[EPUB] Ancient Wisdom: Nyingma Teachings Of Dream Yoga, Medititation & Transformation

Ancient Wisdom-Rinpoche Gyatrul 1993

Dreams of Awakening-Charlie Morley 2013 Dreams of Awakening is a thorough and exciting exploration of lucid dreaming theory and practice within both Western and Tibetan Buddhist contexts. It not only explores lucid dreaming practices, but also the innovative new techniques of Mindfulness of Dream and Sleep, the holistic approach to lucidity training which the author co-created. The book is based on over 12 years of personal practice and the hundreds of lucid dreaming workshops which Charlie has taught around the world, in venues as diverse as Buddhist temples and dance-music festivals. Using a three-part structure of Ground, Path and Germination the reader is given a solid grounding in:. the
history and benefits of lucid dreaming. Cutting edge research from dream and sleep scientists. Entering the path of learning to do the practices. Prophetic dreams, lucid living, out of body experiences and quantum dreaming. Although Dreams of Awakening presents many different angles on how to make the 30 years we spend asleep more worthwhile, the fundamental aim of the book is to teach people how to lucid dream their way to psychological and spiritual growth. This book is for all those who want to wake up, both in their dreams and waking lives.

**The Tibetan Yogas of Dream and Sleep**-Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche 2004 In the Tibetan tradition the ability to dream lucidly is not an end in itself rather it provides as additional context in which one can engage in advanced and effective practices to achieve liberation. Dream yoga is followed by sleep yoga also known as the yoga of clear light. It is a more advanced practice similar to the most secret Tibetan practices. The goal is to remain aware during deep sleep when the gross conceptual mind and the operation of the senses cease. The result of these practices is greater happiness and freedom in both our waking and dreaming states.

**Rainbow Body and Resurrection**-Francis V. Tiso 2016-01-26 Francis V. Tiso, a noted
authority on the rainbow body, explores this manifestation of spiritual realization in a wide-ranging and deeply informed study of the transformation of the material body into a body of light. Seeking evidence on the boundary between physical science and deep spirituality that might elucidate the resurrection of Jesus, he investigates the case of Khenpo A Chö, a Buddhist monk who died in eastern Tibet in 1999. Rainbow Body and Resurrection chronicles the dissolution of Khenpo's material body within a week of his death, including eye-witness interviews. Tiso describes the spiritual practices that give rise to the rainbow body and traces their history deep into the encounter of religions in medieval Central Asia. His erudite exploration of the Tibetan phenomenon raises the fascinating question of whether there is a connection between the rainbow body and the dying and rising of Jesus. Drawing on a wealth of recent research, Tiso expands his discussion to include the contemplative geography out of which Dzogchen arose some time in the eighth century along the great Silk Road across Central Asia. The result is an illuminating consideration of previously unimagined relationships between spiritual practices and beliefs in Central Asia. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Buddhism & Science-B. Alan Wallace 2004 Reflecting its wide variety of topics, Buddhism and science is comprised of three sections. The first presents two historical overviews of the engagements between Buddhism and modern science or rather how Buddhism and modern
science have defined, rivaled and complemented one another. The second describes the ways Buddhism and the cognitive sciences inform each other, the third address point of intersection between Buddhism and the physical sciences. On the broadest level this work illuminates how different ways of exploring the nature of human identity the mind, and the universe at large can enrich and enlighten one another.

**The Dialogical Spirit** - Amos Yong 2015-04-30 Contemporary proposals for Christian theology from post-liberalism to Radical Orthodoxy and beyond have espoused their own methodological paradigms. Those who have ventured into this domain of theological method, however, have usually had to stake their claims vis-à-vis trends in what may be called the contemporary post-al age, whether of the post-modern, post-Christendom, post-Enlightenment, post-Western, or post-colonial varieties. This volume is unique among offerings in this arena in suggesting a way forward that engages on each of these fronts, and does so from a particularistic Christian perspective without giving up on Christian theology's traditional claims to universality. This is accomplished through the articulation of a distinctive dialogical methodology informed by both Pentecostalism and Evangelicalism, one rooted in the Christian salvation-history narrative of Incarnation and Pentecost that is yet open to the world in its many and various cultural, ethnic, religious, and disciplinary discourses. Amos Yong here engages with twelve different interlocutors representing
different ecumenical, religious, and disciplinary perspectives. 'The Dialogical Spirit' thus not only proffers a model for Christian theological method suitable for the twenty-first century global context but also exemplifies this methodological approach through its interactions across the contemporary scholarly, inter-religious, and theological landscape.

**Tibetan Healing** - Peter Fenton 1999-10-01 For a healing system that has been practiced for 1,300 years, Tibetan medicine is surprisingly contemporary in its assumptions. Under the guidance of skilled lama-physicians, it views good health as a balance between material and spiritual concerns and marshals an impressive array of physical, psychological, and spiritual practices in its extensive medical kit. To explore the modern legacy of the Medicine Buddha tradition, Peter Fenton journeyed to India and Nepal to see first-hand how Tibetan medicine is practiced today and to discover whether its ancient secrets can help us improve our own well-being. His first-person account, full of fascinating stories and interviews and illustrated with photographs, charts, and botanical drawings, demonstrates that traditional Tibetan healing is a vibrant, living system that can help each of us rebalance body, mind, and spirit--the essence of good health.

**Dreaming in the Lotus** - Serinity Young 1999 Surveys the complex history of Buddhist
dream experience and analysis.

**Liberation in One Lifetime**-Francis V. Tiso 2014 Literary aspects of the biographies of Milarepa -- Bkaet’-rgyud-pa spirituality -- Texts in translation.

**Preparing to Die**-Andrew Holecek 2013-07-09 We all face death, but how many of us are actually ready for it? Whether our own death or that of a loved one comes first, how prepared are we, spiritually or practically? In Preparing to Die, Andrew Holecek presents a wide array of resources to help the reader address this unfinished business. Part One shows how to prepare one’s mind and how to help others, before, during, and after death. The author explains how spiritual preparation for death can completely transform our relationship to the end of life, dissolving our fear and helping us to feel open and receptive to letting go in the dying process. Daily meditation practices, the stages of dying and how to work with them, and after-death experiences are all detailed in ways that will be particularly helpful for those with an interest in Tibetan Buddhism and in Tibetan approaches to conscious dying. Part Two addresses the practical issues that surround death. Experts in grief, hospice, the funeral business, and the medical and legal issues of death contribute chapters to prepare the reader for every practical concern, including advance directives,
green funerals, the signs of death, warnings about the funeral industry, the stages of grief, and practical care for the dying. Part Three contains heart-advice from twenty of the best-known Tibetan Buddhist masters now teaching in the West. These brief interviews provide words of solace and wisdom to guide the dying and their caregivers during this challenging time. Preparing to Die is for anyone interested in learning how to prepare for death from a Buddhist perspective, both spiritually and practically. It is also for those who want to learn how to help someone else who is dying, both during the time of illness and death as well as after death.

**Destructive Emotions**-Daniel Goleman 2008-11-19 *Why do seemingly rational, intelligent people commit acts of cruelty and violence? *What are the root causes of destructive behavior? *How can we control the emotions that drive these impulses? *Can we learn to live at peace with ourselves and others? Imagine sitting with the Dalai Lama in his private meeting room with a small group of world-class scientists and philosophers. The talk is lively and fascinating as these leading minds grapple with age-old questions of compelling contemporary urgency. Daniel Goleman, the internationally bestselling author of Emotional Intelligence, provides the illuminating commentary—and reports on the breakthrough research this historic gathering inspired. Destructive Emotions Buddhist philosophy tells us that all personal unhappiness and interpersonal conflict lie in the “three poisons”: craving,
anger, and delusion. It also provides antidotes of astonishing psychological sophistication—which are now being confirmed by modern neuroscience. With new high-tech devices, scientists can peer inside the brain centers that calm the inner storms of rage and fear. They also can demonstrate that awareness-training strategies such as meditation strengthen emotional stability—and greatly enhance our positive moods. The distinguished panel members report these recent findings and debate an exhilarating range of other topics: What role do destructive emotions play in human evolution? Are they “hardwired” in our bodies? Are they universal, or does culture determine how we feel? How can we nurture the compassion that is also our birthright? We learn how practices that reduce negativity have also been shown to bolster the immune system. Here, too, is an enlightened proposal for a school-based program of social and emotional learning that can help our children increase self-awareness, manage their anger, and become more empathetic. Throughout, these provocative ideas are brought to life by the play of personalities, by the Dalai Lama’s probing questions, and by his surprising sense of humor. Although there are no easy answers, the dialogues, which are part of a series sponsored by the Mind and Life Institute, chart an ultimately hopeful course. They are sure to spark discussion among educators, religious and political leaders, parents—and all people who seek peace for themselves and the world. The Mind and Life Institute sponsors cross-cultural dialogues that bring together the Dalai Lama and other Buddhist scholars with Western scientists and philosophers. Mind and Life VIII, on which this book is based, took place in Dharamsala, India, in March 2000.
Tibetan Buddhism from the Ground Up - B. Alan Wallace 2016-04-26 As long as our minds are dominated by the conditions of the external world, we are bound to remain in a state of dissatisfaction, always vulnerable to grief and fear. How then can we develop an inner sense of well-being and redefine our relationship to a world that seems unavoidably painful and unkind? Many have found a practical answer to that question in the teachings of Tibetan Buddhism. Here at last is an organized overview of these teachings, beginning with the basic themes of the sutras—the general discourses of the Buddha—and continuing through the esoteric concepts and advanced practices of Tantra. Unlike other introductions to Tibetan Buddhism, this accessible, enjoyable work doesn't stop with theory and history, but relates timeless spiritual principles to the pressing issues of modern life, both in terms of our daily experience and our uniquely Western worldview. This fascinating, highly readable book asks neither unquestioning faith nor blind obedience to abstract concepts or religious beliefs. Rather, it challenges us to question and investigate life's issues for ourselves in the light of an ancient and effective approach to the sufferings and joys of the human condition.

Natural Liberation - Karma-gliṅ-pa 1998 A perfect companion to the well-known Tibetan Book of the Dead. In life and in death, in meditation and in sleep, every transitional stage of consciousness, or bardo, provides an opportunity to overcome limitations, frustrations, and
fears. The profound teachings in this book provide the understanding and instruction necessary to turn every phase of life into an opportunity for uncontrived, natural liberation. Like the Tibetan Book of the Dead, Natural Liberation is a term, a "hidden treasure" attributed to the eighth-century master Padmasambhava. Gyatrul Rinpoche’s lucid commentary accompanies the text, illuminating the path of awakening to the point of full enlightenment. Natural Liberation is an essential contribution to the library of both scholars and practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism.

The Taboo of Subjectivity: Towards a New Science of Consciousness

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2000-11-09 This book takes a bold new look at ways of exploring the nature, origins, and potentials of consciousness within the context of science and religion. Alan Wallace draws careful distinctions between four elements of the scientific tradition: science itself, scientific realism, scientific materialism, and scientism. Arguing that the metaphysical doctrine of scientific materialism has taken on the role of ersatz-religion for its adherents, he traces its development from its Greek and Judeo-Christian origins, focusing on the interrelation between the Protestant Reformation and the Scientific Revolution. He looks at scientists' long term resistance to the firsthand study of consciousness and details the ways in which subjectivity has been deemed taboo within the scientific community. In conclusion, Wallace
draws on William James's idea for a "science of religion" that would study the nature of religious and, in particular, contemplative experience. In exploring the nature of consciousness, this groundbreaking study will help to bridge the chasm between religious belief and scientific knowledge. It is essential reading for philosophers and historians of science, scholars of religion, and anyone interested in the relationship between science and religion.

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The Bridge of Quiescence-B. Alan Wallace 1998 The book includes a translation, with commentary, of Tsongkhapa's classic fifteenth-century discussion of methods for developing exceptionally high degrees of attentional stability and clarity. Such enhancement and refining of the attention is an indispensable prerequisite to rigorous, introspective enquiry into the nature of the mind. Insights gleaned from such enquiry are instrumental in identifying and eliminating the inner sources of anxiety, frustration, and discontent.

Balancing the Mind-B. Alan Wallace 2005 Based on centuries of Buddhist practice in Tibet, this guide to honing attention introduces Tsongkapa methods for achieving unusually elevated levels of attention stability and clarity of mind. Original.

Books in Print- 1995
The Way of the Dreamcatcher-Steve Theodore Georgiou 2002 On the holy island of Patmos, where St. John wrote The Book of Revelation nearly 2,000 years ago, a young man experiences his own revelations with the help of a spiritual mentor, Robert Lax, the man Thomas Merton once said was "born with the deeper sense of who God was." These warm, wonderful insights are for anyone searching for wisdom.

Leonardo's Ink Bottle-Roberta Weir 1998 The artist's search for unique, meaningful expression, on paper or canvas, in clay or marble, wood or bronze, is actually mirrored in each of us. In this book, artist Roberta Weir demonstrates how to cast aside the mechanics of artistic expression and just do it.

Contemporary Authors-Terrie M. Rooney 1997-11 Your students and users will find biographical information on approximately 300 modern writers in this volume of Contemporary Authors®.

Meditation, Transformation, and Dream Yoga-Gyatral Rinpoche 2002 Guidelines for calm abiding and insight meditation are presented from the dzogchen perspective.
Cultural Dilemmas During Transitions - Yingxiong Zhou 2004 In the 1990s Taiwan and Poland were similarly plagued by the inroads of massive commercialism amidst diminishing cultural resources. Along with newly gained autonomy and cultural awakening, national identity had become a pressing issue. This book includes essays from a conference co-sponsored by the National Science Council, Taiwan, and the Polish Academy of Sciences, held in Warsaw between October 15 and 17, 2000. The contributions address the issues of localization and/or globalization in the age of transitions in Taiwan, Poland, and neighboring countries (Czech Republic, Lithuania, and Latvia).

Faith and Freedom - 1994

Whitaker's Books in Print - 1998

The Tibet Journal - 1997

Buddhism with an Attitude - B. Alan Wallace 2001 Using Tibetan Buddhism as the source,
the author offers advice on how to develop attitudes that are in line with reality.

Shambhala Sun- 2004

El Yoga de los Sueños-Tenzin Wangyal Rínpoche 2011-05 This innovative exploration offers detailed instructions on the Tibetan tradition of lucid dreaming. Revealing secret ancient practices of following the yoga of sleep, this guide describes the three types of dreams and teaches how to achieve conscious sleep. This book encourages greater happiness and freedom in waking life and sleep and shares powerful methods to progress on the road to liberation. Esta exploración innovadora ofrece instrucciones detalladas sobre la tradición tibetana del sueño lucido. Revelando las prácticas secretas antiguas de seguir el yoga de dormir, esta guía describe los tres tipos de sueños y enseña cómo lograr el sueño consciente. Este libro promueve una mayor felicidad y libertad tanto en la vida despierta como en el sueño despierto e imparte métodos poderosos para progresar en el camino a la liberación.

Meditazione, mindfulness e neuroscienze-AA. VV. 2020-02-07T00:00:00+01:00 Lo
studio della mente e dei fenomeni di coscienza costituisce da oltre un secolo uno dei campi di interesse della scienza e della filosofia. Nei primi decenni successivi al secondo dopoguerra, lo studio della coscienza nei suoi termini più introspettivi era considerato pratica vaga ed elusiva, materiale da filosofi, più che da scienziati. La ripresa dell’interesse scientifico per tutto ciò che può essere compreso sotto il termine di “stati di coscienza” ha coinciso, da un lato, con l’impiego di nuove tecniche di osservazione e sperimentazione dell’ambito neuroscientifico, dall’altro, con il fecondo dialogo e lo studio di alcune pratiche meditative provenienti da tradizioni dell’Asia centrale e orientale. Parallelamente, pratiche di meditazione legate alla consapevolezza sono state sempre più inserite in programmi psicoterapeutici per i loro comprovati benefici. In tempi recenti ci si è resi conto di come uno stato mentale possa avere un correlato somatico, in particolare nervoso: può coincidere infatti con differente qualità e quantità del rilascio neurotrasmettitoriale, con la modificazione delle connessioni sinaptiche tra neuroni, o incidere nella replicazione del DNA. Questa prospettiva, che sottolinea l’intima connessione tra le proprietà emergenti e le loro basi fisiche, permette di descrivere in modo nuovo il darsi della coscienza e della cognizione, superando la concezione dualistica che oppone rigidamente il corpo e la mente.

Rêves d’éveil-Charlie Morley 2016-07-28 Charlie Morley partage son expérience et ses conseils pour comprendre et pratiquer les rêves lucides Rêves d’éveil est une exploration
passionnante de la pratique et de la théorie du rêve lucide dans le cadre des traditions occidentales et bouddhistes tibétaines. Ce livre est né de plus de 13 ans de pratique personnelle et de centaines de retraites et d’ateliers de rêves lucides que Charlie Morley a animés dans le monde entier. Utilisant une structure en trois parties : le Terrain, la Voie et la Germination, le lecteur a accès à une base solide dans les domaines suivants : • apprendre à faire des rêves lucides ; • l’histoire et les bienfaits du rêve lucide et du yoga du rêve tibétain ; • la recherche scientifique de pointe sur la façon dont nous dormons et dont nous rêvons ; • la guérison grâce au rêve, les rêves prophétiques et les expériences hors du corps ; • la pleine conscience dans le rêve et le sommeil, cette nouvelle approche novatrice de l’entraînement à la lucidité. Dans Rêves d’éveil, Charlie Morley nous offre une synthèse utile et pratique des approches bouddhistes à la fois occidentales et tibétaines sur le travail sur le rêve. Les méthodes occidentales pour susciter les rêves lucides représentent une base importante pour quiconque souhaite s’engager, dans le futur, dans la pratique du Yoga du Rêve. Les objectifs essentiels de « Rêves d’éveil » sont de donner un sens aux 30 années que nous passons à dormir et d’apprendre aux gens comment faire du rêve lucide un moyen d’évolution psychologique et spirituelle, et de leur apprendre à s’éveiller à leur vrai potentiel. Un outil utile et pratique pour les curieux comme pour les adeptes de l’exploration onirique ! EXTRAIT Qu’est-ce qu’un rêve lucide ? Commençons par clarifier ces termes. Un rêve lucide est un rêve dans lequel nous sommes effectivement conscients que nous sommes en train de rêver au moment même où le rêve se déroule. Mais ne soyez pas
trompés par cette définition sèche. Les rêves lucides sont communément décrits comme les expériences les plus excitantes qui soient. Un rêve pleinement lucide n’est pas brumeux, imprécis et fantasmagorique, c’est une expérience toute en couleurs, en haute définition et super-réaliste. Elle peut profondément reconfigurer notre perception de la réalité. CE QU’EN PENSE LA CRITIQUE Ce livre est pour tous ceux qui veulent s’éveiller, que ce soit dans le rêve ou dans la vie. – Lama Yeshe Rimpotché, auteur de Living Dharma Une exploration joyeuse de la conscience. Je recommande ce livre à quiconque est sur la voie du rêve lucide. – Robert WAGGONER, auteur de Lucid Dreaming: Gateway to the Inner Self À PROPOS DE L’AUTHEUR Charlie Morley a été décrit comme « le pratiquant le plus authentique de l’enseignement du rêve lucide en Europe ». À l’âge de 25 ans, il est devenu l’un des premiers Occidentaux officiellement « autorisés à enseigner » le rêve lucide dans le cadre de la lignée Kagyu du bouddhisme tibétain. Cela lui permet d’avoir une rare capacité à faire la synthèse à la fois de la vision occidentale et de la vision orientale de la lucidité.

**Chod Practice in the Bon Tradition** - Alejandro Chaoul 2009 This book is the first to trace the history of Chod practice in Tibet's indigenous Bon tradition. Chod (cutting through) is a meditative practice in which the practitioner imagines offering his or her body in sacrifice through elaborate contemplative visualization. Although a meditative practice, Chod is not done sitting comfortably on a cushion in a shrine room, but instead is often practiced in...
terrifying places like cemeteries or charnal grounds. The feelings of fear that result are used by the Chod practitioner to cut through his or her own ego. Chod contains elements of early shamanism, of sutric and tantric teachings also found in Indo-Tibetan Buddhism, and of the Tibetan highest school of Dzogchen.

Tibetan Yoga and Secret Doctrines-Walter Yeeling Evans Wentz 1975

Original Wisdom-Robert Wolff 2001-08-01 • Explores the lifestyle of indigenous peoples of the world who exist in complete harmony with the natural world and with each other. • Reveals a model of a society built on trust, patience, and joy rather than anxiety, hurry, and acquisition. • Shows how we can reconnect with the ancient intuitive awareness of the world's original people. Deep in the mountainous jungle of Malaysia the aboriginal Sng'oi exist on the edge of extinction, though their way of living may ultimately be the kind of existence that will allow us all to survive. The Sng'oi--pre-industrial, pre-agricultural, semi-nomadic--live without cars or cell phones, without clocks or schedules in a lush green place where worry and hurry, competition and suspicion are not known. Yet these indigenous people--as do many other aboriginal groups--possess an acute and uncanny sense of the energies, emotions, and intentions of their place and the living beings who populate it, and
Psychologist Robert Wolff lived with the Sng'oi, learned their language, shared their food, slept in their huts, and came to love and admire these people who respect silence, trust time to reveal and heal, and live entirely in the present with a sense of joy. Even more, he came to recognize the depth of our alienation from these basic qualities of life. Much more than a document of a disappearing people, Original Wisdom: Stories of an Ancient Way of Knowing holds a mirror to our own existence, allowing us to see how far we have wandered from the ways of the intuitive and trusting Sng'oi, and challenges us, in our fragmented world, to rediscover this humanity within ourselves.

Like a Dream, Like a Fantasy-Nyogen Senzaki 2005-08-31 Just as D.T. Suzuki introduced the West to Zen philosophy, Nyogen Senzaki introduced the West to Zen practice. One of the first Zen masters to emigrate from Japan to the United States, Senzaki became the first great Buddhist teacher to fully immerse himself in the everyday life of the West, and his teachings and practice-centers influences a generation of Western Zen practitioners. Like a Dream, Like a Fantasy offers an intimate, in-depth look at one of Zen's earliest American teachers. The book features over 40 separate pieces, including essential talks, essays, and poetry. These works not only offer instruction in Zen, but also reveal Senzaki as a man and provide a rare look into the pioneer days of Zen in America. A striking collection that
resonates both as a chronicle and a companion, Like a Dream, Like a Fantasy is a powerful and informative title that sparkles with numerous treasures.

**Penetrating Wisdom**-Dzogchen Ponlop 2014-07 Original publication and copyright date: 2006.

**The Crystal and the Way of Light**-Namkhai Norbu 1986 Chogyal Namkhai Norbu examines the spiritual path from the viewpoint of Dzogchen.

**Openness Mind**-Tarthang (Tulku) 1978 This practical guide to Tibetan Buddhist meditation is designed for intermediate-level meditators.

**Dream Yoga**-Andrew Holecek 2016-07-01 Lucid dreaming—becoming fully conscious in the dream state—has attracted legions of those seeking to explore their vast inner worlds. Yet our states of sleep offer much more than entertainment. Combining modern lucid dreaming principles with the time-tested insights of Tibetan dream yoga makes this astonishing yet
elusive experience both easier to access and profoundly life-changing. With Dream Yoga, Andrew Holecek presents a practical guide for meditators, lucid dreamers ready to go deeper, and complete beginners. Topics include: meditations and techniques for dream induction and lucidity, enhancing dream recall, dream interpretation, working with nightmares, and more.

**The Epic of Gesar of Ling** - 2013-07-09 The epic of Gesar has been the national treasure of Tibet for almost a thousand years. An open canon of tales about a superhuman warrior-king, the epic is still a living oral tradition, included on UNESCO’s Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This book is a translation of the beginning portion of this enormous corpus, covering all the events from Gesar’s divine conception to his human birth and mischievous childhood to his coronation as king of Ling. Born in the pure lands the son of two wisdom deities, Gesar takes rebirth in the human realm in order to defeat the demon kings who had taken over the empires of Asia and to thus liberate the people from suffering. His jealous uncle Trothung proves to be the first major threat to this goal, but Gesar outwits him every time using magic. In the last chapters of the book, he and Trothung’s son face off in a high-tension horse race to decide who will win the throne of Ling and the hand of the coveted Princess Drugmo in marriage. Gesar’s story is popularly read as an allegory, with Gesar representing the ideal of spiritual warriorship—that is,
fearlessness in the face of obstacles on the path to enlightenment. Just as Gesar rides his flying steed, we too can ride the energy of dignity, confidence, and power that is inherent to us, subduing inner demons and claiming victory.

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