# **POCKET ROUTINE GUIDE**

# Oi Gong The Flow Continues More Beginners' Practice with Lee Holden

Take this pocket guide with you, and use it as a reminder when a DVD player is not available.

#### **GUIDELINES & TIPS**

Congratulations! You're about to experience new levels of health, energy, and relaxation! This routine involves gentle flowing movements drawn from Qi Gong practices dating back thousands of years. While it's a safe, low-stress routine, not all exercises are suitable for everyone. To get the most out of your routine, we suggest the following:

- ➤ Before doing the *Qi Gong* routine(s), watch the entire DVD all the way through.
- ➤ Wear comfortable, loose clothing that allows you to move freely.
- ➤ Don't exercise on a full stomach; wait at least 30 minutes after eating before doing this routine.
- ➤ There should never be any pain or discomfort during the routine. If any of the movements hurt or are uncomfortable, STOP. Remember, this isn't a competition. Listen to your body!

ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR BEFORE BEGINNING ANY NEW EXERCISE PROGRAM

# Lee's Sequence of Movements

### 1. Deep Abdominal Breathing

Centering, increasing lung capacity, bringing more energy into the body.

# 2. Twisting

Opens the joints of the spine, increases energy circulation through the back.

#### 3. Knocking on the Door of Life

Energizes the body, increases circulation in the back.

#### 4. Wide-Leg Spinal Twist\*

Improves joint mobility, increases range of motion through the back and hips.

#### 5. Wide-Leg Weight Shift\*

Strengthens the legs, creates flexibility through the lower body.

#### 6. Moving Like the River\*

Strength and a sense of flow through the entire body.

#### 7. Wide-Leg Full Body Flow\*

Stretches all the major muscles in the body.

#### 8. Palm Press Behind the Back

Clears tension from the neck and upper back.

#### 9. Interlock Fingers, Forward Bend

Stretches shoulders, upper back, and hamstrings.

<sup>\*</sup>Not in easier routine.

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#### 10. Wave

Trains the body to move fluidly, clears tension from the back.

# 11. Hip Circles

Increases range of motion through the hips and lower back.

# 12. Arm Spirals

Opens all the joints in the body, develops inner coordination, and increases energy circulation.

#### 13. Pulling up the Earth

Develops energy flow, increases lung capacity.

#### 14. Side Stretch Flow

Opens the rib cage, increases lung capacity, and cultivates energy.

# 15. Tai Chi Extended Opening

Develops flow, cultivates internal energy.

# 16. Expanding the Horizons

Stretches the upper body and arms, creates upper body flow.

# Lee's Sequence of Movements Continued...

#### 17. Cloudy Hands Extended Version

Opens the energy in the chest, balances emotional energy.

#### 18. Pebble in the Pond

Creates flow in the body and brings energy into the center of the body.

#### 19. Holding a Qi Ball

Develops the sensitivity to energy.

### 20. Turning the Wheel

Cultivates internal energy; opens the energy in the spine (yang) and front of the body (yin).

#### 21. Centering

Develops inner balance and harmony and brings energy to the center of the body.

#### 22. Bamboo in the Wind

Inner balance and harmony.

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