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# Vedic Mathematics

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# 1. Introduction

veda (Sanskrit) means: knowledge

Veda	Upaveda
Rigveda	Ayurveda
Samaveda	Gandharvaveda
Yajurveda	Dhanurveda
Atharvaveda	Sthapatyaveda

Table 1: Vedas and Upavedas (supplementary vedas)

## 1.1. The 16 *Sutras*

are part of a *Parisista* (Appendix) of the *Atharvaveda*

1. By one more than the one before
2. All from 9 and the last from 10
3. Vertically and crosswise
4. Transpose and apply
5. If the Samuccaya is the same it is zero
6. If one is in ratio the other is zero
7. By addition and by subtraction
8. By the completion or non-completion
9. Differential calculus
10. By the deficiency
11. Specific and general
12. The remainders by the last digit
13. The ultimate and twice the penultimate
14. By one less than the one before
15. The product of the sum
16. All the multipliers



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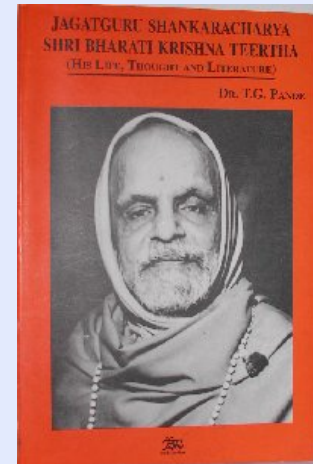
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## 1.2. Jagadguru Swami Sri Bharati Krsna Tirthaji Maharaja

Explained the sutras in his books (e.g. [2]).

Jagadguru Swami Sri Bharati Krsna Tirthaji Maharaja (March, 1884 - February 2, 1960) was the Jagadguru (literally, teacher of the world; assigned to heads of Hindu mathas) of the Govardhana matha of Puri during 1925-1960. He was one of the most significant spiritual figures in Hinduism during the 20th century. He is particularly known for his work on Vedic mathematics.



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## 2. Multiplication

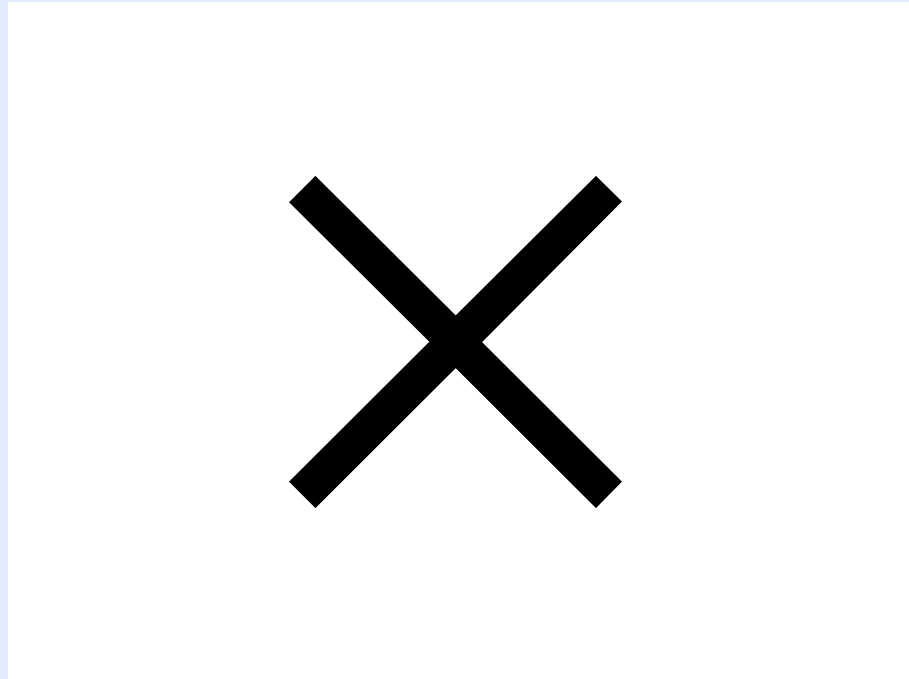


Figure 1: Vertically and Crosswise

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## 2.1. Example with working base 10

$$9 - 1$$

×

$$7 - 3$$

---

$$6 / 3$$

$$= 63$$



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×

×

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 - 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 6 - 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$6 \ / \ 3 \quad 3 \ /_1 \ 2$$

$$= 63 \quad = 42$$



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Origin of the  $\times$ -sign comes from this method



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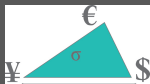
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## 2.2. Example with working base 100

$$\begin{array}{r} 91 - 9 \\ \times \\ \hline 96 - 4 \\ \hline 87 / 36 \\ = 8736 \end{array}$$



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## 2.2. Example with working base 100

$$91 - 9 \quad 111 + 11$$

×

×

$$96 - 4 \quad 109 + 9$$

---

$$87 / 36 \quad 120 / 99$$

$$= 8736$$

$$= 12099$$



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$$\begin{array}{r} 91 - 9 \\ \times \\ \hline 96 - 4 \\ \times \\ \hline 87 / 36 \\ = 8736 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 111 + 11 \\ \times \\ \hline 109 + 9 \\ \times \\ \hline 120 / 99 \\ = 12099 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 108 + 8 \\ \times \\ \hline 97 - 3 \\ \times \\ \hline 105 / \bar{2}4 \\ = 10476 \end{array}$$



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## 2.3. Other working bases (division case)

$$100/2=50$$

$$49 \quad - \quad 1$$

×

$$49 \quad - \quad 1$$

$$2)48 \quad / \quad 01$$

$$24 \quad / \quad 01$$

$$= 2401$$



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## 2.3. Other working bases (division case)

$100/2=50$		$100/2=50$	
<hr/>		<hr/>	
49	- 1	54	+ 4
	×		×
49	- 1	46	- 4
<hr/>		<hr/>	
2)48	/ 01	2)50	/ $\overline{16}$
24	/ 01	25	/ $\overline{16}$
	= 2401		= 2484



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## 2.4. Other working bases (multiplication case)

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \times 2 = 20 \\ \hline 19 \quad - \quad 1 \\ \times \\ 19 \quad - \quad 1 \\ \hline \times 2)18 \quad / \quad 1 \\ 36 \quad / \quad 1 \\ = 361 \end{array}$$



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## 2.4. Other working bases (multiplication case)

$10 \times 2 = 20$		$10 \times 6 = 60$
<hr/>		<hr/>
19 - 1		62 + 2
	×	
19 - 1		48 - 12
<hr/>		<hr/>
× 2)18 / 1		× 6)50 / <sub>2</sub> 4̄
36 / 1		300 / <sub>2</sub> 4̄
	= 361	= 2976

## 2.5. Exercises

Multiply the following

a  $94 \times 94$

b  $97 \times 89$

c  $87 \times 99$

d  $87 \times 98$

e  $87 \times 95$

f  $95 \times 95$

g  $79 \times 96$

h  $98 \times 96$

i  $92 \times 99$

j  $88 \times 88$

k  $97 \times 56$

l  $97 \times 63$

m  $92 \times 196$



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Multiply the following mentally

a  $667 \times 998$

b  $768 \times 997$

c  $989 \times 998$

d  $885 \times 997$

e  $883 \times 998$

f  $8 \times 6$

g  $891 \times 989$

h  $8888 \times 9996$

i  $6999 \times 9997$

j  $90909 \times 99994$

k  $78989 \times 99997$

l  $9876 \times 9989$

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Multiply the following mentally

a  $133 \times 103$

b  $107 \times 108$

c  $171 \times 101$

d  $102 \times 104$

e  $132 \times 102$

f  $14 \times 12$

g  $18 \times 13$

h  $1222 \times 1003$

i  $1051 \times 1007$

j  $15111 \times 10003$

k  $125 \times 105$

l  $10607 \times 10008$

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Multiply the following mentally

a  $667 \times 998$

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c  $1222 \times 1003$



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## 3. Squares

Using the sutra *Ekadhikena Purvena* (“by one more than the previous one”) we get

$$15^2 = 1 \times 2/25 = 2/25 = 225$$

$$25^2 = 2 \times 3/25 = 6/25 = 625$$

$$35^2 = 3 \times 4/25 = 12/25 = 1225$$

⋮

$$115^2 = 11 \times 12/25 = 132/25 = 13225$$



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## 3.1. Exercises

Multiply the following mentally

a  $65^2$

b  $85^2$

c  $0.5^2$

d  $7.5^2$

e  $0.0225^2$

f  $1050^2$

g  $175^2$



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## 4. Division

- Find the *exact* decimal representation of  $\frac{1}{19}$ .



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## 4. Division

- Find the *exact* decimal representation of  $\frac{1}{19}$ .
- Using the “Ekadhika Purva” Sutra it is easy:

$$\begin{array}{r} . 0 5 2 6 3 1 5 7 8 \\ 1 \quad 1 \quad \quad 1 1 1 1 \\ \hline / 9 4 7 3 6 8 4 2 1 \\ \quad 1 \quad 1 1 \end{array}$$



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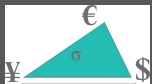
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- Start with 1 and then work from right to left multiplying by 2.



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$$\begin{array}{r} . \ 0 \ 5 \ 2 \ 6 \ 3 \ 1 \ 5 \ 7 \ 8 \\ 1 \quad 1 \quad \quad 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \\ \hline / \ 9 \ 4 \ 7 \ 3 \ 6 \ 8 \ 4 \ 2 \ 1 \\ 1 \quad 1 \ 1 \end{array}$$



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- A further shortcut is the insight that

$$\begin{array}{r} . 0 5 2 6 3 1 5 7 8 \\ + 9 4 7 3 6 8 4 2 1 \\ \hline = 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 \end{array}$$

- The same works for all periodic decimals, e.g.  $\frac{1}{7}$

$$\begin{array}{r} . 1 4 2 \\ + 8 5 7 \\ \hline = 9 9 9 \end{array}$$



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## 4.1. Exercises

Compute the *exact* decimal number of

a  $\frac{1}{29}$

b  $\frac{1}{49}$



## 5. Divisibility

- Use Ekadhika as an osculator.

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- For 1, 11, 21, 31 etc. multiply them by 9 and you get 1, 10, 19, 28, etc. as the Ekadhikas.

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- Now test if 112 is divisible by 7 osculating by 5:  
 $2 \times 5 + 11 = 21$ , which is divisible by 7.
- Therefore: yes

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Is 2774 divisible by 19? Osculate by 2:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2774 \\ + 8 \\ \hline 285 \\ + 10 \\ \hline 38 \\ + 16 \\ \hline 19 \end{array}$$



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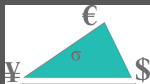
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$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \quad 2 \quad 9 \quad 3 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 9 \quad 6 \\ 139 \quad 89 \quad 36 \quad 131 \quad 29 \quad 131 \quad 19 \quad 51 \quad 93 \end{array}$$



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- Answer: yes



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## 5.1. Exercises

Using the osculation method, check if

a 32896 is divisible by 29

b 93148 is divisible by 29

c 4914 is divisible by 39

d 14061 is divisible by 43



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## 6. Square Roots (Vargamula)

- Square numbers only have digit sums 1, 4, 7, 9



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## 6. Square Roots (Vargamula)

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- and they only end in 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 0.



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- If the given number has  $n$  digits, then the square root will contain  $\frac{n}{2}$  or  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  digits.
- Systematic computation of an exact square root requires the *Dvandvayoga* (Duplex) process.



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## 6.1. Duplex Process (Dvandvayoga)

$$D(4) = 16 \quad (1)$$

$$D(43) = 24 \quad (2)$$

$$D(137) = 23 \quad (3)$$

$$D(1034) = 8 \quad (4)$$

$$D(10345) = 19 \quad (5)$$

Got it?



## 6.2. Square Root of a Perfect Square

Find  $\sqrt{1849}$ .

Group in pairs, taking a single extra digit on the left as extra digit.

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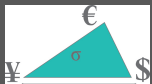
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## 6.2. Square Root of a Perfect Square

Find  $\sqrt{1849}$ .

Group in pairs, taking a single extra digit on the left as extra digit.

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{0}1849 \\ 8 \overline{) \phantom{0}1849} \\ \underline{\phantom{0}16} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0}24 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{\phantom{0}16} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0}89 \\ \underline{\phantom{0}80} \\ \phantom{0}9 \end{array}$$

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4 is the largest integer whose square does not exceed 18.  
 $18/4$  is 4 with remainder 2.  
The divisor 8 is two times 4.

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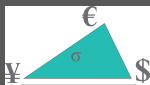
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Next we divide 24 by the divisor 8. This gives 3 remainder 0, placed as

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \overline{) 49} \\ \underline{40} \phantom{0} \\ 90 \\ \underline{84} \\ 60 \\ \underline{56} \\ 40 \\ \underline{40} \\ 0 \end{array}$$



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Next we divide 24 by the divisor 8. This gives 3 remainder 0, placed as

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \overline{) 49} \\ \underline{40} \phantom{0} \\ 90 \\ \underline{80} \\ 10 \\ \underline{8} \\ 20 \\ \underline{16} \\ 40 \\ \underline{40} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Now we see 09 and we deduct from this the duplex of the last answer figure 3, i.e.  $09 - D(3) = 09 - 3^2 = 09 - 9 = 0$ . This means that the answer is exactly 43.



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$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \overline{) 69} \\ \underline{4} \phantom{0} \\ 29 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{27} \phantom{0} \\ 20 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{18} \phantom{0} \\ 20 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{18} \phantom{0} \\ 20 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{18} \phantom{0} \\ 20 \phantom{0} \end{array}$$



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$$\begin{array}{r} 1369 \\ 6 \overline{) 46} \\ \underline{3} \phantom{0} \\ 13 \phantom{0} \\ 6 \overline{) 1369} \\ \underline{12} \phantom{0} \\ 16 \phantom{0} \\ 6 \overline{) 169} \\ \underline{12} \phantom{0} \\ 49 \\ 6 \overline{) 49} \\ \underline{42} \\ 7 \end{array}$$

3 is the largest integer whose square does not exceed 13.

$13/3$  is 3 with remainder 4.

The divisor 6 is two times 3.

Next we divide 46 by the divisor 6. This gives 7 remainder 4, placed as

$$\begin{array}{r} 1369 \\ 6 \overline{) 46} \\ \underline{3} \phantom{0} \\ 13 \phantom{0} \\ 6 \overline{) 1369} \\ \underline{12} \phantom{0} \\ 16 \phantom{0} \\ 6 \overline{) 169} \\ \underline{12} \phantom{0} \\ 49 \\ 6 \overline{) 49} \\ \underline{42} \\ 7 \end{array}$$



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$$\begin{array}{r} 1369 \\ 6 \overline{) 46} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{0} \\ 10 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{6} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \\ \underline{30} \\ 10 \end{array}$$

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$49 - D(7) = 0$ , so 37 is the exact square root of 1369.



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## 6.3. Exercises

Find the square root of the following.

a 3136

b 3969

c 5184

d 3721

e 6889

f 1296



## 6.4. Larger Numbers

$$\begin{array}{r} 293764 \\ 10 \overline{) \phantom{293764}} \\ \underline{\phantom{29}40000} \\ \phantom{29}53764 \\ \phantom{29}50000 \\ \hline \phantom{29}3764 \end{array}$$

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## 6.4. Larger Numbers

$$\begin{array}{r} 293764 \\ 10 \overline{) \phantom{293764}} \\ \underline{\phantom{29}4 \phantom{0000}} \\ \phantom{29}5 \phantom{0000} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 293764 \\ 10 \overline{) \phantom{293764}} \\ \underline{\phantom{29}4 \phantom{3} \phantom{0000}} \\ \phantom{29}5 \phantom{4} \phantom{0000} \end{array}$$

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## 6.4. Larger Numbers

$$\begin{array}{r} 293764 \\ 10 \overline{) \phantom{293764}} \\ \underline{\phantom{29}4 \phantom{0000}} \\ \phantom{29}5 \phantom{0000} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 293764 \\ 10 \overline{) \phantom{293764}} \\ \underline{\phantom{29}4 \phantom{3} \phantom{0000}} \\ \phantom{29}5 \phantom{4} \phantom{0000} \end{array}$$

$$37 - D(4) = 37 - 16 = 21 = 2 \times 10 + 1.$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 293764 \\ 10 \overline{) 431} \\ \underline{542} \end{array}$$



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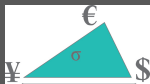
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$$\begin{array}{r} 293764 \\ 10) \quad \quad 431 \\ \hline \quad \quad 542. \end{array}$$

$$16 - D(42) = 16 - 16 = 0 = 0 \times 10 + 0.$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 293764 \\ 10) \quad \quad 4310 \\ \hline \quad \quad 542.0 \end{array}$$



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$$\begin{array}{r} 293764 \\ 10) \quad \quad 431 \\ \hline \quad \quad 542. \end{array}$$

$$16 - D(42) = 16 - 16 = 0 = 0 \times 10 + 0.$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 293764 \\ 10) \quad \quad 4310 \\ \hline \quad \quad 542.0 \end{array}$$

$$4 - D(420) = 4 - 4 = 0. \text{ Complete.}$$



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## 6.5. General Square Roots

Find the first 5 figures of the square root of 38:

$$\begin{array}{r} 38.00000 \\ 12) \quad \quad 287108 \\ \hline \quad \quad \quad 61644 \end{array}$$



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## 6.6. Exercises

Find the square root of the following.

a 119025

b 524176

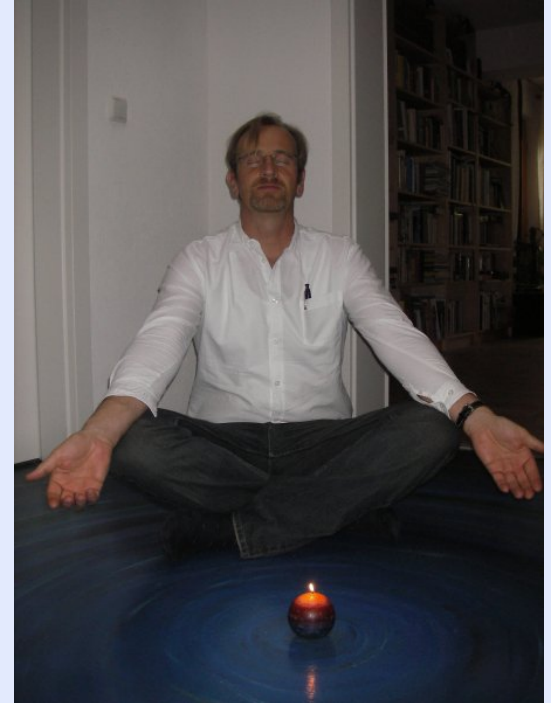
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