asanas for emotional stability

The following asanas will help you to develop emotional stability. When the given sequence is followed, they relax a person totally. The arrows show the right direction to extend and expand in the asana. For detailed step by step directions on how to perform each asana, please see my earlier book, OELight on Yoga.

I also recommend that you learn the practice under the guidance of an experienced and qualified teacher. It is important to do the practices correctly and precisely to receive the desired benefits and to avoid any harm.

1. Adho Mukha Svanasana (resting the head on support) Stay for 2 to 3 minutes.

2. Uttanasana (resting the head on the chair and head down with the shoulders resting on two high stools); stay for 3 to 5 minutes.) Stay for 2 to 3 minutes.


4. Viparita Dan asana (on 2 stools): Stay for 3 to 5 minutes.

5. Sarvangasana (on a chair): Stay for 5 to 10 minutes.

6. Niralamba Sarvangasana (resting the shoulders on support): Stay for 5 minutes.

7. Niralamba Hal asana (knees or thighs resting on a stool): Stay for 5 to 10 minutes.

8. Setubandha Sarvangasana (on a bench): Stay for 10 minutes.


10. Paschimottanasana (head resting on a bolster): Stay for 3 to 5 minutes.

11. Upavista Konasana (if one cannot hold the toes, one can sit straight with palms on the floor behind the buttocks): Stay for 2 minutes.

12. Baddhakonasana (Roll a blanket and place underneath the knees for comfort): Stay for 3 to 5 minutes.

13. Supta Virasana (on a bolster): Stay as long as you can lie with ease.

14. Viloma Pranayama (with interrupted exhalation either in sitting or lying position): If done in sitting position, stay for 5 to 8 minutes.

15. Shavasana with chest elevated (Some bolsters or heavy weight to be kept on the thighs for a quick relaxation of the body and a wrapped cloth around the eyes for the relaxation of the brain. The weight on the thighs opens the lungs). This can be done at any time, even after meals, according to one's available time.

• Asanas 1 to 3 completed in sequence of asanas calms the mind and cools the brain.
• Asanas 4 to 10 balance the intelligence of the head (intellectual centre) and the intelligence of the heart (emotional centre).
• Asanas 11 and 12 stimulate the brain to think positively.
• Asana 13 brings quietness in the body.
• Asana 14 allows you to experience inner silence.
• If you do not have enough time, skip asana 14 and go to 15. If time allows, do for 5 to 10 minutes.