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UNDERSTANDING AYURVEDA THROUGH THE LENS OF ASHTANG **YOGA**

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ABSTRACT

convergence of Ayurveda The and Yoga forms philosophical and functional cornerstone of the Vedic health sciences. Ashtanga Yoga, elaborated by Maharshi Patanjali, is not a standalone spiritual discipline but a systematic protocol embedded within Ayurvedic practice. This article aims to critically explore the interplay between the eightfold path of Yoga and classical Ayurvedic constructs. By aligning each limb of Ashtanga Yoga with corresponding Ayurvedic frameworks ranging from Swasthavritta to Sattvavajaya Chikitsa, this study elucidates how Yogic tools are integral to the preservation of health, regulation of mind, and attainment of Moksha. A robust review of classical references affirms that Ashtanga Yoga is not merely compatible with Ayurveda, but philosophically inseparable.

KEYWORDS: Ashtanga Yoga, Moksha, Chitta Shuddhi, Yoga Darshan, Psycho-spiritual Health.

INTRODUCTION

Yoga is essentially a spiritual discipline based on an extremely subtle science, which focuses on bringing harmony between mind and body. The word 'Yoga' is derived from the Sanskrit root 'Yuj', meaning 'to join' or 'to yoke' or 'to unite'. [1] Practice of Yoga leads to the union of

Vol 14, Issue 20, 2025. ISO 9001: 2015 Certified Journal www.wjpr.net 933 individual consciousness with that of the Universal Consciousness, indicating a perfect harmony between the mind and body, Man & Nature.^[2]

Ayurveda, as a system of life science, derives its epistemology from the *Darshana* tradition, particularly *Sankhya Darshana* and *Yoga Darshana*.^[3] Among these, the contribution of *Patanjala Yoga Darshana* through its structured framework of *Ashtanga Yoga* stands out as a practical tool for achieving the *Ayurvedic* objectives of health preservation and disease alleviation. Both systems converge on a common soteriological axis of liberation through mental purification, mastery over senses, and transcendence of dualities. The concept of *Ayu*, defined as the union of *Sharira*, *Indriya*, *Satva*, and *Atma*, inherently demands a multi-dimensional therapeutic approach.^[4] In this context, *Ashtanga Yoga* emerges not merely as a supportive discipline but as an indispensable methodology for establishing and sustaining this dynamic equilibrium.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To analyze the structure of Ashtanga Yoga within the Ayurvedic paradigm.
- To identify the reflective integration of Yogic practices in classical Ayurvedic frameworks.
- To emphasize the necessity of *Yogic* disciplines in mind-oriented pathogenesis and therapeutics.

Need of the Study

This is essential for a correct understanding of *Ashtanga Yoga*, clarifying related common misconceptions and knowing the right way to practice it.

MATERIAL AND METHOD

A textual and comparative analytical method was employed.

- Primary sources include classical literatures of Ayurveda and Yoga Darshan.
- Secondary sources involve cross-referencing *Yoga* literature and published scholarly interpretations.

Methodology: The eight limbs of *Yoga* were examined through the *Ayurvedic* lens, and conceptual overlaps were systematically categorized and evaluated.

ASHTANGA YOGA

The hierarchical arrangement of the eight limbs of *Ashtanga Yoga*, representing the gradual path of yogic practice, is shown in Figure 1.

1. *YAMA* (Moral Disciplines/Abstinences)- The emergence of detachment in the body and senses (*indrivas*) through knowledgeable individuals is referred to as *Yama*.^[5]

The five Yamas are

- **a.** *Ahimsa* (Non-Violence)- *Ahimsa* denotes complete abstinence from harming any living being physically, mentally or verbally.^[6]
- **b.** Satya (Truthfulness)- Satya signifies truthfulness in thought, word, and action. ^[6]
- **c.** *Asteya* (Non-Stealing)- *Asteya* refers to the moral discipline of abstaining from taking what does not belong to oneself. ^[6]
- **d.** *Brahmacharya* (Celibacy/Chastity)- Abstinence from sexual urges is considered as *Brahmacharya* and it helps in increase of potency. [6]
- **e.** *Aparigraha* (Non-Attachement)- *Aparigraha* aligns with *Alobha* (non-greed) and Dana (charity) in *Sadvṛtta* mention *Ayurveda*.^[7]
- **2**. *NIYAMA* (**Personal Observances**)- *Niyama* is about personal discipline and practices that lead to inner purity and spiritual development. [8]

The five Niyama are

- **a.** *Shaucha* (Cleanliness)- *Shaucha* is purity. Here, both external and internal purity are implied. External purity refers to physical cleanliness, while internal purity refers to mental purification. Through bathing and similar practices, the removal of bodily impurities and maintaining cleanliness is considered physical *shaucha* or external purity. For the alleviation of mental defects and disorders, constant cultivation of virtues such as forgiveness, gentleness, straightforwardness, truthfulness, purity, self-restraint, austerity, compassion, non-violence, non-stealing, celibacy, and non-possessiveness serves as an indicator of mental purity or internal *shaucha*.^[7]
- **b.** *Santosha* (Contentment)- *Santosha* is a key linked to Sukha (happiness). It enables true Santosha, a settled sense of satisfaction.^[7]
- **c.** *Tapas* (**Austerity**)- *Tapa* (austerity), mind, body and sense organs become free from their afflictions. Enduring dualities (such as happiness, sorrow, hunger, thirst, etc.) is known as *tapas*.^[7]

- **d.** *Svadhyaya* (Self-Study/Recitation)- *Yoga Shastra* refers learning of Moksha Shatra or chanting, worshiping of divinity. Studying spiritual texts and chanting *Om* and the *Gayatri mantra* is known as *swadhyaya*.^[7]
- **e.** *Isvarapranidhana* (Surrender to God)- *Ishvara Pranidhana* refers to the practice of dedicating all actions, performed through the *deha*, *indriya*, *manas* and *prana*, along with their respective results, to *Ishvara* (the Supreme Lord). [9]
- **3.** Asana- (Structural Stability and Health Preservation/ Posture)- The state in which the body is held in a particular position for a required period of time, without mental or physical discomfort, is called Asana. [9]
- **4.** *Pranayama* (Regulation of *Vata* and Enhancement of *Prana*/ Breath Regulation)- Once the *asana* is perfected, the control or cessation of the breath's rhythm is called *pranayama*. Controlling of *Shwasa* and *Prashwasa* is considered as *Pranayama*. [9]
- **5.** *Pratyahara* (Withdrawal of Senses)- *Pratyahara* is the withdrawal of the senses from their objects, which are disturbing the mind and making the senses restless. It is the process of the senses becoming free from their objects and the mind becoming focused, thereby reflecting the nature of the concentrated mind.^[10]
- **6. Dharana** (**Concentration**)- *Dharana* is the process of binding the mind (only the thought process) to a particular place through concentration. By *Pratyahara*, when the senses are restrained from external objects and the mind is focused on various parts of the body and made steady, it is called *Dharana*. Here place refers to both external and internal locations of the body where the mind's activity is concentrated.^[10]
- **7. Dhyana** (**Meditation**)- The continuous contemplation on a determined goal is called *Dhyana*.^[10]
- **8.** Samadhi (Oneness with the self)- The process of sadhna or yog in which the dhyanasth yogi experiences the union of the *jivatma* with the *parmatma* or realizes their own pure Chidananda nature is known as samadhi. [10]

Ashtanga Yoga serves as an integrative discipline that enhances physical vitality, cultivates mental clarity, and strengthens psychological resilience, thereby contributing to comprehensive health and overall well-being. The multidimensional impact of this practice is

reflected in Table No.1, which highlights its role in harmonizing the body, mind, and consciousness, ultimately leading to a balanced and enriched state of holistic wellness.

RESULT

Ashtanga Yoga and Ayurveda are inseparably linked, both aiming at holistic well-being and liberation. Ayurveda emphasizes health as essential for *Purusharthas*, while Yoga provides a structured path for mental purity and spiritual realization. Ayurveda prioritizes prevention, highlighting the mind's supremacy and its relation with *Prana Vayu*, whereas Yoga offers practices like *Asana* and *Pranayama* for purification and control of mind and body.

While *Asana* supports meditation in *Yoga*, *Ayurveda* cautions against its improper practice as a cause of disease. *Pranayama* purifies the mind in *Yoga* and regulates *Vata Dosha* in *Ayurveda*. Thus, *Yoga* is not external to *Ayurveda* but deeply embedded in its framework, each complementing the other in maintaining equilibrium of body, mind, and spirit. The integration of these principles can be better understood through Table No. 2, which illustrates how each limb of Yoga finds practical and philosophical relevance within Ayurvedic concepts. Together, *Ayurveda* ensures psycho-somatic health and *Yoga* fosters psychospiritual elevation, both culminating in *Moksha*.

DISCUSSION

Maharshi Patanjali has described three categories of sadhakas- Uttama, Madhyama, and Adhama. For those of lower capacity (adhama-koti), the systematic practice of Ashtanga Yoga has been prescribed. In Yoga Darsana, the term citta is equated with mind, and Yoga is defined as "yogaś citta-vṛtti-nirodhaḥ" the state in which the fluctuations of the mind cease and it attains a tranquil, one-pointed stability. This control of citta is indispensable, for only when the mind becomes firmly established in the Self can liberation from karmic bondage be achieved.

Ayurveda offers symbolic parallels to this concept. Caraka compares the disturbed mind to impure water or a tarnished mirror, which obstructs self-knowledge.

"paśyato'pi yathādarśe saṅkliṣṭe nāsti darśanam | tattvaṃ jale vā kaluṣe cetasy upahate tathā ||" (Ch.Sa.1/54–55)

Thus, unless the mind is purified, true perception of the Self is impossible. *Yogic* disciplines, beginning with *Yama* and *Niyama*, are therefore indispensable prerequisites before higher

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practices such as *Dharana* and *Dhyana*. In contemporary times, a major misconception prevails, where aspirants attempt meditation directly, bypassing the foundational steps of ethical discipline, physical stability, and pranic control. This leads only to temporary relaxation rather than authentic realization. Ayurveda clarifies this through the metaphor of clear water just as a pure lake reflects the image effortlessly, a purified mind reflects the Self clearly.

Historical exemplars demonstrate the power of partial yet sincere adherence to these principles. Mahatma Gandhi, by embodying ahimsa alone, transformed from Mohandas to Mahatma. Raja Harishchandra, by embodying *satya*, attained immortality in ethical history. Maharshi Dayananda and Swami Vivekananda practiced Ashtang Yoga in its true essence, the latter being revered as a Rajayogi.

Although Ayurveda is primarily recognized as a life science and medical discipline, its scope extends beyond physical health to encompass psychology and spirituality. Drawing from Indian Darsanas, it assimilates Yogic principles to present an integrative vision. Both Ayurveda and Yoga share the common ultimate goal mokşa. Ayurveda emphasizes health as a prerequisite for the four *purusarthas*, for which *Yoga* provides a systematic path for mental purity and spiritual realization.

Ayurvedic Samhitas consistently highlight the supremacy of the mind in governing the senses, its intimate relation with vayu, and particularly the central role of prana-vayu. Yogic practices such as asana, Pranayama, and Dhyana, therefore, hold equal therapeutic and spiritual value within Ayurveda. Notably, while Yoga prescribes Asana as a meditative posture, Ayurveda cautions against improper or excessive practice of physical postures as a potential cause of disease. Pranayama, revered in Yoga for citta-suddhi, is also essential in Ayurveda for balancing vata dosa and regulating prana-vayu.

CONCLUSION

The analysis makes it evident that Ashtang Yoga is not an external philosophy to Ayurveda but an inseparable component of its holistic framework. Though scattered across classical Ayurvedic texts, Yogic principles are deeply embedded within them both symbolically and in applied contexts, revealing the intrinsic unity of these two ancient sciences. Philosophically, Ayurveda and Yoga converge on the same ultimate goal: liberation from suffering and realization of the Self. Yet, their approaches beautifully complement each other, Ayurveda nurturing psycho-somatic harmony and Yoga guiding the seeker toward psycho-spiritual elevation. Together, they create a seamless continuum of holistic well-being, where mastery over the mind through Yogic discipline not only aids in the prevention and management of disease but also becomes a transformative tool for attaining higher states of consciousness. This integrated vision underscores the need to recognize, consolidate, and apply *Yogic* principles systematically within *Ayurvedic* practice. Such a unification paves the way for a truly comprehensive model of health one that sustains the body, purifies the mind, and elevates the spirit towards ultimate absoluteness.

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Table No 1: Benefits of $ASHTANGA\ YOGA$ on Physical, Mental & Psychological Health. [11]

S. No.	ASHTANGA YOGA	BENIFITS	
1.	YAMA	<i>Yama:</i> It refers to <i>Samyama</i> or to hold together, restrain, suppress, control.	
a.	Ahimsa	 Promotes inner peace and stability of mind. Reduces anger, stress, and negative emotions. Fosters compassion, empathy, and positive social harmony. Strengthens moral character and emotional intelligence. Preserves <i>Prana</i> and supports health and longevity. Purifies thoughts and actions, aiding spiritual growth. 	
b.	Satya	 Cultivates purity of mind and sincerity in conduct. Builds trust and credibility in social and professional life. Facilitates accurate medical diagnosis and effective healing. Prevents humiliation and enhances reputation in society. Builds trust, mental clarity, and emotional regulation. 	
c.	Asteya	 Inner Integrity Strengthens honesty, trustworthiness, and personal character. Promotes contentment and reduces greed driven imbalances (<i>Rajas</i> dominance). Mental Peace Frees the mind from guilt, fear, and restlessness associated with wrongful actions. Healthy Relationships Builds mutual respect, trust, and harmony in society. Material & Emotional Contentment Encourages satisfaction with what one has, reducing greed and envy. 	
d.	Brahmacharya	 Brahmacharya can boost sustained energy, resilience, and physical vitality. Enhance mental clarity, focus, and emotional balance, improve complexion and overall presence, and contribute to a longer, healthier life by conserving energy and reducing physiological stress. 	

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		• Conserves <i>ojas</i> , enhances immunity, and mental stamina	
		(Buddhi, Smriti, Dhriti).	
e.	Aparigraha	 Aparigraha reduces anxiety and mental heaviness, fostering spiritual freedom and ease. 	
		 It enhances generosity, simplifies choices, improves emotional balance and clarifies priorities, trusting approach to life. 	
2.	NIYAMA	• Through the constant practice of <i>Niyamas</i> , impurities such as attachment, aversion, anger, pride, delusion, greed, jealousy, fear, and disgust are removed, leading to the purification and clarity of a person's inner consciousness.	
a.	Shaucha	Helps reduce psychological disorders linked to impurity and elevates the quality of living, learning, and teaching.	
b.	Santosha	 Contentment fosters steadier emotions, clearer thinking, and resilience in stress. It reduces compulsive cravings, enhances mental focus, and improves overall well-being by promoting a tranquil mind, healthier reactions, and a more grounded approach to life. 	
c.	Tapas	 Regular Tapas builds mental and sensory discipline, leading to clearer thinking, steadier emotions, and reduced susceptibility to negative impulses. It strengthens integrity, enhances reliability of one's words and actions. 	
d.	Svadhyaya	 Svadhyaya builds clarity, faith, and reducing ignorance and accelerating spiritual progress. It enhances decision-making, integrity, and resilience, while supporting healthier living through informed self-awareness and ethical action. 	
e.	Isvarapranidhana	 Devotion fosters inner steadiness, lifts <i>Satva</i>, and reduces restlessness and delusion. It supports ethical living, resilience, and a sense of purpose, while enhancing mental clarity and emotional balance. 	
3.	Asana	 The practitioner or <i>yogi</i> can remain calm, stable, and comfortably situated with both body and mind. After <i>Asana</i> practice the dormant body parts become active and start functioning naturally. Endocrine glands begin to function smoothly. Organs like the stomach, intestines, liver, spleen, kidneys, and heart perform their functions efficiently. Blood purification and circulation occur properly in the body, providing strength and vitality to the heart. 	
4.	Pranayama	 Balances <i>Vata Dosha</i>. Improves oxygenation, metabolism. Controls anxiety, panic, insomnia and Deepen meditative states and detoxifies <i>Manovaha srotas</i>. 	
5.	Pratyahara	 It involves the senses retreating from external stimuli and focusing inward. <i>Pratyahara</i> is needed for achieving <i>Dharana</i> i.e. accurate 	

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		concentration.	
		• A mind that practices <i>Pratyahara</i> becomes healthy, free from attachments, and attains a state of balance. The mind ultimately merges into its true essence.	
6.	Dharana	 Sharpens memory. Attention span, Reduces impulsivity and <i>Rajas</i>, Facilitates neuroplasticity and cognitive balance. 	
 This means that the second of the s		• In this context, it means that by renouncing all external and internal thoughts and actions, the <i>Yogi</i> achieves a state of deep absorption, reaching a state of heightened clarity and concentration.	
8.	Samadhi	 Samadhi is the profound state of sadhna in which the yogi experiences a break from the phenomenal world. Moksha is the ultimate goal of Yoga Sadhana, and Samadhi is the last state where the practitioner, after attaining supreme excellence, moves toward the realization of Moksha. 	

Table No 2: Application of ASHTANGA YOGA in AYURVEDA.

Sr.No	References	AYURVEDA	ASHTANG YOGA
01.		PURUSHARTH CHATUSHTAYA	YAMA, NIYAM,
	Ch.Su.1/15	Dharma-artha-kāma-mokṣāṇām ārogyaṁ	ASANA, PRANAYAM,
		mūlam uttamam.	PRATYAHAR
02.	Ch.Su.9/26	VAIDYA VRITTI Maitrī kāruṇyam ārteṣu śakye prītir upekṣaṇam, prakṛtistheṣu bhūteṣu.	Maitrī-karuṇā- muditā-upekṣāṇām sukha-duḥkha- puṇyāpuṇya- viṣayāṇām. (Yo.Su.1:33) YAMA (Ahimsa)
		TRIDANDA	
	Ch.Su.1/46	Sattvam ātmā śarīram ca.	
		Definition of AYURVED	
	Ch.Su.1/41	Hitāhitaṃ sukhaṃ duḥkhaṃ āyuṣaḥ tasya	
		hitāhitam.	
		Definition of HITAYU and SUKHAYU	
	Ch.Su.30/24	Satyavādinaḥpūjāhārasampūjakasya	
		jñāna-vijñāna-upaśama-śīlasyatat-	
03.		parasya hitamāyur ucyate.	ASHTANG YOGA
00.		Samarthānugata balavīrya yaśah pauruṣa-	
	Ch.Su.11/18-19	parākramasya jñāna-vijñāne-indriye-	
	G1 G1 1/150	indriya-artha-balasamudaye.	
	Ch.Sh.1/150-	APTAPURUSH LAKSHAN	
	151	Rajas-tamobhyām nir-muktā tapas-jnāna-	
	Ch.Sh.1/152-	baleṇa, satyaṁ vakṣyanti.	
	153	TATVASMRITI / SADHAN of MOKSHA PRAPTI	
	Ch.Sh.1/142		
		SATYABUDDHI and YOGASIDDHIKA	

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		BUDDHI	
		Definition of MOKSHA	
		Definition of AYU	YAMA, NIYAMA,
	Ch.Su.1/42	Sarīre-indriya-sattva-ātmā.	ASANA,
04.		TRIVIDH CHIKITSA	PRANAYAMA,
04.		Daivavyapāśrayam, yuktivyapāśrayam,	PRATYAHAR,
	Ch.Su.11/54	sattvāvajayaś ca.	DHARANA, DHYANA
		VEDANA ADHISHTHAN	NIYAMA,
05.	Ch.Sh.1/136-	Vedanānāmadhiṣṭhānam manaḥ dehaś ca	PRATYAHAR,
03.	137	indriyah.	DHARANA, DHYANA
		VEDANA NASH through YOGA	PRATAYHARA,
		Yogē mokṣē ca sarvāśāṁ vedanānām	DHARANA,
06.	Ch.Sh.1/137		· ·
		avartanam. mokṣē nivṛttinīśēṣā yogaḥ	DHAYANA, SAMADHI
		mokṣapravartakaḥ. DINCHARYA and RITUCHARYA	SAMADII
	Ch.Su.6-7,	DINCHARIA ana RII UCHARIA	
	·	NIDOCI DIIDIICII	
	Su.Su.6, As.Hr.Su.2-3	NIROGI PURUSH	YAMA (Ahimsa,
	AS.Hr.Su.2-3	Nityam hitāhāra-vihāra-sevī samīkṣyakārī	Satya, Asteya,
	A - II., 4/26	viṣayeṣv asaktaḥ dātā samaḥ satya-paraḥ	Brahmacharya,
07.	As.Hr.4/36	kṣamāvān āptopasevī.	Aparigraha)
	C1 C1 0/46 47	Naro hitāhāra-vihāra-sevī samīcī-kārī	NIYAMA (Shaucha,
	Ch.Sh.2/46-47	viṣayeṣv anasaktaḥ yoge yasyāsti tam	Tapas, Svadhyaya,
	CI G 20/25	nānupatanti rogāḥ.	Isvarapranidhana)
	Ch.Su.28/35	SUKH ki PRAPTI	,
	Ch.Su.28/36	Difference between VIDVAN and	
		MURKHA	NINAMA (CI. 1
00	Cl. IZ 1/10	AUSHADHI SANGRAHA VIDDHI	NIYAMA (Shaucha,
08.	Ch.Ka.1/10	Mangalācāraḥ kalyāṇa-vṛttaḥ śuciḥ śukla-	Svadhyaya,
		vāsāḥ sampūjya devata.	Isvarapranidhana)
		Reason of DUKH/ VEDNA	
	Cl Cl 1/00	Dhī-dhṛti-smṛti-vibhramśaḥ	
	Ch.Sh.1/98	asātmyārthāgamaś ceti jñātavyā duḥkha-	YAMA
		hetavaḥ.	(Brahmacharya,
00	A II G 1/06	MANODOSH CHIKITSA	Satya), NIYAMA,
09.	As.Hr.Su.1/26	Dhī-dhairyātmādi-vijñānam mano-	PRATYAHAR,
	CI C 20/26	doşauşadham para.	DHARANA,
	Ch.Su.28/36	GUNA of PARIKSHAK MANUSHYA	DHAYANA
	Ch.Vi.8/13	Qualities of SHISHYA	
		Brahmacārīṇā, satyavādinā,	
	Ch C 7/21	ananyamanasā.	
	Ch.Su.7/31,	DEFINITION of VYAYAM	
	Ch.Chi.14/9,		
10.	As.Hr.Su.2/37,		ASANA, PRANAYAM
	Ch.Su.8/21	TEACHING METHODOLOGY	
	Ch V: 0/7	Sukhopavishta.	
	Ch.Vi.8/7	MANCIV VIVAD (ADACMAD) HETH	VANAA NIIVANAA
	Ch.Ni.8/4	MANSIK VIKAR (APASMAR) HETU	YAMA, NIYAMA,
11.		rajas-tamobhyām upahata.	PRATYAHAR,
	Ch.Su 28/39-40	DOSH of AGYANI PURUSH	DHARANA,
			DHAYANA

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12.	Sh.Pu.5/25	SUPREMACY of VAYU Pitta paṅgu kaphaḥ paṅgu paṅgavo malādhatavah. Vāyunā yatra nīyante tatra gacchanti meghavat.	PRANAYAMA
13.	Ch.Su.30/26	PRAYOJANA of AYURVED Svasthasya swāsthya rakṣaṇam āturasya vikāraprashamanam.	YAMA, NIYAMA, ASANA, PRANAYAM
14.	Su.U.50/16 Ch.Su.12/8	HIKKA CHIKITSA Kumbhak Pranayam for Hicca chikitsa Importance of VAYU	PRANAYAM
15.	Ch.Sh.8/39	MANTROCHARANA during PRASAV	NIYAMA (Svadhyaya, Isvarapranidhana)
16.	Ch.Chi.3/310-314 Ch.Su.9/6 As.Hr.Su.1/27 Ch.Su.29/13 As.Hr.Su 1/29 Ch.Su.11/35 Ch.Chi.1.4/30-31 Ch.Su.25/40 Ch.Su.25/40 Ch.Su.25/40 As.Hr.2/21-22 Ch.Sh.1/22 Ch.Su.8/18 Ch.Su.5/104	DAIVAVYAPASHRYA CHIKITSA in JWARA Qualities of UTTAM VAIDYA śrute paryavādātavyam bahuśō dṛṣṭakarmatā. dākṣyam śaucamiti jñeyam. dākṣastīrthāt taśāstrārtho dṛṣṭakarmā śucirbhishak. Praise of UTTAM VAIDYA śāstravido dakṣāḥ śucayaḥ karmakovidāḥ. jitahastā jitātmānastēbhyo. Four Qualities of PARICHARAK Anuraktaḥ śucir dakṣo buddhimān. TRAY UPSTHMBHA āhāraḥ, svapno, brahmacharyamiti. ACHAR RASAYAN Satyavādinam akrodham nivṛttam madyamaithunāt ahimsakamanāyāsam praśāntam priyavādinam. Japaśaucaparām dhīram dānanityam tapasvinam. Devago- brāhmaṇācāryaguruvṛddhārcane ratam. AGRAYA DRAVYA Brahmacaryam āyuṣyāṇām. Nāstiko varjyānā. laulyam kleśakarāṇām. DASHAVIDH PAPA KARMA Himsāsteyānyathākāmam paiśunyam paruṣānṛte - saṃbhinnā-lāpam vyāpādam abhidhyām dṛg viparyayam. GYANOTPATI KRAM SADVRIT SWASTHVRIT PRAKARAN/ LIVELIHOOD	YAMA (Ahimsa, Satya, Asteya, Aparigraha, Brahmacharya) NIYAMA (Shaucha, Santosh,Tapa, Svadhyaya, Isvarapranidhana)
17.	Ch.Sh.4/20	INDRIYA SAIYAM	PRATYAHARA
18.	Ch.Su 28/39-40 Ch.Su.11/41	DOSH of AGYANI PURUSH PRAGYAPRADH	YAMA, NIYAMA, PRATYAHARA, DHARANA, DHYANA

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Fig. 1: Classification of Ashtanga Yoga.

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