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Question: What are the Yogas (States of Union) that constitute Buddhahood?

Arya Nagarjuna: The 21 states of union which are included in THE TWO TYPES OF UNION,
-- "Union with a factor of abandonment"
-- and "Union with a factor of insight" are:

- 1. The state of union of Cyclic Existence (Samsara) and Cessation (Nirvana).
- 2. The state of union of the afflicted class of phenomena and the liberated class of phenomena.
- 3. The state of union of perceptions of objects with and without aspects.
- 4. The state of union of subjective perception and objective phenomena.
- 5. The state of union devoid of Eternalism and Nihilism.
- 6. The state of union of Emptiness and Compassion.
- 7. The state of union of Method and Wisdom.
- 8. The union of those with and those without remainder.
- 9. The union of the two Selflessnesses.
- 10. The union of an Illusory Body and a Clear Light.
- 11. The union of Thorough and Gradual Dissolutions.
- 12. The union of the Two Truths.
- 13. The union of entering and emerging from a Meditative Equipoise (Shamata).
- 14. The union of sleep and wakefulness.
- 15. The union of Meditative Equipoise and the post meditational period.
- 16. The union of mindfulness and forgetfulness.
- 17. The union of Bliss and Emptiness.
- 18. The union of Objects and Action.
- 19. The union of the Generation stage and Completion stage.
- 20. The union of Purity and Impurity.
- 21. The union of those with and without forms.

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