



Laurence Galloway: Whole-Body Pleasure and the Foundations of Samadhi



Laurence is a meditation teacher, Samadhi & Jhana enthusiast, attendant to the late Rob Burbea, embodied facilitator, stand-up storyteller, chicken whisperer, and mystic. Laurence began studying and practising meditation in 2004, following a spontaneous awakening experience. Discover Samadhi: this spectrum of well being that is available to us as human beings.

TOP EMBODIMENT TIP: Enjoy. Enjoy. Enjoy.

Pleasure and Happiness are not Dependent on External Conditions:

- Pleasure and happiness and peace and **deeper states of well being are available to us through meditative practice**.
- Pleasure and whole-body happiness is reached **through the cultivation of sensitivity and appreciation** for the way we attend to our experience, intentions, and attention.
- This, together with our conceptual frameworks, is what shapes our experience.

Whole-body Pleasure is Good for us and for the World:

- Samadhi increases access to and cultivation of the reservoirs of well being.
- Samadhi is not only a gift to ourselves, but is **a gift to others** and to the world.
- Samadhi can be an **antidote** to a lot of the world's struggles.

What is Samadi?:

- Samadhi means openness of being, of heart, of sensitivity, and has qualitative like sensitivity, responsiveness, and non-judgement. I can be defined as 'collectiveness' of mind and body, in which the mind becomes more and more infused in the sense of the body.
- Samadhi exists on a spectrum.

How is Samadhi Achieved?:

- Through the practice of **meditation**: silence of the mind and stilling the body.
- By gladdening of the heart: practice the conditions that give rise to happiness (such as generosity, the **Five Precepts**).
- By addressing the barriers: the **Five Hindrances**.
- By practising the states of meditative absorption: specifically, the practice of the **Eight Jhanas**.

<u>Resources</u>

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