powers for what they are, they heighten your capacity to open spiritually, love more deeply and fearlessly, create with greater mastery, and move through the world with skill and delight. In Awakening Shakti, you will learn how to recognize and invite: Kali, bringer of strength, fierce love, and untamed freedom • Lakshmi, who confers prosperity and beauty • Saraswati, for clarity of communication and intuition • Radha, who carries the divine energy of spiritual longing • Bhuvaneshvari, who creates the space for sacred transformation • Parvati, to awaken creativity and the capacity to love With a wealth of meditations, visualizations, mantras, teachings, and beautifully told stories, Awakening Shakti provides a practical guide for activating the currents of the divine feminine in every aspect of your life.

Lakshmi is a popular goddess in Hinduism and Indian mythology. She goes by many names, such as Sri, Padma, Padmasundari and Devi. Since she is Vishnu's consort she is also considered to be an incarnation of

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Vishnu's different consorts when he incarnated at different times: Radha (Krishna), Sita (Rama), etc. Though this all sounds confusing one thing that's certain is that she's commonly worshipped as the goddess of wealth, prosperity and good fortune. She is particularly venerated in India on the major Hindu holiday Diwali, the festival of lights. This journal features: 200 lined pages (100 sheets) 6 x 9 inches 60 pound (90 gsm) white-colored paper Perfect bound matte softcover (10 pt stock) Ten percent of book sales go towards enabling youth in developing countries to access better educational opportunities. This money is being donated to Build to Learn, an initiative started by The Mindful Word.

You may have seen the movies and read the books about manifestation, but your power to create your dreams still seems to be missing the mark. Don't throw in the towel yet—there's a radically new approach that may reveal the missing piece of the puzzle. With *Creating on Purpose*, innovative teachers Anodea Judith and Lion Goodman present a comprehensive, systematic method for realizing your highest aspirations. Shared with thousands in their popular nationwide workshops, this unique, step-by-step approach guides us through a rich study of the inner self, the outer world, and how to connect the two to make your dreams come true. Manifestation is the process of bringing the spiritual and material together to create a better life for yourself, your family, and your community, explain Anodea and Lion. At the heart of this work are the energy centers known as the chakras, which offer us a profound formula for

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wholeness, a template for transformation, and a sacred map for manifestation. Learn how to make use of the top-down flow of energy between chakras—an ancient key to effective change, and a way of aligning our desires with our highest good, as you explore: Chakra Seven: Consciousness Creates—Receive guidance and grace, clarify ideas into intention, and clear limiting beliefs Chakra Six: Vision Vitalizes—Imagine possibilities, discover your purpose, and visualize your path to fulfillment Chakra Five: Conversation Catalyzes—Tell your story, refine your mission, and set goals to chart your course Chakra Four: Love Enlivens—Find the right relationships, establish your network, and co-create with beauty and love Chakra Three: Power Produces—Become proactive, strengthen your will, and handle distractions and obstacles Chakra Two: Pleasure Pleases—Ride the river of passion, balance masculine and feminine energies, and attract what you want and need Chakra One: Matter Matters—Honor your commitments, inhabit your body, and complete every cycle “When you align your heavenly wisdom with the love in your heart and combine your future vision with your unique skills and abilities,” write Anodea and Lion, “you can begin to drive your vehicle toward your destiny, giving your gifts for the benefit of all beings.” Here is your opportunity to participate in this important work through *Creating on Purpose*.

Tantric yantras are precise geometric forms that have been used for centuries as tools for self-realization and the attainment of mystical powers. In *Tools for Tantra*, Tantric practitioner and scholar Harish Johari has re-

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created the exact colors and proportions of the primordial yantras along with step-by-step instructions for their accurate construction, coloring, and use.

Learn how to start living blissfully now! Discover the secrets of Yoga Nidra (Nidra = sleep) and its practical applications! This book gives you a comprehensive overview of the deep relaxation and meditation technique Yoga Nidra in a contemporary context. You will learn the theoretical and practical background information about the practice and how to integrate it into your daily life.

SHAKTI MANTRAS Tapping into the Great Goddess Energy Within • Enhance your spiritual gifts • Lighten your karmic burden • Improve your health and increase prosperity • Live in harmony with the universe Now, with Shakti Mantras, we can all benefit from this ancient practice. Thomas Ashley-Farrand, a Vedic priest, is an American expert in the intricacies of Sanskrit mantra. With nearly thirty years and thousands of hours of experience in chanting, he is supremely well-equipped to write the first book that teaches women (and men as well) to tap into the dynamic feminine energy of love in all its manifestations. By sharing enchanting Hindu myths and astonishing true stories from his own practice, Ashley-Farrand helps us to understand the real power that this age-old art awakens in those who perform it. Through dozens of actual mantras—each one presented with phonetic spelling for easy pronunciation and recommendations for specific applications—he enables us to increase our “shakti” (power) and use it to solve problems, ensure abundance, create health and well-being, summon protection, and invoke personal and

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universal peace. Whether you're new to chanting or an old hand, Shakti Mantras will take you places you've never been before . . . and measurably enrich your life. Discover your ability to be brave in times of adversity with *Courage: The Joy of Living Dangerously*—from one of the greatest spiritual teachers of the twentieth century. Courage is not the absence of fear, says Osho. It is, rather, the total presence of fear, with the courage to face it. This book provides a bird's-eye view of the whole terrain—where fears originate, how to understand them, and how to call on your inner strength to confront them. In the process, Osho proposes that whenever we are faced with uncertainty and change in our lives, it is actually a cause for celebration. Instead of trying to hang on to the familiar and the known, we can learn to enjoy these situations as opportunities for adventure and for deepening our understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Having courage is more than just heroic acts in exceptional circumstances. It's a necessity to lead authentic and fulfilling lives on a day-to-day basis. This is the courage to change when change is needed, the courage to stand up for our own truth, even against the opinions of others, and the courage to embrace the unknown in spite of our fears—in our relationships, in our careers, or in the ongoing journey of understanding who we are and why we are here. Courage also features meditation techniques specifically designed by Osho to help people cope with their fears. Osho challenges readers to examine and break free of the conditioned belief systems and prejudices that limit their capacity to enjoy life in all its richness. He has been described by

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the Sunday Times of London as one of the “1000 Makers of the 20th Century” and by Sunday Mid-Day (India) as one of the ten people—along with Gandhi, Nehru, and Buddha—who have changed the destiny of India. Since his death in 1990, the influence of his teachings continues to expand, reaching seekers of all ages in virtually every country of the world.

Adapted from ancient Sanskrit texts, the stories in *Beauty, Power & Grace* represent one of the most fundamental aspects of Hinduism — the innumerable manifestations of divinity. Among these, the portrayal of the Goddess is perhaps the most alluring. She appears as a devoted wife, a master of the arts, a terrifying demon slayer, a scornful critic, and a doting mother, to name a few of her forms. In Vedic tradition, these depictions of the Goddess reflect the belief that male and female are simply different expressions of one supreme, absolute truth. These profound stories are brought together in an exquisitely illustrated collection that reveals the various manifestations of the Goddess, ranging from the iconic to the obscure: Mother Yashoda peers into her infant’s mouth and is astonished to catch a glimpse of the entire universe; Ganga Devi, now synonymous with the sacred river, rides upon a great crocodile and purifies those whom she encounters; and Kali, adorned with a garland of skulls, drinks the blood of her victims on the battlefield. A definitive celebration of Goddess imagery, symbolism, and lore, *Beauty, Power & Grace* displays the fascinating intersection between color, form, and meaning at the heart of Hindu tradition. What is one to make of a group of goddesses that

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includes a goddess who cuts her own head off, a goddess who sits on a corpse while pulling the tongue of a demon, or a goddess who prefers sex with corpses? Tantra visions of the Divine Feminine deals with A celebration of female deities and spirituality, these Goddess-themed meditations contain 52 entries, arranged according to seasonal potency. From spring's Butterfly Maiden to winter's Rainbow Serpent, each Goddess's mythological, historical, and geographical associations are explained, along with the spiritual practices connected with her. Accompanied by a glorious illustration, each entry also includes an "affirmation" to uplift and empower.

One thousand years ago, in the valley of Kashmir, a great Tantric master named Kshemaraja wrote his masterpiece: the Pratyabhijnahridayam, which means "The Essence of the Recognition Philosophy". This text was a concise primer, written to introduce spiritual seekers to the Recognition philosophy in less formally philosophical, more approachable language. What Kshemaraja created turned out to be one of the world's great spiritual masterpieces, breathtaking in its brevity but stunning in its power. It came to be considered equivalent to scripture itself by later generations, because of its undeniable inspiration. This book expounds the subtleties of this spiritual and philosophical classic. One of the most powerful and revelatory spiritual masterpieces of world history, the Pratyabhijnahridayam is one of the primary sources for the study and practice of nondual Tantrik Yoga, and it has never been accurately translated or fully explained until now.

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Feminine Empowerment Path of the Goddess: At the dawn of religion, God was a Woman. The Divine Feminine is known by innumerable names and symbol-rich manifestations across the world's cultures. Throughout the ages the Goddess has been honored and worshiped as the Virgin Mary, Isis, Inanna, Asherah, Diana, Kuan Yin, Kali, Oshun, Athena, Pele, Sarasvati, Demeter, and White Buffalo Calf Woman, to mention just a few. Many conceptions of the Goddess are mysterious and seemingly paradoxical. Yet at its source, the Divine Feminine is one. I Am (With) Her takes you on a fascinating and, at times, surprising journey into the enduring essence of the Divine Feminine. Inside this book you will learn:

- How the Goddess path offers an empowering message and inspiration
- The importance of re-establishing a healthy balance and integration of both the "masculine" and the "feminine" archetypes
- That the notion of God as archetypal "Sky-Father" is fairly recent in Western culture
- Why the wisdom of the Goddess/Sacred Feminine has been ignored, distorted, and oppressed for centuries
- How archetypes, mythic narratives, and qualities of Goddesses are alive within you and how they reveal intimate truths about yourself and others
- How Goddesses can serve as empowering guides in your personal and professional life
- Why especially black Goddesses/dark-skinned Mothers (e.g., Kali or Black Madonna) are a powerful symbol and catalyst for change in our times, both individually and collectively
- And much, much more!

In 1982, at the age of 26, 'ordinary wife and mother' Laura Kamm recovered from a painful and terrifying near-death experience with an amazing new ability - she could tell just from looking at someone if they were suffering from a medical or spiritual malaise. The arrival of this incredible gift changed her life, and she went on to study with shamans and healers from around the world. In her amazing book, she clearly

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explains the philosophies that guide her work, and reveals how identifying the emotional 'messages' trapped in our bodies can liberate us from conditions such as depression and overweight. She offers practical exercises that help readers learn about their own unique energy systems, develop confidence in their intuition, and resolve their emotional and physical pain. Filled with inspiring stories and written with the down-to-earth warmth of a trusted friend, Kamm's profound insight teaches us how we can heal ourselves of ailments both physical and emotional through working with our innate 'forgotten' power.

The Transformative Power of The Goddesses of Yoga How do you live a life of spiritual awakening as well as outer abundance, inner freedom as well as deep intimacy? How do you serve the world selflessly, yet passionately celebrate your life? The sages of Tantra have known for centuries that when you follow the path of Shakti — the sacred feminine principle personified by the goddesses of yoga — these gifts can manifest spontaneously. Yet most of us, women as well as men, have yet to experience the full potential of our inner feminine energies. In Awakening Shakti, you will learn how to recognize and invite:

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With a wealth of meditations, visualizations, mantras, teachings, and beautifully told stories, Awakening Shakti provides a practical guide for activating the currents of the divine feminine in every aspect of your life. Sally Kempton has been studying and teaching the wisdom of yoga for 45 years. A highly regarded teacher of meditation and spiritual philosophy, she writes the popular Yoga Journal column

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“Wisdom.” Sally teaches retreats, teleclasses and workshops internationally. She resides in Carmel Valley, California.

Illustrator Ekabhumi Charles Ellik is a poet, artist, husband, student, and teacher of Classical Tantric Hatha Yoga. A student of Nepalese master painter Dinesh Charan, he also studied painting in the lineage of Harish Johari.

'Inner Tantric Yoga' presents the deeper tradition of Tantra, its multidimensional vision of the Divine and its transformative practices of mantra and meditation that take us far beyond the outer models of how Tantra is usually presented today.

Queen of the Night helps readers understand the role and power of the moon in the ancient religions, folklore, and mythology of Ireland and the British isles and then discover how to tap that power in their daily lives. Queen of the Night is a journey into the world of Celtic cosmology, shamanism, and sacred animals, as well as Celtic language, art, and culture, to discover the power and centrality of the moon.

Since the earliest times, from stone circles and passage graves to the rites and customs of Druids, the moon has been the symbol of the Goddess and has played a crucial role in worship and celebration. In 13 chapters representing the moon's monthly and annual cycles, NicMhacha tells the story of Celtic moon mythology, as well as touching upon Greek, Hindu, and Norse traditions. Each chapter sets forth the role of the moon in Celtic tradition and culture and includes poetry, quotes, or prayers honoring the moon. At the end of each chapter, she offers meditations, ceremonies, and exercises to help readers connect with the moon and apply its power to their lives. From the world of fairies to bards, seekers, and shamans; from the moon's role in the secret meetings of women spinners to the role of sacred animals and mythic beings, Queen of the Night is a lively, informative, and transformative book for anyone who wants to understand and experience the power of the moon.

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The practice of Kundalini yoga aims to unlock and awaken the radiant transformative energy that exists within every person. This book is the perfect introduction to the fundamentals of a Kundalini practice. Taught for thousands of years and brought to the West by Yogi Bhajan, Kundalini is a powerful mind-body style of yoga. When practiced regularly, Kundalini yoga can strengthen the nervous system, balance the glandular system, and harness the energy of the mind, emotions, and body, and is surprisingly simple to learn. While general yoga technique focuses on exercise postures and breathing, Kundalini takes the process a step further by integrating yoga into everyday life activities. This definitive guide, fully illustrated with photographs, is an accessible introduction to the ancient practice of Kundalini yoga, with information on poses and positions, diet and lifestyle, breathing and stretching techniques, chanting and meditation exercises, and general guidelines that can help anyone—beginner or advanced—gain the greatest benefit from the practice of yoga.

Rediscover the lost ancient mystery teachings of the Cosmic Womb • Explains how each of us has a holographic blueprint of the Womb of Creation, our spiritual Womb • Offers practices to help awaken your spiritual Womb, experience the Womb of God within, and activate the Womb's sacred magic of creation and manifestation • Looks at the power of the moon and its connection to sacred Womb Consciousness • Explores how the lost Womb mystery teachings were encoded in folk and fairy tales, the legends of the Holy Grail, and the traditions of Mary Magdalene and Sophia • Includes access to three guided Womb Awakening audio journeys The Ancients lived by a feminine cosmology of creation, where everything was birthed and dissolved through a sacred universal Womb. Within each of us, whether female or male, lies a holographic blueprint of this Womb of Creation,

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connecting us to the Web of Life. By awakening your spiritual Womb, the holy of holies within the temple of your body, you can reconnect to the transformative energy of Womb Consciousness and reclaim your sacred powers of creation and love. Drawing on mythical and spiritual traditions from almost every culture, Dr. Azra and Seren Bertrand reconstruct the moon-based feminine mystery teachings of a lost global Womb religion, tracing the tradition all the way back to the Neanderthals and beyond. They explore how these teachings were encoded in the symbolism of folk and fairy tales; the legends of the Holy Grail; the traditions of Mary Magdalene and Sophia; the maiden, queen, and crone archetypes; and the teachings of alchemy and the chakras. They show how sages and shamans across the globe all secretly spoke of the Cosmic Womb and the sacred creative powers of Moon Blood. The authors look at the power of the Moon and its connection to sacred Womb Consciousness, offering meditations and practices to help awaken your spiritual Womb and activate its sacred magic of creation and manifestation. They explain how to activate the energetic gateways of the Womb and merge the heart and Womb to make sexual union the highest sacrament of love. Revealing how we must reconnect with the Divine Feminine to rebirth the Divine Masculine and restore balance to our world, they show how, as we reawaken the powerful ancient path of the Womb Mysteries, we help return our world to harmony with the wild, untamed creative flows and cyclical rhythms of the cosmos.

Shakti is the pure feminine principle personified by the goddesses of the yoga tradition. The Shakti Coloring Book was created to help anyone begin to activate the transformational currents of this sacred energy in their own lives. Ekabhumi brings readers a serious yet thoroughly enjoyable spiritual practice in ink-and-paper form, including:

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Twenty beautiful images of Indian, Tibetan, and Nepalese goddesses with written descriptions and mantras of greeting  
Twenty yantras and mandalas (mystical diagrams based on sacred geometry), one for each goddess and intended to expand and liberate consciousness  
Dozens of pictures illustrating key principles to deepen your practice  
Boundless compassion. Unconditional love. Unshakable courage. These are just some of the empowering attributes you are invited to make manifest in your own life with *The Shakti Coloring Book*. Foreword by Sally Kempton.

Lovingkindness—acting with selfless compassion toward others—is a widely recognized virtue that is honored across world religions. But what does it look like in practice? How can we more fully and consistently live this calling, to be a loving presence in the world? This book explores the promise and challenge of living with lovingkindness, a concept with deep ancient roots. It offers a framework of twelve dimensions along which people make choices in daily life. Short chapters explore each of these dimensions of lovingkindness, including opportunities for practice. The structure is suitable for self-study or for use in discussion groups. In truth, lovingkindness is not something that you can achieve or perfect. It is more like a star by which to guide your life journey, a distant goal toward or away from which you move through countless choices that you make each day. This book is about that journey.

The sages of Tantra taught that when we follow the path of Shakti, the sacred feminine principle personified by the goddesses of yoga, we awaken the full potential of our own inner energies. Kali, teaches Sally Kempton, may be both the most powerful—and

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misunderstood—goddess of all. Kali—her name means “Black One”—is the original Dark Goddess, whose hidden gift is ecstasy. She brings both fierceness and love, destruction and rebirth—and untamed courage and freedom for those willing to fully comprehend and embrace her many gifts. In this e-book, readers are invited to explore teachings, stories, meditations, prayers, poems, mantras, invocations, and rituals to align with this cosmic force of radical transformation. Program Highlights Kali as the Mirror of Our Own Inner State Kali the Blood Drinker The Two Faces of the Dark Goddess Kali and the Ego Kali’s Fierce Forms Kali’s Role in Spiritual Liberation Contemplation: The Felt Sense of Kali in Your Life The Tantric Kali: Deity of Heroes The Kali Woman: Archetype of Feminine Power, Sexuality, and Force A Kali Asana Practice A Contemplation on Kali’s Audacity The Shadow Kali Kali as the Inner Voice of Destructive Rage Dialoguing with Kali (a guided practice) Kali as the Human Teacher A Visualization Practice for Offering Your Negative Tendencies to Kali’s Fire Unlocking the Hidden Kali Meditation: Kali as the Great Void

The Healing Power of Chanting shares the inspirational story of Nikki Slade - Kirtan leader and natural voice pioneer - and how she moved from despair and darkness into light as she journeyed through the devotional power of chanting, an awakening which catalysed her global career sharing the power of sound vibration worldwide. Brigid is worshiped worldwide as a source of inspiration, protection, and blessing. In Tending Brigid’s Flame, Lunaea Weatherstone presents the beloved Celtic

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goddess as a true soul-friend for women today, exploring her legends and lore, attributes and allies, holidays, symbols, and sacred places. Filled with rituals, exercises, and meditations, *Tending Brigid's Flame* shows how to welcome Brigid into your home and make sacred all the activities of everyday life, from food magic to faery traditions, and from scrying to personal healing. Using the symbolism of fires that burn in hearth, temple, and forge, this breathtaking book sends you on a journey through the transformative power of one of the world's most revered goddesses. With illuminating reflections and real-world inspiration from nineteen wisewoman devotees of Brigid

When one person dares to speak her truth, it challenges us all to live our own. With *Red Hot and Holy*, Sera Beak offers a provocative and intimate view of what it means to get up close and personal with the divine in modern times. With a rare combination of audacious wit, scholarly acumen, and tender vulnerability—vibrantly mixed with red wine, rock songs, tattoos, and erotic encounters—Sera candidly chronicles the highs and lows of her mystical journey. From the innocence of her childhood crush on God; through a whirlwind of torrid liaisons and bitter break-ups with Christianity, Buddhism, Sufism, Hinduism, and the New Age; and finally into committed monogamy with her own Red Hot and Holy Goddess, Sera shares transformative insights, encouraging us all to trust our unique path and ignite our own spiritual love affair. Sera Beak's luscious writing and renegade spiritual wisdom that slices through religious and new age dogma made her debut book *The Red*

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Book a breakout success. With *Red Hot and Holy* she offers a far more personal book—an illuminating, hilarious, and above all utterly honest portrait of the heart-opening process of mystical realization. This hot and holy book invites you to embrace your soul, unleash your true Self, and burn, baby, burn with divine love. Excerpt

As a child, I was madly in love with God. Gaga for God. In grade school, I used to write “I (heart) God” at the top of all my homework assignments and in the margins of the notes I passed to my girlfriends about which boys we thought were cute. Next to *The Little Princess*, a children’s bible was kept on my bedside table for nightly reading. Miracles? Prophetic dreams? Angels? Healing the sick? Sign me up for those gigs! And every Thursday I believed J.C. dropped by my bedroom so I could ask him personal questions and tell him which sister was annoying me the most. I was magnetized to rosaries, prayers, and pyramids the way other kids were to doughnuts, MTV and the Cabbage Patch Kids, and every time I saw a religious figure (priest, nun, Buddhist monk, Hare Krishna) out in public, it would take an enormous amount of willpower not to stalk them. When Career Days at school would come around, my questionnaire would look a little something like this: Favorite subject? God Favorite hobby? God What do you want to be when you grow up? God (Okay, there was a brief time when I was six years old when the answer to that last question was “an albino.” I thought albinism would make me glow in the dark.) When I was a child, God was not a belief of a magical Santa Claus type. He was as real as my heart. I felt Him (inside me). I recognized Him (everywhere). I

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knew Him (personally). We hung out together, and I never wanted our rendezvous to stop. I only wanted us to draw closer. I assumed I was experiencing what many Catholics refer to as “the call” to be a priest, so I matter-of-factly informed my parish priests and Sunday school teachers of my future vocation. They laughed, patted my head, and told me I couldn’t have heard the call to be a priest because I had a vagina. Okay, they didn’t say that last part, but believe me, it was implied. They did tell me that only men were allowed to be priests because Jesus only had male disciples (to which Mary Magdalene juts out her left hip and slaps her round cheek with The Gospel of Mary Magdalene). But, of course, I could always be a nun.

As women seek to cultivate an understanding of their lives, a mythological model can provide a tool for self-discovery and realizing individual potential. The Circle of Nine presents nine archetypes that represent different, but equally important aspects of the feminine psyche. They portray both the life of the individual and the story of woman as a whole—a circle of ever-changing patterns that is a source of wisdom and inspiration. Three mothers, three queens, and three ladies form the circle. The Great Mother nurtures her children with a love that embraces the cycle of life, the Queen of the Night transforms the raw energy of instinct into skill and vision, and the Lady of the Hearth brings warmth and creativity into the home. By recognizing these and the other six archetypes of the circle, women can hold up a mirror to their souls to gain new perspectives and unlock their potential. Drawing from history, her work with women’s

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groups, and contemporary observations, Cherry Gilchrist presents a mythology that explores the psychology of the modern woman. Her analysis, interpretations, and practical advice help to unravel the mystery of the divine feminine and provide a useful guide for daily life.

The universal force known as Kundalini has been shrouded in mystery for centuries, yet it influences our every breath, thought, and emotion. With *Awakening Kundalini*, one of the West's most respected teachers and researchers in the field explores this spiritual principle in unprecedented depth, with detailed guidance for discovering and working with it directly. In India's spiritual teachings, Kundalini is known as the principle within that compels us to evolve and grow. Traditions across the globe have described it as a force that lies dormant within us and, when awakened, connects us to the energy of creation and profoundly elevates consciousness. With his unique expertise in modern psychology, neuroscience, meditation training, and spiritual traditions, Lawrence Edwards clarifies for readers the many dimensions of Kundalini awakening, including practices and meditations for recognizing its manifestations and preparing the body and mind to enter its expansive, empowering flow. When experienced skillfully, Kundalini can be the most profoundly transformative experience of our lives. *Awakening Kundalini* makes available a complete and practical resource for tapping into this transformative force, and realizing our ability to live "radically free."

In today's disconnected, distracted world, it seems like deep love gets harder to maintain every day. We spend

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more time looking at screens than at each other, cycle through new partners every time the spark starts to fade, and wall away our feelings until we become strangers who share a house and kids. But underneath all this, our souls long for an unbreakable love which deepens over time and lovemaking that gets hotter, not cooler, inside a lifetime commitment. This bond we yearn for is not impossible. It's not even improbable. You can create it in your life right now; intimacy that opens both you and your partner to a divine awakening you could not create on your own, lovemaking that curls your toes, and a partnership where both people champion each other's best interests, where even the difficult moments bring you closer together. This is sacred relationship, and it exists in these pages. This book is an owner's manual for intimacy, a map for loving at the deepest level, and an invitation into sacred practice where divine connection becomes part of everyday life.

Transformational wisdom designed for both women and men to access and enhance the inner power of the Divine • Reveals how to activate your sacred sexual self and find your soul mission • Shows how to access the wisdom of the Galactic Center • Explains why men need the Shakti Circuit to connect with the Divine Masculine Shakti is the Divine life force that ceaselessly manifests, creates, and activates. Igniting this living power within is the key for both men and women to transform themselves and attain union, harmony, and peace. The fluid intelligence of Shakti enflames, empowers, and awakens, igniting life force, joy, and organic wisdom within. Uniting the forms of Tantra Yoga found in Indian,

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Tibetan, and Aramaic sacred traditions, Padma Aon Prakasha reveals how to activate the power of Shakti by opening the 18 energetic pathways of the Shakti Circuit. The Circuit begins with galactic energy entering the body at the Alta Major chakra, located at the back of the head. Traveling down the pillar of the spine through the root chakra, the Circuit passes through the Seven Gates of the Womb-Grail to link the sacred sexual center and the heart center. From the heart, the energy completes the Circuit by traveling to the third eye and back to the Alta Major starting point to reveal the All-seeing eye.

Centered on the womb in women and the hara in men, the Shakti Circuit links the soul, body-mind, emotions, and chakras to the power and loving wisdom of the Galactic Center. The Power of Shakti includes the insights and experiences of both men and women as they activate the power of Shakti and shows that clearing all 18 pathways of the Shakti Circuit enables us to activate our sacred sexual self and find our soul mission. Meditation is like a love affair with your innermost self. At times it can be ecstatic and entrancing, other times simple and still—and sometimes you might not even feel its profound effects until later. Now with Meditation for the Love of It, Sally Kempton shares practical secrets to help us turn meditation into an unconditional embrace of the fullness of our experience—on and off the meditation cushion. With the gentle wisdom and compassion of one who understands the nuances of practice, she opens us to the joy of exploring the deep and mysterious inner landscape of the heart, mind, and body. Drawing on her 40 years as a teacher and a fellow meditator, Sally

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teaches us how we can connect to our inner longings and creative “shakti” energy to allow the transformative gifts and blessings of meditation to unfold. With playfulness and devotion—two key attitudes in sustaining a daily practice—she shares indispensable guidance for this voyage of self-discovery, including: How to tune in to your own “meditation channel,” a bandwidth of tranquillity, energy, and joy Why you don’t need a quiet mind to meditate How the force known as Kundalini can fuel your practice Connecting to your ever-present Inner Beloved to let go of conditioned ideas about yourself and make space for the True Self to come forth Ripening your practice beyond technique into the “sweet mysterious expanse of spontaneous meditation” More than 20 practices for bringing the peace and insight of meditation into your daily life “Remember: what you seek in meditation is your own Beloved, your own inner intelligence, your own Awareness, and your own Truth,” teaches Sally. Meditation for the Love of It points us back to our own intimate heart of hearts, our own deepest experience, and the bliss of existence itself. Contents Introduction: Awakening to Meditation Chapter One: The Lure of Meditation Chapter Two: How Do We Experience the Inner Self? Chapter Three: Preparing for Practice Chapter Four: Choosing the Right Doorway Chapter Five: Moving Inward: The Practice of Oneness Chapter Six: Working with the Mind, Part I: Navigating the Thought-Stream Chapter Seven: Working with the Mind, Part II: Liberating Your Thoughts Chapter Eight: Letting the Shakti Land Chapter Nine: Where Do You Find Yourself? A Road Map to the Meditation Journey

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Chapter Ten: Coming Out of Meditation: Contemplation, Recollection, and Journal Writing Chapter Eleven: The Daily Life of a Meditator: Holding Inner Attention Chapter Twelve: The Three-Week Breakthrough Program

Chapter Thirteen: The Process of Ripening Epilogue: Let the Inner Dance Unfold Praise “This is the classic wisdom of the East, cast in a very personal and accessible form. It is authoritative and inspiring and will make you want to meditate for the highest reasons and in the most effective ways.” —Andrew Weil, MD, author of Spontaneous Healing and Meditation for Optimum Health “A thoughtful, intuitive, and uncommonly well-written book, which can only be welcomed by all who follow the way of meditation.” —Peter Matthiessen, author of The Snow Leopard “Sally Kempton is one of the great realized teachers on the meditation path, whose Integral understanding of life merges seamlessly with her mastery of meditation. She is a guide for our time.” —Ken Wilber, author of A Brief History of Everything “Love this book! I’m grateful to Sally for this how-to guide to the soul and am excited to deepen my own experience of meditation through her inspiration and guidance.” —Seane Corne, international yoga teacher and activist, cofounder of Off the Mat, Into the World Drawing mainly on the tradition of Kriya Yoga – the goal of which is to attune individual consciousness with the Divine, or Universal, Consciousness – yoga and meditation teacher Stephen Sturgess reveals in this book how to progress beyond the supple body to the vital, contented mind. After first explaining the deep value of Yoga Meditation, outlining the Eight Limbs of Yoga (as

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presented by ancient sage Patanjali in his Yoga Sutras text) and giving clear, comprehensive explanations of our internal energy system (including kundalini, chakras, nadis, the three bodies and the five sheaths), Stephen then goes on to present a wide range of yoga practices that can be used as a regular holistic health programme. If we were to view the body as a temple, the combination of asana, purification and pranayama practices first cleans the temple windows – building the physical body and mind – while the meditations then shine light into the inner sanctum – lighting up the Inner Self and enabling a deep sense of spirituality and peace. A section at the end is then devoted to helping readers develop their personal practice, including advice on living with increased awareness, how to make yoga meditation a daily reality and a range of specially designed morning and evening routines, from a 15-minute programme up to 1 hour 45. In summary, readers are guided on a practical and nurturing journey towards a sense of enhanced calm, joy, happiness, harmony and personal fulfilment in life, where they will experience their fullest potential for both creative thought and action.

Revised and updated edition, includes new preface: "Author's Warning" In this courageous and radical book, Uma Dinsmore-Tuli explores the sexual politics of yoga from a perspective that sees women's spiritual transformation as the most revolutionary force. Packed with fascinating real life stories and vibrant testimony, as well as history and philosophy and practical guidance, Yoni Shakti is about freedom and power, encompassing yoga, sex, health and spirituality. Always refreshing,

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irreverent and inspiring, Yoni Shakti brings womb yoga, Goddess-focused tantra and vibrant feminism together in an astonishingly potent combination.

A guide to changing negative emotions and promoting happiness using traditional Tantric and Ayurvedic practices • Details the 9 Rasas that represent our basic emotions • Offers emotional fasting exercises and daily routines for emotional well-being • Shows how Rasa Sadhana can be integrated with other yoga practices • Based on the teachings of Harish Johari Rasas are the essence of our emotions that exist in both the body and the mind. The Tantric tradition recognizes 9 Rasas that represent our basic emotions: love, humor, wonder, courage, calmness, anger, sadness, fear, and disgust. Those who practice Rasa Sadhana learn to overcome negative emotions in order to pursue better health, enhanced spiritual growth, and enduring happiness. Our emotions are continuously affected by the interplay of our senses, the elements, food, and the life force in our body. In *The Yoga of the Nine Emotions*, Peter Marchand offers many practical physiological and philosophical tools from Tantric and Ayurvedic traditions that can help readers change their emotional patterns. He explains the nature and purpose of each Rasa and how we can strengthen or weaken one Rasa through another. He also offers Ayurvedic cooking guidelines and daily routines for balancing sensory input and strengthening emotional health, including fasting from negative emotions as well as how to energize positive ones. As we master our emotions through the practice of Rasa Sadhana, we gain true control of our lives and our

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relationships with others.

'Shakti' or "power, ability, strength, might, effort, energy, capability" is the divine energy which flows through the entire Universe. Shakti is also a personification of the divine feminine power residing in all of us. The Shakti Awakening is a story saga of 24 ordinary women who rose up and showed courage in everyday life redefining feminism. Women, like you and me waking up to their true Shakti and showing what women empowerment is actually about. Each story is a tale of courage to inspire and start a movement across. A movement where all the Shaktis hold hands to unite, help each other rise higher and thereby create a world where the light shines brighter than the darkness.

Winner of the 2014 Nautilus Award represents "Better Books for a Better World"—the Silver Award in the category of Religion /Spirituality: Eastern Traditions. This wise and delightful guide to the benefits of meditation practices will help readers cultivate a calm, peaceful, and enlightened lifestyle. Drawing from his years of experience as a teacher, spiritual leader, and avid meditator, Edward Viljoen directs readers down the path to enlightenment using wisdom such as: Mindfulness practices—Train yourself to become absorbed in a purposefully chosen activity. Sitting practices—Reduce the use of mental and physical resources as much as possible by sitting still and silently. Creative practices—Employ such devices as journaling, observing, and focusing on a favorite literary or spiritual passage. Featuring personal anecdotes and stories from the author's spiritual teachings, *The Power of Meditation*

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goes beyond a simple how-to book and offers a wonderful reading experience that will inspire readers to live more wise and fulfilling lives.

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