

adharna

aja

advaita

ajāpa

ahaṃ

akṣara

ahaṃkāra

ananta

aiṃ

annamaya kośa

unborn

in derogation to the ideal, evil

continuous recitation, without  
count of recitation

non-duality

a letter, the unqualified infinite

the sense of ego "I"

without count, infinite

the ego, the sense of "I"

the world of atoms, that which is  
perceivable through the senses

the vibration or natural name of  
wisdom

antaḥkaraṇa

asuras

antaṃ

ānanda

aṇu

ānandamaya kośa

aṅkuram

ārādhana

apāna

āsana

the forces of individuality

the inner cause or inner sense

bliss

at the apex, at the end of,  
the ultimate limit

the world of pure bliss

atoms

pleasing, satisfying, fulfilling

abundance, a source

seat or meditation posture

exhalation

āśrama

bhakta

ātma-samarpaṇa

bhakti

bandhaṃ

bhautika śabda

bandhana

bhāva

bhagavān

bhāva samādhi

devotee

a place of refuge

devotion

surrender one's own soul

words which describe the world of  
objects and relationships

bound by

a vibration, attitude

bondage

an intuition in which three exist:  
I, the subject or meditator, Thou,  
the meditated upon, and the  
relationship between the two

Supreme Lord

bhikṣāpātra

bindu

bhogī

brahmiṇ

bhuvah

buddhi

bhūḥ

bīja

bhūmi śuddhi

cakra

one point

begging bowl

one who knows divinity

one who enjoys

objective knowledge, intelligence

the subtle world, that which is  
conceivable in the mind

the seed, natural name

the gross world, that which is  
perceivable through the senses

center of energy, circle

purification of land

chandaḥ

citta

Chañḍī

darśana

chedana

dāsa

cit

devas

cit rūpiṇī

dharma

the objects of awareness,  
the totality of cognition

meter, a specified number of  
syllables

intuitive vision, perception

name of the Divine Mother  
Goddess, She Who Tears Apart  
Thoughts

the servant of

cutting asunder

the forces of communion, gods

consciousness

an ideal of perfection, the  
harmony of the universe, religion

the capacity to evolve a form of  
consciousness,  
fully potential energy

dhāraṇā

dvam̐dva

dhyāna

ghaṭa

dr̥ṣṭi

ghaṭākāśa

duḥka

guru

dvaita

ha

conflict or opposition

concentration

container

meditation

contained space

perception

example, inspiration, teacher

pain

purusa, divine consciousness

duality or multiplicity

haṃsaḥ

hrīṃ - māyā

havana

īśvara

heti

janaḥ

hetu

janma

hiraṇyagarbha

janmaśreṣṭhatvaṃ

the totality of existence, all that  
can be perceived through the  
senses, conceived in the mind, or  
known through intuition, and  
beyond

the so-ham mantra, swan

the principle of divine union,  
Supreme Lord

fire ceremony

the logos, the embodiment of all  
knowledge

a weapon

birth

destruction, motivation

the ultimate birth, the ultimate aim  
of living

Golden Womb, the first seed of  
existence

jayatvam

jñānī

jāpa

jñāna indriyas

jāyā

jñāna

jñānājñāna

jīva

kalā

wise one

victory

five organs of knowledge:  
the eyes, ears, nose, tongue,  
and skin

the conscious repetition of mantra

wisdom

birth

wisdom and ignorance

attributes

the individual soul, life

kalyāṇaṃ

kāñchūkas

karma

klīṃ

karma indriyas

kośa

kāla

krodha

kāma

kṛ

limitations, or modes of  
perception

welfare

transformation towards perfection

activity

a sheath, covering or thickness

five organs of action: the upper  
appendages, lower appendages,  
tongue, reproductive organ, anus

anger

time

do

desire

kṛpā

loka

kṣara

mahaḥ

kumbhāka

mahābhūtas

liṅgam

mahākāśa

lobha

mahāmāyā

world, a paradigm of reality

Grace, what you do is what you  
get

the totality of all that can possible  
be conceived, the body of Nature

that which is finite, which will not  
last

the essential elements of  
existence: earth, water, fire, air,  
ether

retention

unlimited space

symbol of divinity, subtle body,  
male generative organ

the great measurement, the great  
limitation of consciousness

greed

mama

mantra

man

matsara

manomaya kośa

mā

manana

mālā

maṅgala

māyā

that which takes away your mind,  
divine vibrations of sound

mine, as in possession

jealousy

mind, subjective knowledge

to measure

the world of concepts, ideas,  
thoughts

garland

contemplation

the measurement or limitation of  
consciousness

goodness, auspiciousness

moda

nāma

moha

nididhyāsana

mṛtyuñjayatvam

nir

mukti

nirguṇa

nāda

nirodha

name

attachment

deep meditation

ignorance

without

victory over death

without qualities

liberation, self-realization

prohibition, cessation, or  
obstruction

the subtle body of sound, the  
sound we hear inside

nirvikalpa

nivṛtti

nirvikalpa samādhi

niyama

niṣkāma

nīra

nitya

nyāti

nityakarma

paramātman

involution

without an idea

discipline

the existence of only One

water

without desire

space

eternal

The Supreme Soul

eternal activity

pañca kośa

prakāśa

pā

prakṛti

pāntam

pratyakṣa

pāśa

pratyaya

Phalitam

pratyāhāra

illumination, intuitive awareness

the five sheaths, coverings or layers

the embodiment of nature

to get

the union between the organs of knowledge and the objects of perception

to drink, draw within, absorb

subtle body of thoughts

bondage or bond

withdrawing of the senses

the fruit

pravṛtti

prārabdha karma

prāṇa

puṇya

prāṇamaya kośa

puruṣa

prāṇasiddhi

pūjā

prāṇayāma

pūraka

the actions begun in the past,  
which will come to fruition in the  
future

evolution

merit

breath, life force, inhalation

the individual soul, consciousness

the world of breath

worship, that which gives birth to  
merit

the attainment of perfection in  
control of breath

inhalation

the control of breath

rakta

rṣi

rakta bijā

rohita

rāga

rūpa

rajoguṇa

sa

recaka

sadā

seer, beings of wisdom

red, blood, passion, desire

the radiance of the morning sun

the seed of desire

form

activity, becoming

with

the quality of passion

eternal, always continuing,  
forever

exhalation

Sadāśiva

saṃkṣipta

sadr̥ṣṭi

saṃsāra

samādhi

saṃskāra

samāna

sannyāsī

samāsti

saṅkalpa

past actions, also abbreviated

Pure Consciousness

the world, the sea of all, the world  
of objects and relationships

with perception

a certain tendency to manifest  
action in specific ways

complete absorption in the  
perfection of union

established in truth and  
renunciation

equalizing breath, staying still in  
equilibrium

a vow for spiritual growth,  
definition of a goal

universal or cosmic

sarūpa

satyarūpā

sarvakāraṇakāraṇam

saubhāgya

satsaṅga

savikalpa

sattvaguṇa

savikalpa samādhi

satya

sayuja

the form of true existence

with form

good fortune

the Cause of all causes

with an idea

community of truth, spiritual  
fellowship

absorption in the union between I  
and Thou

the quality of truth, purity

with union

true existence

sādhana

sevā

sādhikā

siddhatvasiddhiḥ

sādhu

siddhi

sālokya

siddhāpāṭhaḥ

sāmipyā

sthāpana

the privilege to demonstrate our  
love through effective action

spiritual discipline

the attainment of all attainments

spiritual aspirant, practitioner of  
discipline (fem.)

attainment

spiritual aspirant, practitioner of  
discipline (male)

reciting a scripture from beginning  
to end

together in the same paradigm of  
reality

establishment

performing the same activity

sthūla śarīra

svarūpam

stotram

svāyambhuva

su

sr̥ṣṭi

sūtra

śabda

svaḥ

śabda brahmāṇ

the intrinsic form, intrinsic  
essence of nature

the gross body

he who becomes of his own  
accord

song in praise of God

creation

excellent

audible sound

a thread, outline of major points

the sound of God, the infinite  
sound beyond conception

the causal world, that which is  
known through intuition

śakti

śravaṇa

Sāṅkhyā Philosophy

śrāddha

śānti

Śrī

Śiva

Śrī Vidyā

śloka

Śuddha Vidyā

hearing

pure energy

memorial ceremonies in honor of  
the departed

the philosophy of discrimination  
between the eternal and the  
temporal

respected

peace

the knowledge of the Divine  
Mother, of the Highest Respect

The Consciousness of Infinite  
Goodness

pure knowledge

Sanskrit verse

tamoguṇa

tapas

tanmātras

tapasyā

tantra

tarpaṇa

Tantra Philosophy

tattva

tapah

tejas

heat

the quality of darkness

any act of purification, applying  
heat, spiritual discipline

the objects of perception: sight,  
sound, smell, taste and feel

offering to departed souls

the synthesis of the way to move  
from duality to unity

principle

the philosophy which synthesizes  
all knowledge into the path of  
unity

illumination

the world of light and wisdom

tra

udāna

triśūla

ultāpāṭhaḥ

tvam

vaikārika

U

vartmāna

udāsa

vasāt

bringing up the breath

that which takes away

reading a scripture backwards

trident which stands for the unity  
of all trinities

an intuitional understanding,  
modified

you

present karma

circumstance

bound, dependent upon

the servant of circumstances, the  
spirit of surrendering

vācaka

vikalpa

Vedānta Philosophy

vimukti

vedic śabda

vyakti

vidyā

vyakti rupa

vidyāvidyā

vyāna

an idea

an intellectual understanding of  
words

he who resides in self-realization

the philosophy of One Reality

individuality

words of wisdom

individual form

knowledge

an involuntary expulsion of air,  
like gas, belching, sneezing

knowledge and ignorance

vijñānamaya kośa

yogī

vṛtti

yuja

yāma

yātrā

yoga

one who has attained the  
perfection of union

the world of light and wisdom

union

activities or modifications

to take control

Pilgrimage

the perfection of union