

GUIDED MEDITATION SCRIPTTO CALM & CENTER YOURSELF

3) Your 7 Minute Meditation - Calming the Raging River (7mins - click to access mp3 file)

IMPORTANT: [Words in italics and square brackets] are instructions for you, and not for reading aloud.

I invite you to take a deep breath, and when you're comfortable, perhaps begin to close your eyes.

Maybe you can just enjoy being still for a few moments, doing nothing but breathing deeply - breathing deeply **however** this feels comfortable for you. [DEEP BREATH]

Take a few more breaths *now* and just get into a gentle, slow rhythm. [PAUSE and Take 2 BREATHS]

So in meditation, water is often a symbol for our emotions and can be a very powerful way to release negativity and stress.

"Meditate, Visualize and Create your own reality and the universe will simply reflect back to you." Amit Ray

- And now that you're breathing more deeply you may already have begun to notice that you're more relaxed.
- Perhaps you can imagine now any remaining thoughts, tasks, 'to dos' or nagging emotions, as a
 river swirling and raging around you.
- And as you build up the picture of your thoughts and negative emotions swirling around you
 like a raging river, you may also **notice** the sound of the water, feel the damp air and become
 aware of the powerful surging currents around you.
- And as you take a moment to experience that more fully, isn't it nice to know you can throw
 everything and anything else that may be bothering you right now into the water so that it
 becomes part of that raging river around you.
- Just notice how the raging river swallows everything you throw into it until it completely disappears. [PAUSE and Take 2 DEEP BREATHS]
- Wonderful. So as you take another deep breath now, you may notice the river around you is beginning to calm. Becoming slower, quieter and more peaceful. Steadily calmer and calmer until it's a beautiful, quiet, gently flowing stream now. [DEEP BREATH]
- And once it's a quiet, gently flowing stream perhaps you can imagine it getting even calmer, more peaceful and trickling into a beautiful, quiet, still pond.

Why not **enjoy** your beautiful, quiet, still pond for a moment. And for a few more breaths, just take in the absolute stillness, serenity, peace and **complete calm**. [PAUSE and Take 2 BREATHS]

[DEEP BREATH] So, in the days and weeks ahead, you can use this technique at any time to still your mind, knowing that in a few simple moments you can feel completely calm again.

So I invite you **now** to take a breath for a moment, and begin to **move your attention** back to the room, listening to the **sounds around you** and **begin** to open your eyes. Namaste.