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the practice for this week

6th week's exercise:

Both arms are heavy and warm
Both legs are heavy and warm
The pulse is steady and calm
Breath breathes me
Belly warm and radiates warmth
Neck and shoulders are heavy
I am at peace

<u>every day:</u> practise each of the belly exercises - relaxation & awareness - at least once daily. Also possibly 30 to 40 times daily use the reminder dot exercise! Each of these mini-exercises is often more a re-centering than a deep relaxation.





developing skills in application

formal practice

developing a trigger phrase/focus

first "differential" practice

second "differential" practice

the reminder dots are to encourage us to recentre just as much as to calm

the reminder dot exercise

stressful real life situations

attention, focus & time

pleasant emotional tone reminiscence (bf) fantasy/creativity (bf) mindfulness (bf) happy memory (nf) problem solving (nf) flow (nf) future past present fight or trauma memories (nf) anticipatory anxiety (nf) flight (nf)

rumination (bf)

bf = broad attentional focus nf = narrow attentional focus freeze (bf)

unpleasant emotional tone

worry (bf)

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12 breath "coming to our senses"

try practising too with the eyes open and/or standing

- ** 1st section: repeat silently, linking with in & out breath "observing ... "; "hearing ... "; "sensing ... "
- 2nd section: repeat silently, linking with in & out breath "arms heavy & warm"; "legs heavy & warm"; "pulse steady calm"; "breath breathes me"; "belly warm radiates warmth"; "neck & shoulders heavy"
- 3rd section: as in the first section, using the breath & once again coming to our senses in the present moment
 "sensing ... "; "hearing ... "; "observing ... "

"coming to our senses"

a mindfulness/focus exercise for walking & 'travelling'

- 1.) observing ..., observing ..., observing ...
- 2.) sensing ..., sensing ..., sensing ...
- 3.) hearing ..., hearing ..., hearing ...
- ... and keep re-cycling through this sequence \

in 'beautiful' vision-rich environments, maybe use the 'observing' focus every second option

voir

Il s'agit de voir Tellement plus clair,

De faire avec les choses Comme la lumière

to see

It's a question of seeing so much clearer

of doing to things what light does to them

Eugene Guillevic Selected Poems translated by Denise Levertov



intentions for this coming week

- time for personal reflection and writing
- autogenics the belly focus, reminder dots, walking & twelve breath exercises
- exercise, diet, weight, alcohol, & sleep
- worry & rumination & garden of eden
- personal community chart & intentions