

APPLICATION TO STUDY
Self-Realization Fellowship
LESSONS



“Everything else can wait, but your search for God cannot wait.”

—Paramahansa Yogananda



Important Information for Lessons Subscribers . . .

The aim of Self-Realization Fellowship is to make known to all truth-seekers scientific techniques through which they may attain direct personal experience of God. The printed *Self-Realization Fellowship Lessons* are arranged from writings and recorded lectures of Paramahansa Yogananda, founder of Self-Realization Fellowship.

Students are sent two lessons every other week and are encouraged to devote at least a week to studying each lesson, whether or not they have had a background in metaphysical studies. This is in keeping with the guidelines for study given by Paramahansa Yogananda, who stressed the importance of practicing and assimilating the principles and techniques taught in the *Lessons* rather than merely studying them intellectually.

— SUBSCRIPTION PLAN —

There are 180 lessons numbering through 162/4 (some lessons have multiple parts). The series covers a period of about 3 ½ years. To enable all sincere seekers to receive the teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda, the subscription rates given on page 4 have been kept to a minimum and cover only part of the costs of the publications and services you receive. Like other nonprofit religious organizations, we depend upon donations from members and friends to cover the balance of our many expenses in serving a worldwide membership.

One needs to be at least 12 years of age in order to subscribe to the *SRF Lessons*. Guidelines for introducing children to the *Lessons* may be requested from the Mother Center.

Our society in India offers lessons material identical to that in the American edition, but they are not in the same sequence. Those who reside in India, Andaman Islands, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Nicobar Islands, or Sri Lanka, or who will be returning to these countries before completing the three-year course, are encouraged to subscribe to the teachings through Yogoda Satsanga Society of India: Yogoda Sakha Math; Paramahansa Yogananda Path; Ranchi, 834001, Jharkhand, India; or visit www.ysofindia.org.

— LESSONS IN OTHER LANGUAGES —

Those who do not know English are welcome to request information about *Self-Realization Fellowship Lessons* available in other languages. This application is for the *Lessons* in English only.

— RECEIVING KRIYA YOGA —

After completing the first two steps of the *Lessons* and faithfully practicing the basic techniques learned in the first year, students are welcome to apply for the sacred technique of Kriya Yoga. Further information is included with *Lesson 52/1*.

— TO SUBMIT YOUR LESSONS APPLICATION —

Option 1: **Apply online:** www.srflessons.org. (Using this method helps to ensure that your application reaches us and allows us to process it more efficiently.)

-or-

Option 2: **Apply by postal mail.** Please detach pages 1-2 and keep for your reference. Send completed application (pages 3-4) and remittance by postal mail only * (no fax or scan) to:

Self-Realization Fellowship
3880 San Rafael Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90065-3219

For credit card payment by phone:
Membership Services: 818-549-5151
Mon.- Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:30-4:00 p.m. Pacific time

* Although today it is very common to send and receive information digitally, when one enrolls for the *SRF Lessons*, there is a personal element involved that is part of receiving the sacred teachings and guidance of a God-attuned soul. By signing the Lessons Pledge, you are acknowledging that deep spiritual connection.

Please Note: Your application is considered complete when we receive the original application with your hand-signed Lessons Pledge, to be sent by postal mail only.

Please detach this page and keep for your reference.

Lessons Application

Your brief replies to the following questions will help us to become acquainted with you as an individual, enabling us to better guide you in your practice of these teachings. (Please note: All information is treated confidentially, made available only to those who need it in order to answer your requests and serve you in your spiritual efforts.)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name (Surname)

Mobile Phone _____ Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Street Address _____

Business Phone _____

Fax _____ City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Best time to call _____ Country _____

Gender M F Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth _____ Nationality _____
Month Day Year

Marital Status _____ Number of Children _____ Occupation _____

Years of Education _____ List degrees, if any _____

Is English your primary language? _____ Please list up to three other languages that you read and/or speak _____

In what religion were you reared? _____ Present religious affiliation (if any) _____

Do you believe in God or a Divine Universal Intelligence? _____ How did you learn about Self-Realization Fellowship? _____

Have you read *Autobiography of a Yogi*? _____ Other books by Paramahansa Yogananda? (List those read.) _____

What is your main ambition in life? _____

Chief interests and activities _____

What effort are you making at self-improvement? _____

Present spiritual practices (if any) _____

Do you have any physical or mental health issues that might make meditation challenging? _____

What religious or metaphysical philosophies have you studied? (Please include books found most helpful.) _____

My reason for wishing to study the Self-Realization teachings: _____

We would appreciate having a small **photo** of you, if you would like to send one. Please print your name on the back of the photo. Or you may send your photo at a later date if you prefer.

FOR OFFICE USE (Please do not write in this space.)

AP _____ WL _____

L _____ PEND _____ FILE _____ L.C. _____ ENCL _____

— SIGNING THE LESSONS PLEDGE —

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Lessons Pledge

"I wish to study the teachings and to learn the nonsectarian principles and techniques of meditation for God-communion taught by Self-Realization Fellowship.

"I am undertaking this study in a spirit of deepest sincerity. I realize that in order to progress spiritually on the Self-Realization Fellowship path I should study the Lessons faithfully and practice the techniques attentively and regularly.

"To help preserve these sacred teachings in their pure form, and to prevent philosophical misinterpretations and incorrect practice of the techniques by persons who have not been adequately instructed, I promise to keep these Lessons solely for my own private use. I will refer interested persons to Self-Realization Fellowship headquarters, that they may receive the complete teachings, and benefit from the direct spiritual link with the society founded by Paramahansa Yogananda."

(You may, of course, discuss the general philosophy of Self-Realization Fellowship with others, but the *Lessons* themselves, and the techniques, are for your personal use only.)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Signature of parent or guardian)

(Relationship to subscriber)

Note: If you are under 18 years of age please have your parent or guardian sign, indicating approval for you to study the *Lessons*.

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Enrollment

The *Self-Realization Fellowship Lessons* are divided into six steps of approximately 30 lessons each. Two lessons are mailed every other week. You may subscribe to one or more steps, and you can renew later at any time. Several weeks before your subscription expires, a renewal notice will be sent to you for your convenience in renewing. **(Please allow 4–6 weeks for your first lesson to reach you.)**

Fees include a one-time enrollment fee of \$20.00. Each step is \$45.00. International mailing fee: additional \$15.00 per step.

Select one:

United States

- Lessons Step 1 \$ 65.00
- Lessons Steps 1-2 \$110.00
- Lessons Steps 1-3 \$155.00
- Lessons Steps 1-4 \$200.00
- Lessons Steps 1-5 \$245.00
- Lessons Steps 1-6 \$290.00

All Other Countries

- Lessons Step 1 \$ 80.00
- Lessons Steps 1-2 \$140.00
- Lessons Steps 1-3 \$200.00
- Lessons Steps 1-4 \$260.00
- Lessons Steps 1-5 \$320.00
- Lessons Steps 1-6 \$380.00

Lessons amount from above U.S. \$ _____

Donation U.S. \$ _____

Apply balance towards donation

TOTAL AMOUNT U.S. \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Credit Card Payment Visa MasterCard American Express

Card No. _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration Date _____ / _____
(Month / Year)

Signature _____ Print name on card _____

Other Payment Options

- SRF Credit Coupon
- PERSONAL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER:* (U.S.A. & Canada only. No Eurochecks, please. **Canada:** indicate "U.S. Funds.")
- Commerzbank: Remittances can be sent through the Commerzbank in Frankfurt, Germany. Account information is: IBAN# DE 16 5004 0000 0589 2542 00; BIC: COBADEFFXXX. All remittances should be made in Euros rather than U.S. dollars. (The bank charges an extra fee for remittances made in dollars.) Please send us a copy of your Commerzbank receipt with this form.

Remitted _____ Euros on _____ (Date)

- International Postal Money Order*: For those countries for which this is possible, please remit in **U.S. dollars**. Clearly indicate your name and address on the International Postal Money Order.
- International Bank Draft*: Please remit in U.S. dollars. Bank drafts must be drawn on a bank in the U.S.A. (The bank deducts a \$25–\$40 collection fee from all checks drawn on banks that are outside the U.S.A.) Enclose the Bank Draft with this form.

* Made payable to **Self-Realization Fellowship** We are unable to accept payment by cash, Euro checks, or MoneyGram.