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Here are the *Shooting Star Phowa Instructions Beyond Concepts*. The key point of the body is to be seated in an upright posture.¹ There are two parts to this practice: training and the actual activity of phowa (at the time of death).

Phowa Training

Do not conceptualize your body at all. In that state, visualize your central channel as blue in color. It is the width of a bamboo cane. It is as long as an arm span. Inside, it is open and hollow. At the bottom, it is naturally closed. At the top, the central channel tube stops like a bamboo joint with a small hole in the center. Inside the lower part of the central channel, there is the essence of your mind in the form of a luminous white bindu the size of small bird's egg. Imagine that it appears like a great star rising.

(Holding your breath), press down the subtle wind from above and pull up the lower subtle wind. Then, direct the subtle wind, visualization, and mind together upwards so that they shoot up through the hole in the central channel. Gathering the wind inside and causing it to rise, the bindu flies up to touch the opening at the top of the central channel. Again, causing the subtle wind to rise upwards, imagine that it blows the bindu to the top. Breathing out, imagine that the bindu descends.

By training in that way, the top of your head will throb, ache, and you will get little pimples there. When such things occur, you can dial back the force of your efforts somewhat. That is the training.

Activity of Phowa at the Time of Death

Other aspects of the visualization are as before. At this time the upper part of the central channel is completely open. Holding the vase breath as before, the bindu goes upwards. Simultaneously, the central channel itself dissolves up and merges with it, becoming one with the luminous bindu. Like a shooting star, this shoots up into space. This activity has two ways of practice: with a visualized support and without a visualized support.

For phowa with a visual support, shoot your mind into the heart center of Tara.

For phowa without a visual support, mix awareness with the ultimate expanse.

However you do this, a very important key point is to not look back at your body.

This completes the *Shooting Star Phowa Instructions Beyond Concepts*.

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¹ Your legs are crossed, and your knees are held up. This is with your hands clasped around them. The right hand is above clasping the palm of the left. Alternatively, a meditation belt is used, and the hands rest together in your lap in the mudra of equanimity.