30-DAY MEDITATION CHALLENGE

QUOTES AND QUESTIONS TO GO BEYOND YOUR DAILY PRACTICE



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"MEDITATION IS A WAY FOR NOURISHING AND BLOSSOMING THE DIVINITY WITHIN YOU." — AMIT RAY

DAY 1: WHY DO YOU WANT TO MEDITATE?

"IN MEDITATION WE DISCOVER OUR INHERENT RESTLESSNESS." — <u>PEMA</u> CHÖDRÖN

DAY 2: DO YOU FEEL RESTLESS A LOT OF THE TIME? WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

"MEDITATION WILL NOT CARRY YOU TO ANOTHER WORLD, BUT IT WILL REVEAL THE MOST PROFOUND AND AWESOME DIMENSIONS OF THE WORLD IN WHICH YOU ALREADY LIVE. - ZEN MASTER HSING YUN

DAY 3: WHAT'S AWESOME ABOUT THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN?

"MEDITATION SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A LEARNING PROCESS. IT SHOULD BE REGARDED AS AN EXPERIENCING PROCESS. YOU SHOULD NOT TRY TO LEARN FROM MEDITATION BUT TRY TO FEEL IT. - CHOGYAM TRUNGPA RINPOCHE

DAY 4: WHAT BENEFITS ARE YOU FEELING FROM MEDITATING?

"AT THE END OF THE DAY, I CAN END UP JUST TOTALLY WACKY, BECAUSE I'VE MADE MOUNTAINS OUT OF MOLEHILLS. WITH MEDITATION, I CAN KEEP THEM AS MOLEHILLS." - RINGO STARR

DAY 5: ARE YOU MAKE MOUNTAINS OUT OF MOLEHILLS?

"THE GREATEST HELP TO SPIRITUAL LIFE IS MEDITATION. IN MEDITATION WE DIVEST **OURSELVES OF ALL MATERIAL CONDITIONS** AND FEEL OUR DIVINE NATURE. WE DO NOT DEPEND UPON ANY EXTERNAL HELP IN MEDITATION." - SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

DAY 6: HOW CONNECTED ARE YOU TO YOUR SPIRITUAL SIDE?

"MEDITATION IS TO BE AWARE OF EVERY THOUGHT AND OF EVERY FEELING, NEVER TO SAY IT IS RIGHT OR WRONG, BUT JUST TO WATCH IT AND MOVE WITH IT. IN THAT WATCHING, YOU BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE MOVEMENT OF THOUGHT AND FEELING. AND OUT OF THIS AWARENESS COMES SILENCE." -

JIDDU KRISHNAMURTI

DAY 7: ARE YOU BECOMING MORE AWARE OF HOW YOUR THOUGHTS ARE SEPARATE FROM YOU?

"MEDITATION CAN HELP US EMBRACE OUR WORRIES, OUR FEAR, OUR ANGER; AND THAT IS VERY HEALING. WE LET OUR OWN NATURAL CAPACITY OF HEALING DO THE WORK." - THICH NHAT HANH

DAY 8: HOW WOULD IT FEEL NOT TO BE HOSTAGE TO YOUR WORRIES, FEAR, OR ANGER?

"MEDITATION IS PAINFUL IN THE BEGINNING BUT IT BESTOWS IMMORTAL BLISS AND SUPREME JOY IN THE END." -SWAMI SIVANANDA

DAY 9: HAVE YOU BEEN FINDING IT PAINFUL TO MEDITATE? WHY OR WHY NOT?

"NO GREAT WORK HAS EVER BEEN PRODUCED EXCEPT AFTER A LONG INTERVAL OF STILL AND MUSING MEDITATION." - WALTER BAGEHOT

DAY 10: HAVE YOU HAD ANY AWESOME INSIGHTS SINCE YOU STARTED THE MEDITATION CHALLENGE?

"MEDITATION IS THE SOUL'S PERSPECTIVE GLASS." - OWEN FELTHAM

DAY 11: ARE THINGS LOOKING CLEARER TO YOU NOW THAT YOU'VE MEDITATED FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS?

"MEDITATION IS TO GET INSIGHT, TO GET UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION, AND WHEN YOU HAVE THEM, YOU ARE COMPELLED TO ACT." - NHAT HANH

DAY 12: ARE YOU FEELING MORE CONNECTED TO THE WORLD AROUND YOU?

"MEDITATION IS THE PROCESS OF STILLING THE BODY AND MIND TO ALIGN THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL BEING." - <u>IYANLA VANZANT</u>

DAY 13: ARE YOU FEELING MORE STILL DURING YOUR MEDITATIONS?

"MEDITATION BRINGS US BACK TO COMPASSION." - RUSSELL SIMMONS

DAY 14: ARE YOU FEELING MORE COMPASSIONATE TOWARDS OTHERS?

"MEDITATION DEMANDS AN ASTONISHINGLY ALERT MIND; IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE TOTALITY OF LIFE IN WHICH EVERY FORM OF FRAGMENTATION HAS CEASED." - JIDDU KRISHNAMURTI

DAY 15: ARE YOU FEELING MORE ALERT AND AWARE?

"THROUGH MEDITATION AND BY GIVING FULL ATTENTION TO ONE THING AT A TIME, WE CAN LEARN TO DIRECT ATTENTION WHERE WE CHOOSE." - EKNATH EASWARAN

DAY 16: ARE YOU HAVING AN EASIER TIME FOCUSING AND CONCENTRATING YET?

"MEDITATION IS A GREAT WAY TO KEEP MY BODY WELL-CENTERED WHILE JUGGLING SHOOTING SCHEDULES AND RECORDING SESSIONS." - ARIANA GRANDE

DAY 17: IS LIFE FEELING LESS STRESSFUL?

"MEDITATION HAS BEEN A LOYAL FRIEND TO ME. IT HAS HELPED ME WRITE MY BOOKS." - ALICE WALKER

DAY 18: WHAT IS MEDITATION DOING FOR YOU?

"I HAVE ONE ROOM DEDICATED TO JUST MEDITATION." - MICHELLE PHAN

DAY 19: DO YOU FIND ONE PLACE BETTER TO MEDITATE THAN ANY OTHER PLACE? IF NOT, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THAT PLACE?

"MEDITATION HELPS ME TO CALM DOWN." -LADY GAGA

DAY 20: DO YOU FEEL MORE CALM AND CENTERED SINCE YOU STARTED MEDITATING?

"REMEMBER WHAT PEOPLE USED TO SAY ABOUT MEDITATION? NOW EVERYONE IS DOING IT." - SHIRLEY MACLAINE

DAY 21: IS THERE ANYONE IN YOUR LIFE WHO TELLS YOU MEDITATION IS STUPID? ARE THEY LIVING OFF STUBBORN BELIEFS?

"I STUDIED MEDITATION, KNOWING IT WOULD BE A HUGE NEW CALMING SKILL." - JOHN CAMERON MITCHELL

DAY 22: MEDITATION IS A SKILL AND TAKES PRACTICE. ARE YOU GETTING THE HANG OF IT YET?

"MANY PEOPLE COULD BENEFIT FROM MEDITATION." - JIM YONG KIM

DAY 23: DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE TAKING PART IN THE MEDITATION CHALLENGE?

"WHEN YOU'RE A KID, YOU LAY IN THE GRASS AND WATCH THE CLOUDS GOING OVER, AND YOU LITERALLY DON'T HAVE A THOUGHT IN YOUR MIND. IT'S PURELY MEDITATION, AND WE LOSE THAT." - DICK VAN DYKE

DAY 24: WHAT WAYS CAN YOU BRING NATURAL MEDITATION BACK INTO YOUR LIFE?

"JESUS HIMSELF TALKED ABOUT PRAYER AND MEDITATION. ANYTHING THAT BRINGS YOU CLOSER TO THE LORD, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?" - DENNIS QUAID

DAY 25: ARE THERE ANY OLD BELIEFS THAT ARE HOLDING YOU BACK FROM EXPERIENCING MEDITATION TO IT'S FULLEST?

"IT IS ONLY THROUGH MEDITATION THAT WE CAN GET LASTING PEACE, DIVINE PEACE. IF WE MEDITATE SOULFULLY IN THE MORNING AND RECEIVE PEACE FOR ONLY ONE MINUTE, THAT ONE MINUTE OF PEACE WILL PERMEATE OUR WHOLE DAY." — SRI CHINMOY

DAY 26: ARE YOU FEELING MORE PEACEFUL THROUGHOUT YOUR DAY?

"MEDITATION IS NOT A WAY OF MAKING YOUR MIND QUIET. IT IS A WAY OF ENTERING INTO THE QUIET THAT IS ALREADY THERE - BURIED UNDER THE 50,000 THOUGHTS THE AVERAGE PERSON THINKS EVERY DAY" - DEEPAK CHOPRA

DAY 27: ARE YOU STARTING TO REALIZE THAT THE QUIET WAS THERE ALL ALONG?

"MEDITATION CONNECTS YOU WITH YOUR SOUL, AND THIS CONNECTION GIVES YOU ACCESS TO YOUR INTUITION, YOUR HEARTFELT DESIRES, YOUR INTEGRITY, AND THE INSPIRATION TO CREATE A LIFE YOU LOVE." - SARAH MCLEAN

DAY 28: ARE YOU FEELING MORE CONNECTED TO YOUR INTUITION, DESIRES, INTEGRITY, AND INSPIRATION?

"PEOPLE, MEDITATION ISN'T AN APP THING. PUT YOUR FRICKEN PHONE DOWN FOR 20 MINUTES." - MIKE ELGAN

DAY 29: DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MEDITATE ON YOUR OWN? WITH NO APPS, VIDEOS, MUSIC, ETC?

"MEDITATION IS THE DISSOLUTION OF THOUGHTS IN ETERNAL AWARENESS OR PURE CONSCIOUSNESS WITHOUT OBJECTIFICATION, KNOWING WITHOUT THINKING, MERGING FINITUDE IN INFINITY." - VOLTAIRE

DAY 30: IS MEDITATION SOMETHING YOU WANT TO MAKE PERMANENT? WHY OR WHY NOT?