

A vibrant forest scene with sunlight filtering through trees, overlaid with a large puzzle piece graphic. The puzzle piece is a large, irregular shape that fits into the forest landscape, symbolizing taking control of one's life. The text is written in a white, elegant script font.

Breathe,
~ own your life!

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Introduction

NAVIGATING THE WEB OF LIFE: A JOURNEY TOWARDS DEEPER AWARENESS AND SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

Welcome to the beginning of a journey that challenges you to explore the limits of your own awareness. Here you get the chance to embrace the simplicity and complexity of life with open arms and an open heart. "Breathe - Own Your Life" is not just an exhortation; it is an invitation to become the most authentic version of yourself. Live with intention and discover the limitless power of love and conscious presence.

In this guide, we take a deep breath and dive into the infinite mysteries of the universe. Every breath is a reminder of our indivisible connection to all that exists. We explore how our thoughts, filled with both light and darkness, shape our reality. We learn to transform fear into freedom, to step out of the shadows of self-criticism and limiting beliefs. Welcome a life where every moment is an opportunity for change and growth.

Each chapter is a piece of the puzzle, a piece of the fabric of life that reflects the many facets of our existence. We go from understanding the power of thought and facing life's contrasts with grace, to freeing ourselves from judgment and comparison. Together we explore the tools and insights that enable us to navigate through life's storms with calmness and a perspective that comes from within.

In our relationships we encounter mirrors that reveal deep truths about ourselves. Each meeting becomes a chance to grow and gain insights, a unique opportunity to develop personally and spiritually. By recognizing and embracing the lessons hidden in each encounter, we are guided to live a life filled with deeper meaning and context.

"Breathe - Own Your Life" is more than a book; it is a journey towards an existence where every breath is an act of conscious presence. It is a symphony of love that plays in harmony with the rhythms of the universe. This journey requires courage, curiosity and above all, a willingness to open one's heart to the endless possibilities that life offers.

So take a deep breath, let go of what's weighing you down, and let's embark together on this journey towards awareness, freedom and true self-ownership. The way forward is bright, filled with learning, love and infinite potential. Welcome to your journey, your rediscovery, your life.

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The Red Thread of the Breath

How do you find a "red thread" in an endless web? That question led me through years of searching for a way to share my insights in a simple way. I finally found the answer in something as simple as it is powerful: **BREATH**.

The structure of this guide is carefully assembled to guide you through a series of insights and exercises that together form a rich web of understanding and personal development – with the BREATH as the common thread.

Each chapter stands on its own as individual threads in a web where all are equally important and contribute to a greater whole. I encourage you to read the book cover to cover for the most coherent experience. But, if you feel particularly drawn to a specific chapter, don't hesitate to start there.

Each section ends with opportunities for in-depth questions and reflections. Skim through them and stop only at the questions that catch your attention in the moment. Don't force your way into yourself.

To further help you through the book, I have included four types of sections:

From my Heart - My Journey

"From my Heart - my Journey" exposes my own experiences and insights.

Golden Council

"Golden Advice" offers simple tips for your journey.

Explore Yourself!

"Explore Yourself!" gives you simple steps and practical exercises to test in peace and quiet.

Traps to avoid!

"Traps to Avoid" gives you advice and opportunities to avoid common detours.



The Breath – Your Inner Gate

Welcome to the starting line for a journey towards deeper self-awareness and a life filled with conscious presence, where the breath plays the role of your most basic and at the same time most powerful guide. This chapter takes us through insights into the essence of breath, its spiritual dimension, and its ability to create a bridge between our physical and spiritual selves, between our inner self and the infinite universe.

BREATHE – THE SIMPLE STEP INWARD

Here, at the beginning of our journey, we encounter a complex paradox:

Discovering your true self is less about digging through complicated exercises and more about embracing the simplicity of just being. Stop, close your eyes, and let your attention focus on the rhythm of your breathing. This simple act opens unexpectedly deep paths to self-discovery and inner peace.

What makes this process so powerful is not the understanding of advanced techniques, but rather the immense power of simplicity to bring us closer to our core. It is this simplicity, so close at hand and yet so profoundly powerful, that often makes it challenging for us to fully embrace its capacity for change.

The bottomless depth of the capabilities of this power will gradually become clearer and clearer for your senses to absorb. The understanding is hidden in the experience itself.



The Complex Paradox:

"It's too simple to be true."

THE DEEP ROOTS OF THE BREATH

We begin by traveling back in time, to the deeper roots of human experience and wisdom. The word "breath" carries echoes of primordial civilizations and is deeply rooted in "spirit", which includes a wealth of the essence of life.

Throughout history and in different cultures, this connection has been nurtured and appreciated. The breath is seen as a fundamental pillar of existence, soul and spirituality. From the vital energy Prana, central to India's wisdom traditions, to Qi, which is the core of Taoism's philosophy.

In these traditions, as in many other cultural and spiritual contexts worldwide, breath is recognized as the universal life force that binds all living things together. This ancient wisdom emphasizes the role of the breath, not only as a physical necessity, but as an essential link to the deeper, spiritual plane where man and the universe meet and unite.

Unfortunately, this deep meaning and understanding of the power of the breath has been partially lost in our modern Western society. The constant pursuit of external success often causes us to lose touch with our inner life and the meaning of simple actions.

THE STILL ROOM OF THE BREATH

In our search for inner stillness and clarity, we still find our faithful ally in the breath. It is a tool so powerful that it can open a room of quiet observation for our thoughts and feelings - free from judgment.

This presence lays the foundation for personal transformation, where we can step by step free ourselves from emotional shackles and negative thought patterns.

1. Explore your breath!

Follow these three simple steps to turn your gaze inward:

- 1 Treat yourself to a moment of stillness, close your eyes.
- 2 Let your attention rest on your chest and feel your breath.
- 3 Remain there, and allow yourself to be one with the flow of your breath for a moment.

Going inward means just that – turning our attention to the inner self. Make it a daily practice to explore this, whenever you feel like it. It leads to a naturally calming effect by silencing the noise of the thoughts and brain and instead awakening the wisdom of the heart.

We will dive deeper into this later in the book, where we also explore how conscious intentions can interact with the breath.

For now, it is enough to familiarize yourself with the stillness and calmness that can be achieved through this simple practice, even if only for a brief moment.

Breaths per day

Did you know that we take around 20,000 breaths per day? Think, so many opportunities we are given to consciously change our lives.

BREATH'S UNIVERSAL CONNECTION AND HEALING

Breathing not only connects us to our inner self and soul, but extends to embrace the cosmic. The constant flow of inhalation and exhalation reflects universal laws and reminds us of the cyclical nature of life. Conscious breathing acts as our guide through life's challenges, helping us to resolve inner obstacles and promoting both physical and emotional healing.

The great thing about this conscious breathing process is that it not only anchors us in the present moment, but also reconnects us to our spiritual origin and inner strength, which is inherited in our genes. It is a powerful reminder that we carry universal wisdom, ready to guide us through life's changes toward deeper self-awareness.

From My Heart: Face stress and pain through the breath

During my professional life, I have had the privilege of meeting many children in the world of school. Sometimes they were teary-eyed, either from pain or disappointment. Either way, my first call to them is, "Breathe, just breathe." I give them time to break the affect and absorb the words, and if necessary I calmly repeat, "Breathe."

Physical Pain: Focusing on the breath helps to quickly relieve physical pain. It calms the mind and slows down the body's reflexive protective reactions and the influx of adrenaline.

Emotional Pain: For disappointment and emotional pain, it may take a little longer to convince the child to start breathing. They realize on an intuitive level that breathing will bring peace, and may initially resist because otherwise they lose the opportunity to immerse themselves in the role of the "victim". By insisting that they should focus on "just breathing", without distracting with other attentions, they soon find calm and the situation resolves. The child who was just upset then no longer feels so intrusive.

Emergency Conditions: In emergency situations, the measures are of course adapted as needed. Here too, breathing remains the focus to create a deeper connection to the individual's current state. I can then "go in" and breathe with the person, which spontaneously leads to increased calmness.

This highlights how crucial conscious breathing is to managing both physical and emotional pain - whether in children or adults. By sharing what feels natural and simple, I hope to spread valuable and spontaneous tools for increased well-being and inner peace.

EMBRACE LIFE THROUGH THE BREATH

When we choose to breathe consciously, we open the door to a life where every moment counts, where full presence is not a wish but a living reality. This approach goes beyond the basic biological necessity to breathe; it is a conscious choice to engage with the world and our inner landscape with an open mind and heart.

To breathe with intention is to invite a greater awareness of ourselves and our surroundings, to discover the infinite value found in the silent space between each inhalation and exhalation. It is here, in the rhythm of the breath, that we find the strength to face life with openness, to navigate through its challenges with grace, and to feel a deeper connection with all living things.

With each conscious breath we affirm our place in the cosmos, our connection to the earth beneath our feet and the stars above us. The breath becomes a bridge to a life lived to the fullest, where our physical and mental well-being are woven together in a dance of constant renewal and discovery.



Do not force your breaths!

Breathing is an autonomous process. When you choose to focus on your breathing, allow it to remain as natural and relaxed as possible.

! Avoid forcing your breath by holding your breath or taking unnaturally long inhalations and exhalations. Trying to control the breath disrupts and blocks its natural flow.

! In this book you will NOT find instructions detailing how to breathe, be it inhalations, exhalations, or breathing through the mouth or nose. Adhering strictly to specific techniques will inadvertently set up barriers that limit the breath's natural effect.

✓ What feels right for you right now - that natural rhythm you fall into - that's what you should listen to. Every moment is unique, and your breath adapts accordingly.

✓ Focus on simplicity. It is often the simple routines we continue with over time. If something feels overly complicated, it's probably not the best method for you.

By applying these principles, you can allow your conscious breathing to become a source of calm and well-being, without overcomplicating the process.

CHAPTER 1 - IN THE LIGHT OF REFLECTION

THE ABILITY OF THE BREATH TO CALM THE MIND

The breath offers an easy path to inner peace by gently moving us away from daily distractions and into a deeper awareness of the present moment. By focusing on the rhythm of the breath, we can discover a stillness that awakens the wisdom of the heart.

- *When I take time to focus on my breath, what changes do I notice in my state of mind?*
- *What situations in my life would have benefited from a deeper breath awareness?*

BREATHING AS A LINK BETWEEN BODY AND SOUL

By seeing the breath as a bridge between the physical and the spiritual, we open up to an understanding of the deeper dimensions of life. This view of breathing enhances its importance beyond biological function and into the realm of soul connection.

- *In what ways do I feel that my breath connects me to something greater than just my physical self?*
- *How does my breathing affect my ability to empathize and connect with others?*

CONSCIOUS BREATH FOR LIVING PRESENCE

Choosing to breathe consciously turns every moment into an opportunity for deep presence and understanding. This conscious choice makes us more awake to the beauty and complexity of life, and offers a constant reminder of our ability to shape our own experience.

- *What changes in my daily experience do I notice when I practice mindful breathing?*
- *What moments during the day can I use to return to my breath and rekindle my presence in the present moment?*



2 Heart's Wisdom and Universe's Echo



“Whatever techniques you practice, realize that the heart's message becomes clearer when the mind is still.

And to truly calm the mind, we need to get the head in line with the heart.”

— Doc Childre, HeartMath Institute

In this chapter we explore the deep and symbiotic relationship between the intelligence of the heart and the analytical capacity of the brain. We broaden the perspective to include the heart's role as a spiritual portal to the wisdom of the universe.

Research conducted by the HeartMath Institute and similar studies provide scientific basis for the heart's significant impact on our emotional and psychological well-being, but it is only the beginning of the journey into the heart's true potential.

THE DYNAMIC DANCE OF THE HEART AND BRAIN

The intelligence of the heart, with its ability to influence and guide our emotions, thoughts and intuition, plays a critical role in our physical, mental and emotional health. Through its unique communication with the brain – a dialogue that extends from nerve signals to biophysical and electromagnetic fields – the heart creates a foundation for inner harmony and balance.

The electromagnetic field of the heart

The heart produces the largest rhythmic electromagnetic field of any organ in the body. The electrical field from the heart is about 60 times greater in amplitude than the electrical activity generated by the brain. The magnetic field produced by the heart is more than 100 times stronger than that generated by the brain and can be detected up to 3 feet (approximately 1 meter) from the body in all directions.

The HeartMath Research Library has several scientific articles and reports detailing their research on the heart's electromagnetic field. An example of such a study is "The Energetic Heart: Bioelectromagnetic Interactions Within and Between People" where they discuss these aspects.

THE ROLE OF THE HEART AS A SPIRITUAL PORTAL

In addition to its physical and emotional roles, the heart serves as a portal to deeper levels of consciousness and spiritual connection. It is through the heart, the seat of our soul, that we can feel our deepest connection to the essence of life and our infinite universe. This connection opens up a stream of universal wisdom and insight that guides us through the labyrinth of life.

UNIVERSE'S WISDOM THROUGH THE HEART

The heart, as the most direct connection to our soul, gives us access to an inexhaustible source of knowledge and answers from the universe.

It is when we listen inwardly, to the silent language of the heart, that we discover answers and insights that transcend the limitations of our rational mind. By harmonizing with the rhythm of the heart, we can find clarity in confusion, light in darkness, and guidance in uncertainty.

OPEN YOUR HEART TO UNIVERSAL LOVE

Opening our heart fully means embracing unconditional love – not just for ourselves and those close to us, but for the entire universe. This universal love is the key to transcending the individual self and experiencing true oneness with all living things.

It is through this deep loving connection that we can contribute to the world in the most meaningful ways.

2. Bring the heart into your breath!

Now we are exploring adding a deeper dimension to conscious breathing to explore the possibility of walking through the portal of the heart to the source of the universe.

- 1 Focus on your breath and chest rhythm. (see exercise 1)
- 2 Now direct your attention inward (like turning your gaze towards yourself). Don't try to detect anything, just be still and look into the darkness.
- 3 Give yourself permission to accept and face everything you experience - whether it's visible, tangible, audible, gustatory or olfactory. Just face it and welcome it. If you experience nothing at all, then that is also welcome.

The key is to allow the moment to just be, without analyzing or judging. Everything can exist as it is.

Thoughts and experiences that arise are dispersed and dissolved in this portal.

Through this you will gradually discover your inner light that radiates and eliminates the darkness as you turn your attention inward.

Anything exposed to this light is cleared and automatically disappears. The intelligence of the light takes care of this without you having to interfere mentally in the process.

What we accept with an open heart is learned. What we resist will endure. This is the essence of the expression "What we resist, persists". We go deeper into it under "the power of thought" (ch. 3).

CHAPTER 2 - IN THE LIGHT OF REFLECTION

THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE HEART

The wisdom of the heart opens us to an understanding that goes beyond the intellectual. When we listen inwardly and feel the rhythms of the heart, we can discover a new form of insight and connection with our world around us.

- *How does listening to my heart affect my decision making compared to just using my intellect?*
- *What feelings or intuitions arise when I place my hand on my heart and breathe deeply?*

THE DYNAMICS OF THE HEART IN RELATION TO THE UNIVERSE

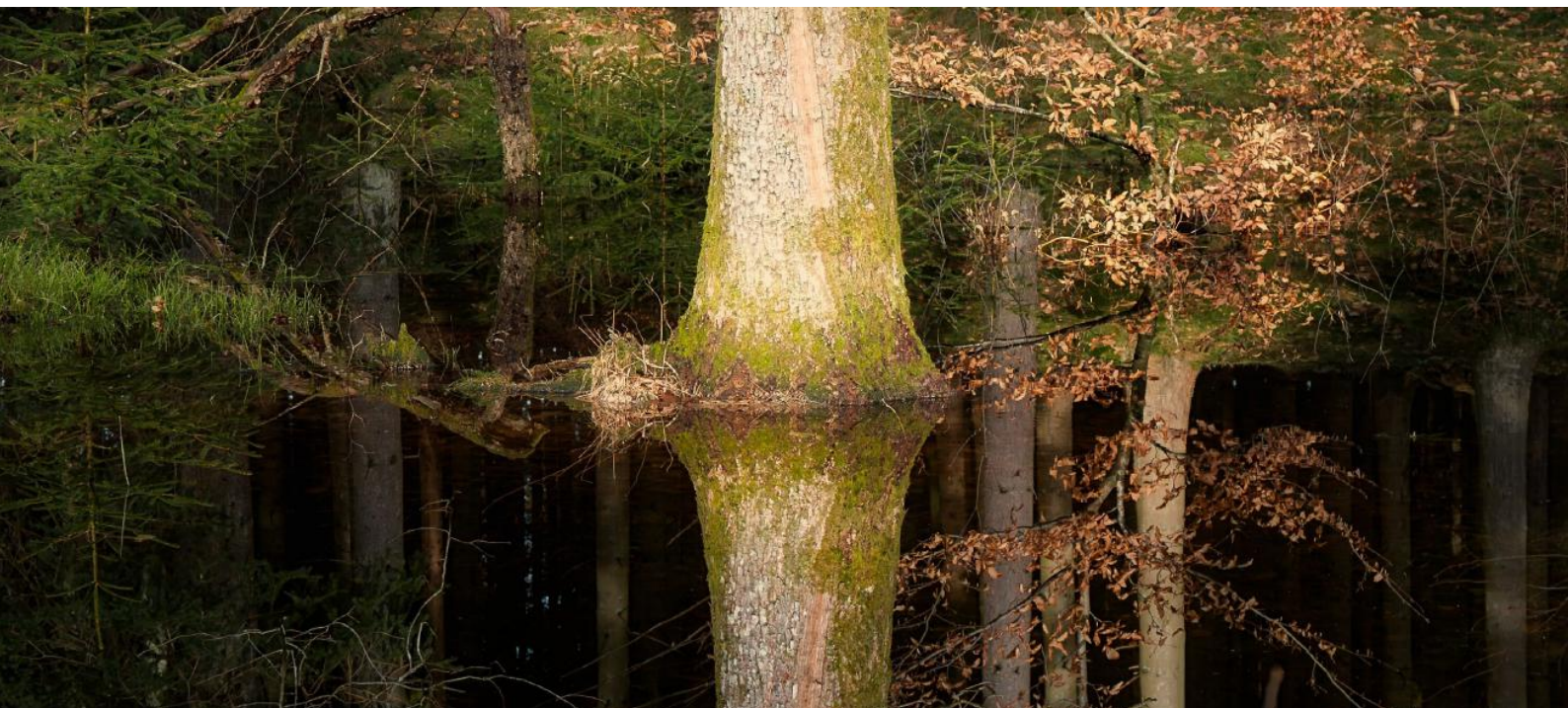
When we think of the heart as a portal to the wisdom of the universe, we are invited to consider the deeper connections between our personal experiences and the cosmic laws that govern our existence.

- *What situations or experiences have made me feel a stronger connection to something bigger than myself?*
- *What changes do I observe within myself as I consciously reflect on my place in the cosmos?*

THE WISDOM OF THE HEART AS GUIDANCE

The wisdom of the heart and its subtle language can act as guides in our daily lives, giving us a sense of direction and purpose based on deeper values and love.

- *How can I become more aware of the heart's guidance in small and big decisions in my life?*





3 Mind's Power, from Prison to Freedom

At the center of our inner journey are powerful forces: our thoughts. They can be either shackles that keep us captive in the mental prisons we ourselves have created, or keys that open doors to an existence characterized by love and freedom. This chapter illuminates the path towards freeing ourselves from the limiting chains of our mind, and step by step transforming our inner landscape.

PORTAL OF CONSCIOUSNESS

The first step on the path to inner change is awareness.

Here the breath stands as our most faithful ally. By observing our breath, we can become aware of the thought patterns that limit us, such as self-criticism, fear of failure, and anxious "what if" scenarios. The breath offers us an opportunity to pause, to view these thoughts from a distance and begin the process of letting go.

Closing our eyes for a moment and directing our attention to the chest and the breath allows us to look into a mirror of our inner self. It shows us clearly the patterns and beliefs that sculpt our reality. This awareness is the first crucial step towards changing our inner narrative.

UNDERSTAND YOUR MENTAL LANDSCAPES

Becoming aware of and understanding the limiting thought patterns that hold us back is, as I said, fundamental. By allowing our breath to be a lens through which we view our most common negative thoughts and feelings, we begin to map our mental landscape.

This process of reflection and insight allows us to understand the origins of our thoughts and their effects on our lives. It is through this profound reflection – breath by breath – that we find ways to break free from our mental limitations.

To facilitate the mapping of your mental landscapes, we will use the "Seven Mirrors of the Essays" as a tool in Chapter 5. Before proceeding, it is important to understand what a thought actually is and how we can deal with it in a meaningful way.

RESHAPE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH THE RESONANCE OF LIGHT

In the universe's infinite dance of energies, our thoughts are far more than fleeting shadows; they are vibrating echoes of our innermost core, bearers of potential and change. Every thought we think, every word we utter vibrates at a unique frequency, which is sent out into the cosmos and profoundly affects our reality.

However, it is in the sacred chamber of the heart, where the light resides, that we find the key to transformation. Imagine that every thought, no matter how heavy or dark it may be, can be transformed, not by the force of our will, but by our conscious choice to bring it into the light of the heart. There, in the loving embrace of light, fears dissolve, doubts are dispelled, and thoughts are purified – restored to their original clarity and strength.

We need not strive to "redirect" our thoughts with effort or resistance. Instead, it is by allowing them to be illuminated by our inner light that we allow their energy to be purified and returned to its source. It is a process, not of struggle but of permission, where change occurs spontaneously - a shifting of frequencies that reflect our deepest essence and truth.



Every thought carries the potential for "enlightenment" or "obscuration". The choice lies in how we choose to respond to them. By opening our heart and inviting every thought to bathe in its light, we start a revolution within us – a transition from turbulence to clarity, from shadow to light.

So the next time you find yourself surrounded by thoughts that weigh you down, stop. Breathe. Open your heart and see every thought for what it really is - an opportunity for transformation. Let them be swept into the light within, and witness how your inner world changes, how your life is filled with a new, vibrating harmony that echoes through every aspect of your existence. In this sacred space of light, where love is the only true power, we find the way home – to ourselves, to our purest form, to unity with all that is.



From My Heart: What you resist - endures!

As I said, the fabric of thought has the potential for enlightenment or obfuscation. I therefore also want to emphasize how each thread of resistance can actually bind us more firmly to what we wish to avoid. It is the paradox of our human existence – the more we resist a situation, feeling or thought, the more present and permanent it becomes in our life.

When faced with something unwanted or painful, our first instinct is often to withdraw, to resist. But **"what we resist, persists"**. It's a powerful reminder that resistance itself can create a negative cycle that keeps us stuck in a cycle of endless "if only" and "what ifs."

It's like trying to hold back the waves from crashing against the shore with sheer force of will - both futile and exhausting.

But what happens if we instead open up to our experiences just as they are? When we accept the present without resistance, when we see every situation and every thought with clarity and acceptance, we can begin to let our inner light shine through. In the light of acceptance, our mental lenses become clear, and we can see paths forward that were previously obscured by our resistance.

By letting go of the struggle and instead welcoming each moment, we can find a deeper freedom and understanding. It is here, in the unhindered flow of our experience, that our true power lies. And it is by embracing the diversity of life - not only in our thoughts but in our breathing, in our actions, in our being - that we can live fully and flow with the eternal stream of life.

Reflect on this insight. Let it sink in with each breath. And discover how resistance softens, how your thoughts become lighter, and how your heart opens to the rich spectrum of life. And so, perhaps, you may find that the road ahead is brighter than you ever imagined.

CHAPTER 3 - IN THE LIGHT OF REFLECTION

CONSCIOUSNESS AS THE BASIS OF FREEDOM

Awareness is the first step away from mental shackles. To be aware of our thoughts and feelings is to be the first observer of our inner theater. With this perspective, we recognize that our resistance often reinforces what we do not desire, and by letting go of this resistance, we can learn to flow with life instead of fighting it.

- *What parts of my inner experience have I resisted and how has this resistance affected my life experience?*

TRANSFORM THOUGHTS WITH THE RESONANCE OF LIGHT

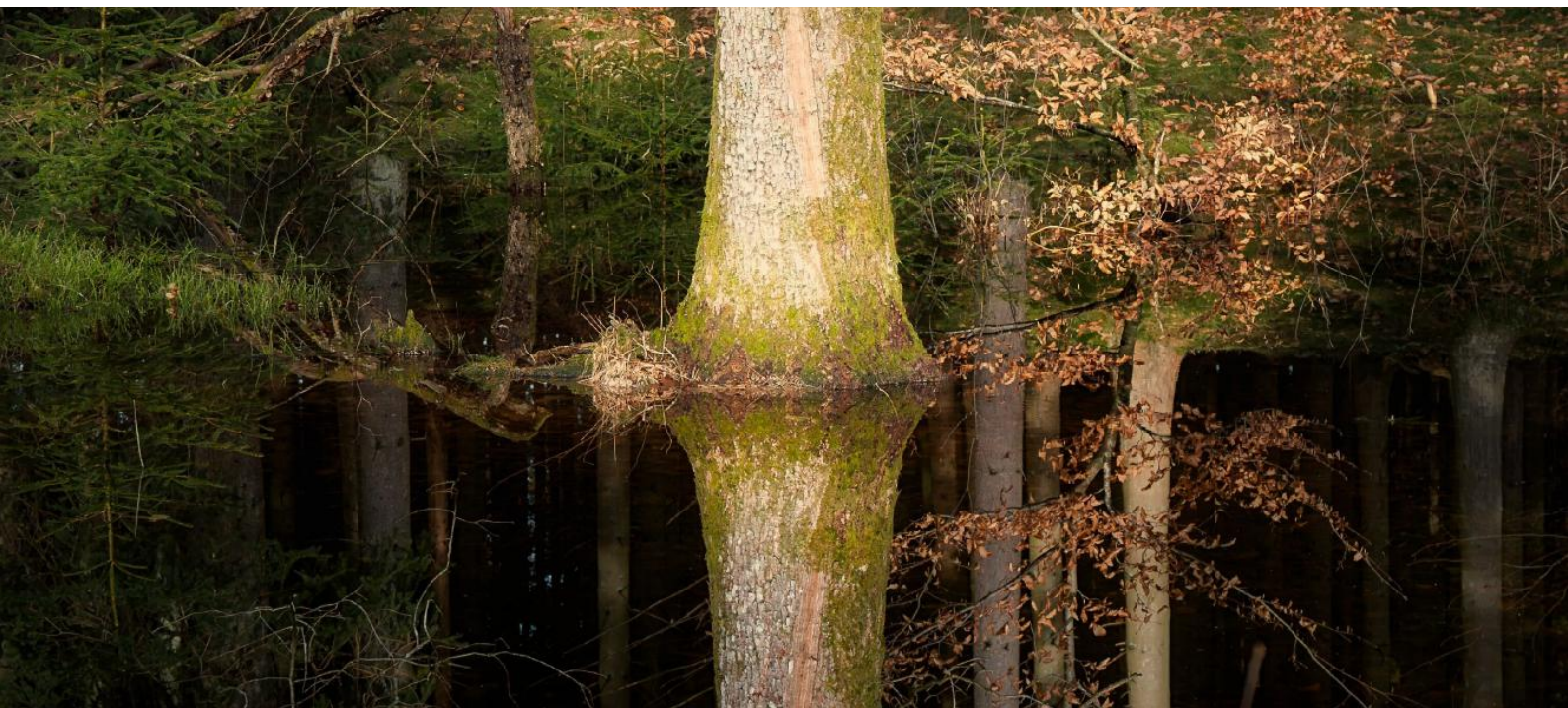
Every thought can be embraced by our heart's light, transforming from a heavy chain into a liberating force. By welcoming thoughts into this light, fears and doubts dissolve, and we navigate life with clearer vision.

- *What changes in my thought pattern have I observed when I consciously choose not to resist my negative thoughts?*
- *Can I remind myself of the light's presence when I feel trapped in old patterns?*

FROM RESISTANCE TO COMPLIANCE

You are now being asked to replace resistance with compliance and acceptance. By welcoming each moment as it is, we can find freedom and understanding. We are encouraged not only to accept our thoughts, but also to live with an openness that allows us to embrace all dimensions of life.

- *How can I practice facing every situation with an attitude of compliance?*
- *What situations or thoughts can I look back on where my resistance reinforced what I didn't want, and how can I learn from it?*



4 Love and Conscious Presence's Power

In this episode of our inner exploration, we focus on love and awareness – two fundamental forces in our quest for a richer and more meaningful life. We examine how these important elements not only affect our personal experience, but also intertwine the vast cosmos of which we are all a part.

TRANSCEND FEAR THROUGH THE LIGHT OF LOVE

The vibrations of love that reverberate through the endless space of the universe are the driving force behind all that exists. Against its opposite, fear, love stands as an invincible force capable of uniting, healing and enlightening. It is by embracing love over fear that we begin to tear down the walls that limit our hearts, allowing our true selves to flow freely.

TRANSFORMATION: CHOOSING LIGHT

Choosing love over fear is a transformative revolution within us, a change that holds the potential to free us from the shackles of doubt and uncertainty. This bold step towards the embrace of love enables a journey of self-discovery and freedom.

The opposite of love: fear, not hate

Many people think that hate is the opposite of love, but in fact it is fear that stands in contrast to love. Hate is often a manifestation of fear - fear of the unknown, fear of being hurt, or fear of losing something we value.



Love:

"Eternal Melody of the Universe"

CONSCIOUS PRESENCE IN THE CORE OF THE PRESENT

Conscious presence is the basis for experiencing each moment to its fullest. It is by anchoring ourselves in the present with the help of conscious breathing that we reach an existence where the power of love can flow freely. The breath, this ceaseless flow that connects us to the essence of life, serves as our anchor in the present, opens our hearts and strengthens our capacity for compassion.

WITH THE BREATH AS A GUIDING LIGHT

By embracing mindful breathing, we can navigate life's multifaceted vicissitudes with grace. This practice gives us the tools to stay grounded and present, even in the most turbulent times. The breath, in its simplicity, is a portal to deeper awareness and a direct path to the space of the heart.

HARMONY OF LIGHT AND PRESENCE

The introduction of love's light and conscious presence into our everyday life creates a symphony of experiences that reflect the best of humanity. This fusion invites a deeper connection with ourselves, with other people, and with the all-encompassing web of existence.

Choosing to live in harmony with the heart and mind means choosing a path illuminated by the light of love and presence. This means that every moment is an opportunity to choose love, to immerse yourself in conscious presence, and to embrace all aspects of life with an open heart.

3. Bring the light into your Heart!

Follow these three simple steps to turn your gaze inward:

- 1 Enter your breath and let your attention rest in the portal of the heart.
- 2 Allow your own inner light to flow in and fill your inner space.
- 3 Take the thought or feeling that you want to heal and lift it into the light. Then let the process take its own course. Just follow it.

Anything that has a "lower" frequency or vibration will naturally resonate with the light. The spontaneity of this process is its strength, as it is driven by an intelligence that exceeds your mental capacity.

When you try to accomplish something with will and controlling thoughts, you get in the way of the process and limit its structure.

Afterwards, you may recall the memory, feeling or thought that was healed and notice that it is still there, but without the previous charge that could trigger you. Sometimes you think you're going to lose an important part of yourself when you let something go. But the truth is, you carry with you the light aspect of what you release, and nothing is lost.

To stand in the way of deeper healing!

We can unknowingly hinder deeper healing by trying to "control" the outcome. Instead, let healing happen spontaneously and naturally by trusting the inherent wisdom of light and its ability to resonate with lower frequencies.

CHAPTER 4 - IN THE LIGHT OF REFLECTION

TRANSCEND FEAR THROUGH THE LIGHT OF LOVE

Love can act as a strong counter force to fear, one of the most basic human emotions. By allowing love to illuminate the dark parts of our mind, we can find a way out of the paralyzing influence of fear. By embracing the light, we learn to break down the walls that block our hearts and release our true selves.

- *What fears have I allowed to limit my freedom and how can love help me overcome them?*

CONSCIOUS PRESENCE IN THE CORE OF THE PRESENT

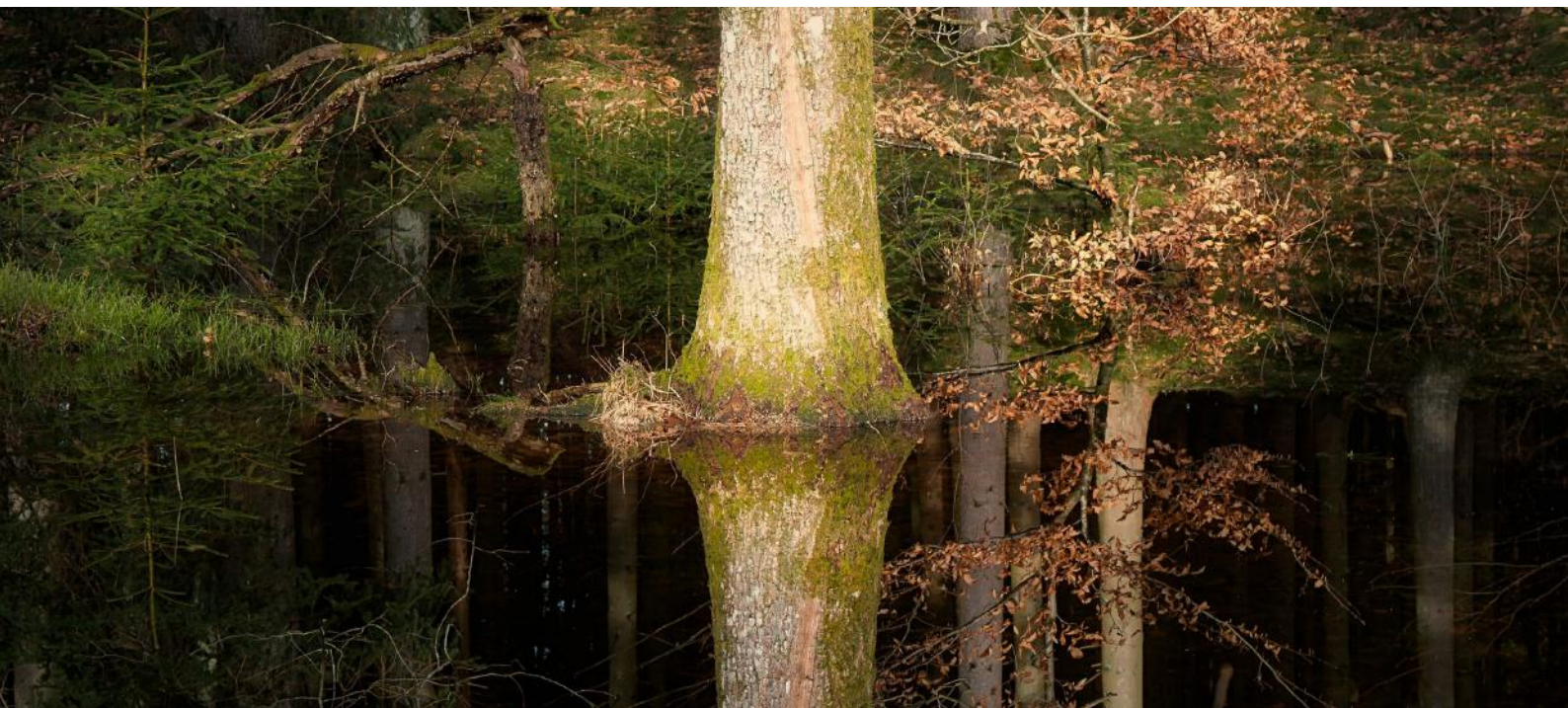
The essence of mindfulness is living fully in each moment, a theme this chapter explores. By anchoring ourselves in the present with the help of conscious breathing, we open up to the flow of love. This continuous flow of breath becomes our anchor, strengthening our ability to be present and compassionate.

- *In what ways can mindful breathing improve my ability to be present in each moment?*
- *How has the practice of mindfulness changed the way I experience love and relationships?*

HARMONY OF LIGHT AND PRESENCE

We have discussed how, by including the light of love and conscious presence in our everyday lives, we can create a harmony that brings out the most beautiful in people. It is important not only to use these methods in our personal lives but also to integrate them into our social circles. Choosing to live a life filled with love and presence in various forms can have a significant impact.

- *How has love and conscious presence affected my relationships with others and with myself?*



5 Seven Reflections in Relationships



"Every individual and situation we encounter acts as a mirror that reveals parts of ourselves that we need to explore, understand and accept for personal growth and change." ~ Annette Duveroth

In our breath is the key to self-awareness and a deeper understanding of the dynamic reflections of our soul. "The seven mirrors of the essays" gives a unique insight into how our relationships reflect and are affected by the world around us. These seven mirrors are not only symbols of self-realization; they also provide windows through which the light of our true essence can shine clearly and guide us on a journey toward healing and wholeness.

THE SEVEN MIRRORS OF THE ESSAYS

The "Seven Mirrors of the Essenes" is a fascinating concept that originates from the ancient Essenes, a mystical Jewish sect that lived about 2,000 years ago. The Essenes were known for their deep spiritual insights and lived a life of community based on principles of peace, love and understanding of the laws of the universe. Their wisdom has survived through writings found, among other things, among the Dead Sea Scrolls, providing a unique insight into their beliefs and philosophy.

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SEVEN MIRRORS OF THE ESSAYS

The essays' seven mirrors describe seven different ways in which our outer world reflects our inner state, our thoughts, feelings and spiritual journeys. These mirrors offer a path to self-discovery and understanding, with each mirror reflecting different aspects of our relationships and how we interact with the world around us. From reflecting our immediate emotions to revealing deeper soul connections, the Seven Mirrors of the Essays offer a powerful framework for personal and spiritual growth.

Gregg Braden, a noted author and researcher in the field of spirituality and the frontiers of science, has been an important figure in bringing the knowledge of the Seven Mirrors of the Essays to a wider audience. With his unique ability to bridge science and spirituality, Gregg Braden has brought new perspective to forgotten wisdom. It was through Gregg that I myself came into contact with the concept of going deeper into the reflection of ourselves in everything we encounter.

Initially, you are presented here with a brief overview of the mirrors, followed by an open invitation to explore them further if you feel ready to look at yourself from new angles. The mirrors are given ample space in this guide because they encompass such a broad perspective and naturally guide us inward.

Don't force yourself through the mirrors. Let them be there as a friend who sees you from the outside and helps you find new perspectives on your own reactions. Let them become part of your own spontaneous reflections bit by bit.

From the Heart: A Web of Interlinked Threads

Speaking of Gregg Braden, I share here a fun little anecdote from my life as I have personally experienced the wonderful confirmation that everything is interconnected on a level that we only glimpse. We will go deeper into this later on, here I am just giving a small example.

In 2013 I created an image for my then website and shared it on Facebook and Pinterest. I did nothing more with the image (which can be found below). Since then, the image has on several different occasions appeared on my own path again, much later. It's always just as lovely when it returns - as in Gregg Braden's video, *Awakening the Heart-Brain Union*, from 2017.

I remember the feeling I had when I put together and created the image, and that energy has since followed the image and given it a life of its own.



THE SEVEN MIRRORS OF THE ESSAYS

- 1 Our immediate mirror** - a portal to self-awareness, revealing our immediate feelings and thoughts, and how these shape both our personal experience and our interactions with the world around us. It invites us to deep self-reflection and conscious choice through the power of the breath.
- 2 Admiration and envy** - reflect qualities in others that arouse our admiration or envy, pointing to our own untapped potential and enabling a journey towards deeper self-understanding and belonging.
- 3 The value we take for granted** - reflects our gratitude for life's gifts, challenges us to look beyond the mundane and appreciate each moment, relationship, and experience as a unique lesson and asset, and use the breath to approach the present with increased appreciation and presence.
- 4 Rediscovered Passions** - reflects forgotten passions and dreams, emphasizing the importance of dealing with unresolved issues to awaken and integrate our deepest longings and joys in the present.
- 5 Roles in Parenting** - reflects our roles within the family, encourages examination of the patterns inherited through generations, and offers pathways to healing and understanding to reshape our basic relationships and identity.
- 6 Our Shadows** - invites a bold dive into our inner shadow sides, encountering fears and wounds to discover through introspection and transformation our inner strength and potential.
- 7 Soul Depth** - reflects our soul's deepest connections, prompting us to recognize and value the relationships that reflect our true essence and encouraging self-love and acceptance as a foundation for drawing and deepening true loving bonds.

These mirrors offer us a path to self-awareness and personal development. By approaching them with a conscious breath, we can navigate our relationships with greater clarity and authenticity.

Breathe deeply, open your heart, and welcome the wisdom and love that awaits in every reflection. Let them lead you on in a natural and spontaneous way.



Mirror 1

OUR IMMEDIATE MIRROR

The first of the Seven Mirrors of the Essays opens for us a portal to the present moment of the soul, where it **reveals the immediate feelings, thoughts and energies that pulse through us in our daily lives.**

This mirror acts as a resonance chamber for our inner world, showing us how our current emotional and mental states not only shape our own experience but also color our interactions with the outside world. It is in this moment, under the watchful eye of the mirror, that the power of the breath is brought to life as a tool for deep self-reflection and crystal clear insight.

Every meeting, every exchange, is an invitation to dive into self-awareness. By attentively **observing what feelings and thoughts come to the surface in interaction with others**, we are invited to explore the most hidden corners of our being – our innermost needs, our hidden fears and our most honest desires. This mirror is not only a passage to introspection; it also urges us to take deep breaths through our spontaneous emotional storms, to create a space where stimulus and response can meet with conscious choice and thereby perform our actions with greater awareness.

It becomes clear that our current state of being directly influences how we relate to others. For example, if we carry anger or resentment, we may find that our interactions become more confrontational or tinged with negativity. Conversely, if we are filled with happiness and positivity, our encounters with the world tend to be more pleasant and rewarding. This mirror invites us to be aware of our current state and to take responsibility for our feelings, thoughts and actions. It shows us that by changing our inner state, we have the ability to positively influence our interactions with others.

Mirror 1

What feelings are being awakened within me at this moment, and what can they tell me about my inner state?

This question encourages a deep dive into our immediate emotional reactions, offering insights into our current inner landscape.

How do my surroundings reflect the feelings or thoughts I carry?

By reflecting on this question, we can identify how our inner state affects our interpretation of and reactions to our surroundings.

What situations or interactions trigger strong emotional responses in me, and why do I think this is so?

This question helps us identify patterns in our emotional responses and explore the underlying causes.

How can I use the breath to create a space between my immediate reactions and my response?

Reflecting on this question invites the practical application of mindful breathing as a tool for emotional regulation and conscious choice.

How can I reshape my immediate reactions to be more in line with the person I desire to be?

This question encourages personal development and self-improvement through conscious reflection and choice of our responses.

By exploring these questions, we can begin to navigate life with a deeper understanding of ourselves and our relationships. Every breath we take offers a chance for clarity, growth and change. Let's use the first mirror as a guide to live more consciously and in harmony with our inner core.

Mirror 2

ADMIRATION AND ENVY

The second mirror opens our eyes to the qualities in others that **arouse our admiration or perhaps even our envy**. It invites us to explore the aspects of our own selves that have yet to flourish or that we may not even be aware of. It is a guide to self-discovery, where every person we meet serves as a mirror that reflects the potentials that lie latent within us, ready to be explored and embraced.

When we encounter someone who possesses a quality that touches us deeply or awakens a longing, it is often a sign of our own unrealized potential. By embracing the insight and acceptance of these mirrored qualities, we can begin the journey towards integrating and manifesting them in our own lives. This mirror not only gives us an opportunity for personal growth, but also offers us a chance to feel a deeper connection with the people around us.

To give an example, if we find ourselves judging someone's impatience, it may be that we ourselves struggle with impatience and are trying to change this in ourselves. Alternatively, it could be that we refuse to accept that we can also be impatient at times.

This mirror encourages us to reflect on **why we judge others and what these judgments say about ourselves**. It pushes us to confront our own flaws and insecurities, and to accept ourselves as we are. It also reminds us to practice empathy and understanding for others, recognizing that they, like us, are human and imperfect.

Mirror 2

What qualities in others arouse my admiration or envy, and what does this tell me about myself?

This question invites self-reflection on our hidden desires and the potentials we have not yet realized.

How can I begin to cultivate and express these admirable qualities in my own life?

By exploring this, we are guided toward practical steps for personal development and embracing the qualities we value in others.

Are there obstacles preventing me from developing these qualities?

Identifying and reflecting on potential obstacles gives us the opportunity to work towards overcoming them.

How can mindful breathing help me approach these hidden parts of myself with openness and curiosity?

This question encourages us to use the breath as a tool for exploration and acceptance of our inner self.

How can the insights from this mirror help me strengthen my self-esteem and reduce the tendency to compare myself to others?

By reflecting on this, we can begin to appreciate our unique journey and the gifts we ourselves possess.

The second mirror invites us to look past the obvious and discover the treasures of potential that rest within us. By opening our hearts to the qualities we admire in others, we ourselves can grow in ways beyond our wildest imagination. Breathe deeply and welcome this constant journey of self-discovery and renewal.

Mirror 3

THE VALUE WE TAKE FOR GRANTED

The third mirror in our exploration of the landscape of the soul illuminates the people, experiences, and things we may take for granted in our lives. This mirror challenges us to reflect deeply on our **gratitude and appreciation**, to lift our eyes from the mundane and discover the deep gratitude for the gifts that life generously offers us every day. It is a reminder that every moment, every relationship, and every experience carries a unique value and a lesson to learn.

When we use the breath as a tool for presence, we open the door to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the present moment. The breath invites us to stop, observe, and fully **experience the richness that our lives contain**. It encourages us to change our perspective from looking at what is missing, to valuing the flow of riches that surrounds us, which in turn enhances our experience of everyday life.

Sometimes we can easily overlook the small moments of joy and happiness that we experience every day. When we stop and reflect, we often realize the value of these simple moments—like a child's laughter, a friend's supportive words, or the quiet peace of nature. Consciously observing and appreciating these moments helps us live more fully and fully.

This mirror reminds us to continually express our gratitude for the people and experiences that enrich our lives. By daily valuing the small and large gifts in our existence, we can create a deeper sense of contentment and happiness. Gratitude thus becomes a natural part of our daily life and not just a temporary exercise.

Mirror 3

What aspects of my life have I tended to take for granted, and how can I begin to appreciate them more fully?

This question invites us to identify and reflect on the parts of our life we may not be giving enough value or gratitude.

How can I use the breath to increase my presence and thereby my appreciation for the small details in my life?

Exploring this question encourages the practice of mindful breath as a way to cultivate presence and gratitude.

Are there specific moments or people I should give more attention and gratitude to? How can I express this in a meaningful way?

By identifying its moments or people, we can find ways to express our appreciation and strengthen our relationships.

In what way has "taking for granted" affected my relationships and my well-being, and how can I change this pattern?

This question helps us see the potential consequences of not appreciating our current state and how we can work toward a more grateful lifestyle.

What daily routines can I implement to cultivate a deeper sense of gratitude?

Answering this question gives us concrete tools and methods to integrate gratitude into our daily lives, changing the way we see and experience the world.

The third mirror invites us to change our perspective and embrace every aspect of our life with a heart full of gratitude. By diving deep into our own hearts with each breath, we can discover an inexhaustible source of joy and fulfillment. Let's value and cherish the gifts life gives us, big and small, and thus live a richer and more meaningful life.

Mirror 4

REDISCOVERED PASSIONS

The fourth mirror reveals how our deepest passions and the dreams we have left behind are reflected in our daily lives and in our encounters with others. It's as if the universe wants to remind us of the sparks of potential and joy that we've let go out or pushed aside, pressed by life's demands and distractions. This mirror invites us to a journey of rediscovery, where we **bring to life our longings and our deepest desires**, and let them shine through in our lives.

Consciously breathing and focusing our attention inward allows us to reconnect with what previously made our hearts sing. We break through the musts and expectations that eat away at us, to rediscover and embrace the purest form of our passion and joy of life. The breath acts here as a bridge between our present existence and the rich world of possibilities waiting to be discovered.

This mirror also highlights the importance of dealing with unresolved issues in our lives. It could be a relationship with a family member, friend or romantic partner that ended abruptly or was left unresolved. It can also be a relationship with ourselves or with aspects of our identity that we have neglected or denied.

The Mirror of the Rediscovered Passions encourages us to **confront these unresolved issues and seek resolution**. This can mean reaching out to someone we've lost touch with, expressing feelings we've held back, or acknowledging and accepting parts of ourselves that we've ignored or rejected. It reminds us that it's okay to grieve what we've lost, but also important not to let past losses stop us from enjoying the present and striving for the future.

Mirror 4

What passions have I neglected or forgotten in my life, and how does this affect my quality of life?

This question encourages self-reflection about our true passions and how their absence shapes our earthly existence.

How can I use the breath to create a space where I can rediscover and approach these lost passions?

Exploring this question helps us find calmness and focus enough to listen within and feel what our heart truly longs for.

Are there specific steps I can take to integrate my passions into my daily life?

By identifying concrete actions, we can begin to weave our passions into everyday life, which enriches our existence and gives it deeper meaning.

What obstacles stand in the way of me living more passionately, and how can I overcome them?

Reflecting on this question helps us identify and address the blocks that prevent us from fully embracing and expressing our passions.

How might rekindling my passions change my view of myself and my life?

This question invites a deeper understanding of the power of passions to transform our self-image and our experience of life.

The fourth mirror offers a unique opportunity to reconnect with the parts of us that give life color and depth. By welcoming our forgotten passions back into our lives, we can live fully – rich in experiences that reflect our true selves. Let's breathe deeply and bravely step forward towards a life where our passions get to take their place and lead the way.

Mirror 5

ROLES IN PARENTING

The fifth mirror highlights the dynamic and sometimes complex **roles we play in relation to parenting – both as parents and as children**. It invites us to explore the deep bonds and patterns formed over generations that influence our current identity and relationships. This mirror sheds light on these roles and offers opportunities for healing, understanding and transformation in our most basic family relationships.

Our parents or guardians are often our first role models in life. They shape our understanding of love, trust and security. They also influence our values, beliefs and behaviours. This mirror reflects how these early relationships affect our current state.

If we had a positive relationship with our parents or guardians, we may notice that we carry over these positive patterns to our current relationships. On the other hand, if we had a negative or complicated relationship with our parents or guardians, we may find that we struggle with similar issues in our current relationships.

This mirror encourages us to address unfinished business in our lives. This could be a relationship with a family member, a friend or a romantic partner that ended in disagreement or was left unresolved. It can also be a relationship with ourselves or with aspects of our identity that we have neglected or denied.

The Mirror of Parenting Roles invites us to confront these unresolved issues and seek resolution. This can mean connecting with someone we've lost touch with, expressing feelings we've been holding back, or acknowledging and accepting parts of ourselves that we've ignored or rejected. It reminds us that it is okay to grieve what we have lost, but also important not to let our past losses prevent us from appreciating the present and striving for the future.

Mirror 5

How have my experiences as a child shaped my view of parenting and family relationships today?

This question encourages self-reflection on the learned patterns from childhood and their impact on our current lives.

In what ways can I use mindful breath to approach and process my feelings about parenting?

Exploring this question helps us find calm and clarity in processing complex family relationships.

Are there unmet needs or unresolved conflicts from my upbringing that I need to address? How can I do it in a healthy way?

By identifying these needs or conflicts, we can begin the path to healing and self-understanding.

How can I create new, healthier patterns in my current or future parenting roles?

This question calls for the creation of new ways and methods to approach parenting in a more conscious and loving way.

How can forgiveness—both of myself and others—play a role in reshaping my family relationships?

Reflecting on the power of forgiveness opens up a deeper understanding and acceptance of the flaws and challenges that have marked our family ties.

The fifth mirror offers us an opportunity for deep soul work, where we can explore and redefine our roles within the family. By breathing in insight and breathing out healing, we can free ourselves from the chains of the past and welcome new opportunities for love and belonging in our family relationships. Let us boldly step forward on this journey of understanding and transformation, with hearts and minds open to the teachings that await.

Mirror 6

OUR SHADOWS

The Sixth Mirror offers an invitation to boldly face **the most hidden parts of our inner selves** – the aspects of our selves that we often prefer to avoid or deny. It is a deep dive into our fears, our wounds and the trials we face on our life's path. This mirror challenges us to directly confront our vulnerability and our darkness, to discover in that encounter our true strength, courage and potential.

This mirror encourages us to embark on a journey into our inner darkness, to come face to face with our fears and shortcomings. This is often known as the "Soul of the Dark Night," a period of spiritual crisis and transformation. It is a time of introspection and self-examination, where we face our deepest fears and insecurities.

The Mirror of Our Shadows invites us to confront these fears and shortcomings, understand them, and learn from them. It shows us that by facing our darkness we can find our light. It teaches us that our faults and fears are not something to be ashamed of, but rather opportunities for growth and transformation.

Through conscious breathing, we can approach these shadow sides with compassion instead of fear. The breath empowers us to explore the darkest recesses of our soul with openness and acceptance, enabling us to transform our pain into strength and our fears into guiding lights on our path to healing and personal growth

Mirror 6

What aspects of myself do I find difficult to accept or confront?

This question invites honest introspection and acknowledgment of the parts of ourselves that we may be hiding or repressing.

How can the breath support me in facing these shadow sides with openness and without judgment?

Exploring this question helps us use the breath as a tool to approach our inner shadow with calmness and acceptance.

What lessons and strengths can I discover by exploring and accepting my shadow sides?

By identifying the hidden gifts in our shadows, we can begin to see them as sources of strength and wisdom.

Are there ways I can begin to integrate these shadow sides into my life in a healthy and balanced way?

This question invites creative thinking about how we can embrace and express our shadow sides in ways that are constructive rather than destructive.

How can I use the insights from my shadow sides to promote my personal growth and contribute positively to those around me?

Reflecting on this question encourages a reappraisal of our shadow sides as potential drivers of positive change and service.

The sixth mirror gives us an invaluable opportunity for deep self-insight and transformation. By courageously confronting our fear and pain, we can learn to see our shadows not as enemies, but as unexplored parts of ourselves that hold the keys to our spiritual growth and development. Let us welcome with open hearts the lessons and power that our shadows offer us.

Mirror 7

THE DEPTH OF THE SOUL

The seventh and final mirror welcomes us into the most sacred depths of our soul, where our **most authentic selves and deepest connections** are reflected. It is a fascinating reflection of the spiritual bonds that unite us with others, the deep and often inexplicable connections that transcend time and space. This mirror offers us a unique opportunity to recognize and appreciate the relationships that reflect our highest truth and guide us toward our true purpose and greatest potential.

Through conscious breath, we have the opportunity to open our heart to fully receive and express this deep love and connection. The breath then becomes a bridge that deepens our understanding of the spiritual bonds that unite us, and gives us the power to heal, share and grow together with the people who reflect our innermost essence.

If we view ourselves negatively, it is likely that others will also treat us negatively. If we consider ourselves unworthy, others may treat us accordingly. Conversely, if we view ourselves positively, if we love and respect ourselves, others are more likely to treat us with love and respect as well.

The mirror of self-perception encourages self-love and self-acceptance. It pushes us to question negative self-images and to cultivate a more positive and loving self-image. It shows us that we deserve love and respect, and that by loving and respecting ourselves, we invite others to do the same.

Mirror 7

Which people in my life do I feel a deep, soulful connection with, and how do these relationships affect me?

This question encourages reflection on the most significant relationships in our lives and their impact on our personal journey.

How can I use the breath to approach these soul connections with greater openness and honesty?

Exploring this question helps us see the value in being present and vulnerable in our most meaningful relationships.

Are there unresolved issues or blocks that prevent me from fully experiencing and expressing these deep connections?

By identifying and reflecting on any obstacles, we can begin the process of healing and opening up to even deeper connections.

In what ways can I cultivate and deepen these spiritual relationships in my life?

This question prompts thinking about ways to actively engage and approach these special bonds with love, respect and understanding.

How can the insights from this mirror inspire me to live a more meaningful and fulfilling life?

Reflecting on this question encourages an understanding of how our deepest relationships can serve as a source of inspiration and guidance on our life's path.

The Seventh Mirror reminds us that the most sacred aspects of our existence are often reflected in the people closest to our souls. By breathing with intention and love, we can deepen these connections and thus experience the richness of life in a more meaningful way. Let us welcome with open hearts the teachings and love that these soul ties have to offer, and walk together on a path of mutual growth and enlightenment.

CHAPTER 5 – IN THE LIGHT OF REFLECTION

SELF-REFLECTION AS THE KEY TO SELF-UNDERSTANDING

Self-reflection provides a deeper understanding of ourselves and our relationships. By observing how we react to different people and situations, we can learn more about our own beliefs, feelings and unconscious behavior patterns. This self-reflection opens up an honest examination of our inner landscape and invites personal growth and change.

- *What patterns in my relationships have I become more aware of through self-reflection?*
- *How have these insights affected my self-image and the way I interact with others?*

HEALING AND WHOLENESS THROUGH SELF-AWARENESS

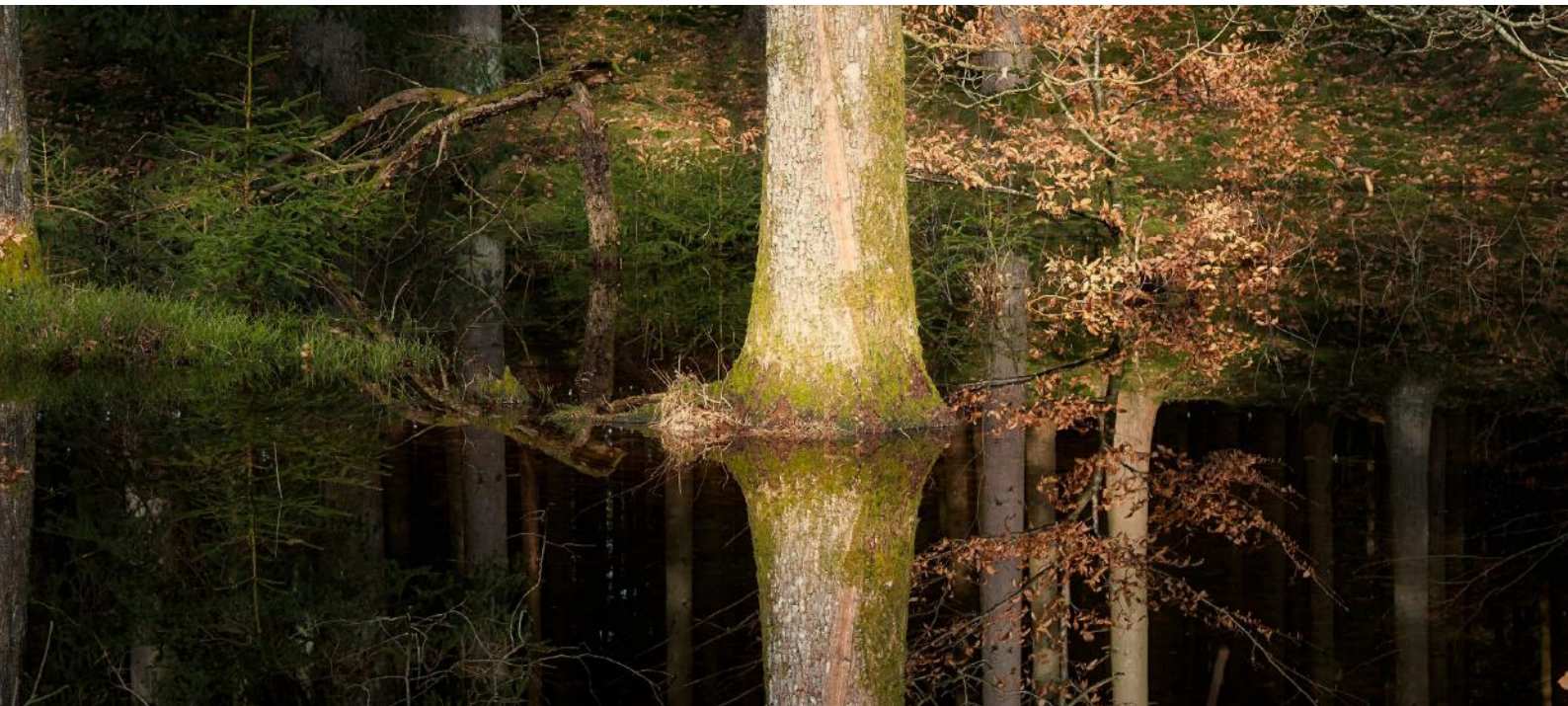
An increased self-awareness can give rise to both healing and a sense of completeness. By accepting and embracing both our strengths and weaknesses, we can find ways to heal old wounds and create a more genuine and coherent self-image. This process promotes a constant dialogue with our inner self and promotes a continuous development towards increased self-awareness and harmony.

- *What areas of my life do I need to explore or heal to feel more whole?*
- *How can I use my daily experiences as a mirror for my inner development?*

CONSCIOUS PRESENCE AS A NATURAL PART OF LIFE

This perspective highlights how conscious presence is integrated in a fluid and natural way into our daily lives. By living mindfully – being fully present in each moment – we can experience life richer and with greater clarity. This does not mean a technique or method, but a way of life where presence in the present becomes a fundamental part of our existence.

- *In what ways do I naturally experience moments of presence in my daily life?*





6

Facing Life's Contrasts

At the heart of our existence lies a universal truth: everything in the universe is made up of contrasts. Light and dark, yin and yang, joy and sorrow – each aspect of life complements its opposite, creating a balance that is both natural and necessary. This eternal interplay of contrasts is not something to judge, but rather something to understand and appreciate.

Everything has its given place in the great cosmic order, where every contrast contributes to the beauty and complexity of the whole.

THE WEB OF LIFE: LIGHT AND DARKNESS

Life appears as an endless web of light and dark, where each thread of contrast helps to shape our existence and drive our development forward. This dynamic mix of experiences invites us to continuously grow and explore the diverse riches that life offers.

By diving deep into these contrasts, with the breath as our guide, we learn to embrace each moment with openness and deep understanding.

"Only by acknowledging the darkness can we fully appreciate the light. The contrasts in life are not obstacles to overcome, but paths to deeper understanding."

— Annette Duveroth

VICTORY OF LIGHT: WHERE DARKNESS LOSES ITS GRIP

In this eternal play of contrasts, like between light and darkness there is an unchanging truth: the shadow can never choose to remain where the sun's rays reach. As light has an irresistible power to dispel all darkness, darkness has no place where light chooses to shine. This instantaneous ability to dispel darkness demonstrates the unique power of light and how it constantly shapes our lives and our perception of the world.

By understanding this dynamic between light and dark, we learn to appreciate the pure and renewing presence of light, recognizing that where light shines, there can be no darkness. This is an important key in all healing.

LIFE AS A PUZZLE

In the dynamics of contrasts, we connect everything as a huge puzzle on a higher level. Life, like a puzzle, is interwoven with countless events and encounters, each of which contributes to our life story. By reflecting on our experiences, we are reminded that each part, regardless of its size, has a unique role in shaping our identity.

In challenging moments, it can be difficult to see how certain experiences fit into the bigger picture of our lives. Then the breath becomes a link to new perspectives, a way to look up and understand how every experience, joy as well as sadness, contributes to our personal growth and development.

By approaching life's contrasts with the breath as our guide to presence, we turn each moment into a chance for insight and change. This approach inspires us to live with awareness, ready to embrace change and see opportunity in every curve in life's path.

Through the breath we find the way to let in and direct the light.



CHAPTER 6 - IN THE LIGHT OF REFLECTION

LIFE'S ENDLESS WEB OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS

Life is like an eternal dance between light and dark, where each contrast not only challenges us but also enriches our existence. By embracing and appreciating these dynamic opposites, we can discover a deeper meaning and understand the complexity and beauty of life. It helps us to consider life's challenges and joys as parts of a larger whole.

- *How can I better embrace the contrasts in my life as essential parts of my personal and spiritual growth?*
- *In what ways have I experienced how challenges have led to new insights or positive changes in my life?*

LIFE AS A PUZZLE OF EXPERIENCES

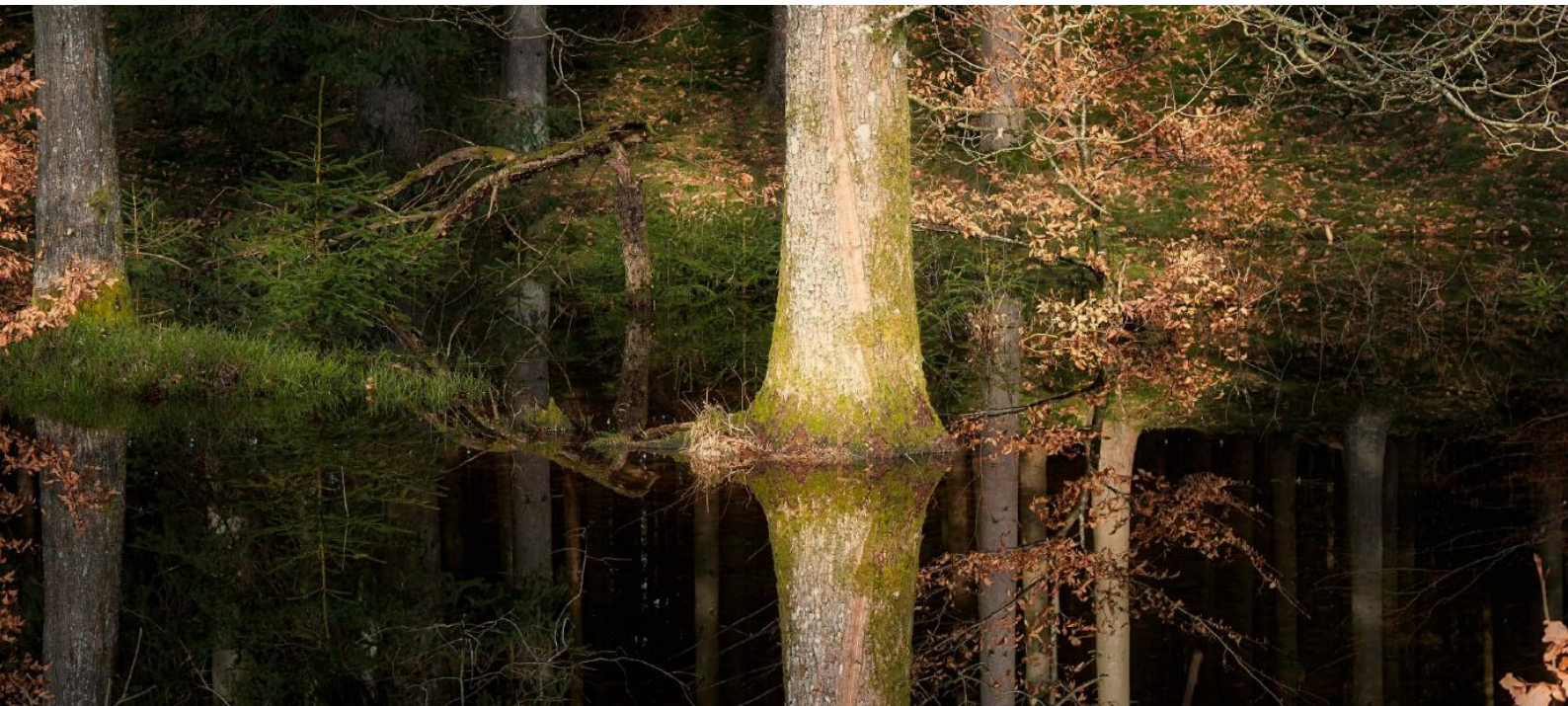
Every event in our lives, whether positive or negative, is a piece of the puzzle in the bigger picture of our existence. By reflecting on our experiences as pieces of a coherent puzzle, we can better understand how each piece contributes to shaping our identity and our path forward. This approach encourages us to see every experience as an opportunity for learning and personal development.

- *What life experiences have had the biggest impact on who I am today?*

THE POWER OF LIGHT AND THE ROLE OF DARKNESS

This perspective focuses on the metaphorical and literal power of light and darkness in our lives. By recognizing that light has the ability to dispel darkness, we can learn to actively choose to direct our focus to that which is bright and hopeful, renewing our spirit and strengthening our ability to face life's dark sides with renewed vigor and optimism.

- *In what ways have I let the light—symbolically or literally—guide me through dark times?*
- *How can I strengthen my ability to see the light even in the most challenging situations?*






Judgment and Comparison

Navigating through the maze of life often means facing the challenge of dealing with our inner critic. This voice of judgment and comparison can create a mental prison that limits our growth and happiness. By learning to free ourselves from these limitations, we can experience a deeper sense of freedom and self-acceptance.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF JUDGMENT

Our way of judging is usually rooted in fear, uncertainty or past experiences. Realizing this is the first step towards letting go. When we understand that our judgments reflect more of ourselves than those we judge, we open up to the possibility of change. We live in a society where everything is constantly judged and compared to each other. We may not even be aware of our habit of categorizing everything as good or evil, good or bad. By seeing the perspective of all contrasts, we realize that everything has its natural place in our universe.

Being mindfully present is a powerful method for managing our judgments. By observing our thoughts and feelings without judging them, we can learn to break the pattern of automatic judgment. This takes patience and practice, but is essential in creating a more accepting attitude towards ourselves and others.

A photograph of a person with short hair and glasses, wearing a light-colored, textured sweater and blue jeans, sitting on a grassy hill in a forest. They are looking upwards and to the right, with their arms crossed. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees, with sunlight filtering through the canopy, creating a warm, golden glow.

*“Let go of judgment, open the door to
understanding and compassion;
that is where real freedom begins.”
- Annette Duveroth”*



THE ART OF NOT COMPARING

Comparing ourselves to others is a natural human tendency, but it can also be a source of great pain and frustration. By acknowledging that each person's journey is unique, we can begin to shift our focus from comparisons to our own individual growth and development.

By embracing the idea that each individual carries a unique story and that each step we take is part of our own journey, we can free ourselves from the shackles of constant comparison. Instead of measuring ourselves against others, let's focus on becoming the best version of ourselves.

Cultivating our own potential and learning to appreciate our own progress can help us discover a deeper sense of inner peace and contentment. Each step on the path of personal development brings us closer to self-acceptance and self-realization.

Let's embrace our uniqueness and let it guide us towards a more harmonious and meaningful existence.

Compare yourself with others

"What do you think is the biggest waste of time?" asked the boy.

*"Comparing oneself to others",
replied the mole.*

The text is from: "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" by Charlie Mackesy and it is so brilliant in its message. It's not just a waste of time, it's the biggest waste of time.

Feel free to reflect on it for a moment. How often do you compare yourself or others?

From my heart - The key to freedom

"Let go of judgment, open the door to understanding and compassion; that's where true freedom begins." - Annette Duveroth"

Letting go of judgment is the most important key to true freedom. By giving it up, we allow ourselves and others to be exactly who we are.

In this lies a freedom that many people seem to have forgotten. We have not only lost touch with this feeling, but also the realization that this freedom is available to us. Where judgment exists - there are fears and shackles.

CHAPTER 7 – IN THE LIGHT OF REFLECTION

TO UNDERSTAND AND OVERCOME JUDGEMENTS

Our judgment is often rooted in fear, uncertainty and past experiences. By understanding these underlying causes, we can begin to free ourselves from the grip of judgment and open up to a deeper understanding and acceptance, of both ourselves and others. The recognition that our judgments are more reflective of ourselves than those we judge offers an opportunity for self-insight and change.

- *What specific situations or people do I tend to judge, and what does this say about my own fears or insecurities?*

LIBERATION FROM THE SHACKLES OF COMPARISON

This chapter highlights the human tendency to compare ourselves with others and how this can create suffering and limitation. By acknowledging that each person's journey is unique, we can begin to shift our focus from comparing ourselves to others to appreciating and developing our own unique potential. This shift allows us to feel greater inner peace and satisfaction.

- *In what ways have I let comparisons with others affect my self-worth and my decisions?*

CONSCIOUS PRESENCE AS A TOOL FOR ACCEPTANCE

Being consciously present is central to dealing with both judgment and comparison. By practicing observing our thoughts and feelings without attaching to them or judging them, we can break the pattern of automatic judgment and comparison. This leads to a more accepting attitude towards ourselves and others, paving the way for true freedom and self-realization.

- *How can I practice being more present with my thoughts and feelings without judging them?*





8 The Power of Thought and Intention

In this section, we take a closer look at how our thoughts and intentions not only influence, but also actively shape our perception of the world. By embracing and directing this power, we can begin to consciously shape our reality, open the door to countless possibilities, and begin a journey toward self-realization and profound personal change.

*“We change the world not by what we say or do,
but as a consequence of what we have become.”*

~ David R Hawkins

IN A UNIVERSE OF VIBRATIONS

The words and quotes of David R. Hawkins have been an active part of my life for the past ten years, and I will soon use them to deepen your understanding of the concept presented here.

In the universe, everything vibrates at different frequencies, including our thoughts. These thoughts constitute powerful energies that have the ability to attract similar frequencies. This means that the thoughts we focus on the most tend to shape the reality we experience. By consciously choosing positive and inspiring thoughts, we can begin to attract similar positive experiences and opportunities.

THE INTENTION – MAGNET IN AN INFINITE UNIVERSE

The power of intention is deeply rooted in the fundamental nature of the universe. Everything, from the smallest particles to the vast galaxies, vibrates in a harmonious symphony of energy, light and sound. This endless dance of vibrations is not only a physical manifestation but also a reflection of the deeper cosmic laws that govern existence. When we formulate an intention, we actively participate in this cosmic dance and send out our unique vibrations into the energy field around us.

Every intention we create is more than just a thought or a wish; it is an energy that vibrates and radiates into the universe. This energy carries a specific frequency that resonates with similar energies and frequencies. In this way, intention acts like a magnet, attracting circumstances, people and experiences that match its vibrating quality. It is as if we are communicating directly with the fabric of the universe through a language encoded in light and sound, where each intention is a note in this infinite melody.

QUANTUM FIELD'S POWER AND MAGIC OF INTENTION

Modern science is now beginning to understand how this vibrating energy and intention interacts with matter and the quantum field that surrounds us. This interaction between our intentions and the energy field of the universe shows that we have a significant influence on our reality, much greater than we previously thought. By consciously directing our thoughts and energies toward what we want to manifest, we participate in a creative process that interacts with the fundamental forces of the universe.

Our intentions gain extra power through our emotional commitment and our ability to clearly and in detail visualize the desired result. By combining a strong intention with a clear visual image and charging it with powerful emotions, we send out an even stronger vibration that increases the possibility of the desired being manifested in our physical world. This principle is found in many spiritual and metaphysical teachings that speak of the law of creation – that our thoughts, feelings and intentions shape our reality.

When we set our intentions, it is not an isolated act in the universe, but we are deeply connected with its energies and participate in the creation of our reality through a continuous energy exchange. Understanding and respecting this process means realizing our powerful role as co-creators in this grand and vibrant universe. It invites us to approach life with awareness, reverence and open hearts, ready to align our intentions with the infinite potential of the universe.



From my heart - My journey

David R. Hawkins quoted;

"We change the world not by what we say or do, but as a consequence of what we have become."

These words emphasize the power of personal transformation and its impact on the world around us. They invite us to look beyond external actions and instead focus on our inner development. By growing and developing within ourselves, we create a foundation for genuine and lasting change in the world.

Personal development - basis for change

Hawkins emphasizes that real change does not come from our actions or words per se, but rather from the person we become through our inner work and self-improvement. It is about developing our awareness, our values and our character. When we change profoundly, this is reflected in how we act and interact with the world, which in turn inspires and influences others.

From the inside to the outside

This inner change is like a stone thrown into water; it creates rings that spread outward. When we develop qualities such as empathy, compassion, and authenticity, our actions become a natural extension of these qualities. This contributes to a positive change in our surroundings and creates a chain reaction of positivity and growth.

The power of "becoming"

What Hawkins wants to convey is that the power of "becoming" is greater than we may realize. By focusing on our own development and becoming the best version of ourselves, we can contribute to a better world. It is a process that requires time, patience and dedication, but the result is a deep and meaningful change that extends far beyond our own lives.

In summary

Hawkins' message highlights the importance of personal transformation as the basis for positive change in the world. It invites us to explore and develop our inner selves, understand that each individual development contributes to a collective well-being, and that what we become has a decisive impact on our surroundings. By working on ourselves, we can really change the world for the better.

David R Hawkins became one of my important mentors over 10 years ago, in my search for the simplicity of being able to distinguish truth from lies. His extensive book and education; Truth vs Falsehood became a permanent turning point in my life.

The simple magic lies in: When we change from within, we change everything around us.



CHAPTER 8 - IN THE LIGHT OF REFLECTION

THE CREATIVE POWER OF THOUGHT

This point of view examines how our thoughts are more than just passive reflections; they are powerful tools that actively shape our perception of the world. By being aware of the power of thoughts and how they can affect our reality, we can begin to direct them towards more positive and constructive goals. This passage invites us to recognize thoughts as a central part of our creative process and use them consciously to bring about the life we desire.

- *What thoughts most often dominate my mind, and how do they affect my daily reality?*

MANIFESTATION POWER OF INTENTION

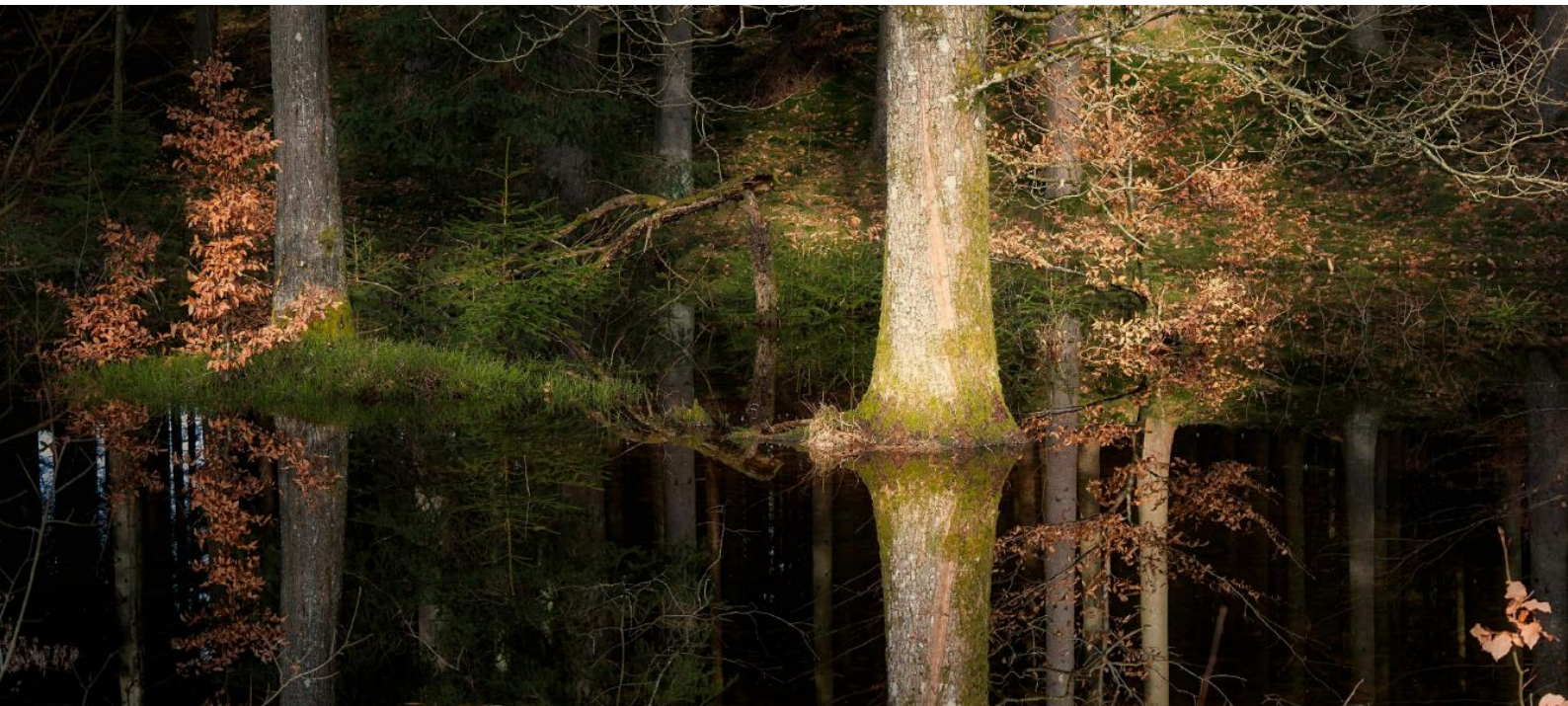
We've touched on how intentions – our conscious decisions to bring forth a desired reality – are critical to actually manifesting our dreams and goals. By understanding how intentions work as vibrations that attract similar energies, we can learn to set intentions that not only reflect our desires but are also in harmony with the laws of the universe. It calls us to act and think in accordance with the energies we want to attract.

- *What intentions have I set that have led to clear results in my life?*

FROM INNER TRANSFORMATION TO OUTER INFLUENCE

This perspective is based on David R. Hawkins' ideas about how real change occurs as a result of our inner transformation. By developing within ourselves and becoming versions of ourselves that we aspire to be, we can influence and inspire those around us in meaningful ways. It underlines the importance of personal development as a basis for creating positive changes in the world.

- *In what ways has my personal growth affected those around me?*





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The Web of Life – Multidimensional Puzzle

In this final part of our journey, where we have walked through the mystery of the breath, the infinite wisdom of the heart, the transformative power of thought, and the deep lessons of our relationships, the 'Wave of Life' now emerges before us. This fabric is not only a metaphor for our existence but presents itself as a multidimensional puzzle where each piece is indispensable to the whole. We now see how every experience, every encounter, and every reflection has been a thread in this vast network, intertwined to create a rich and multifaceted life.

This part of my guide invites you to consider, not only the individual threads, but also the grand pattern they weave together, and how each aspect of our journey contributes to our greater understanding and collective consciousness.

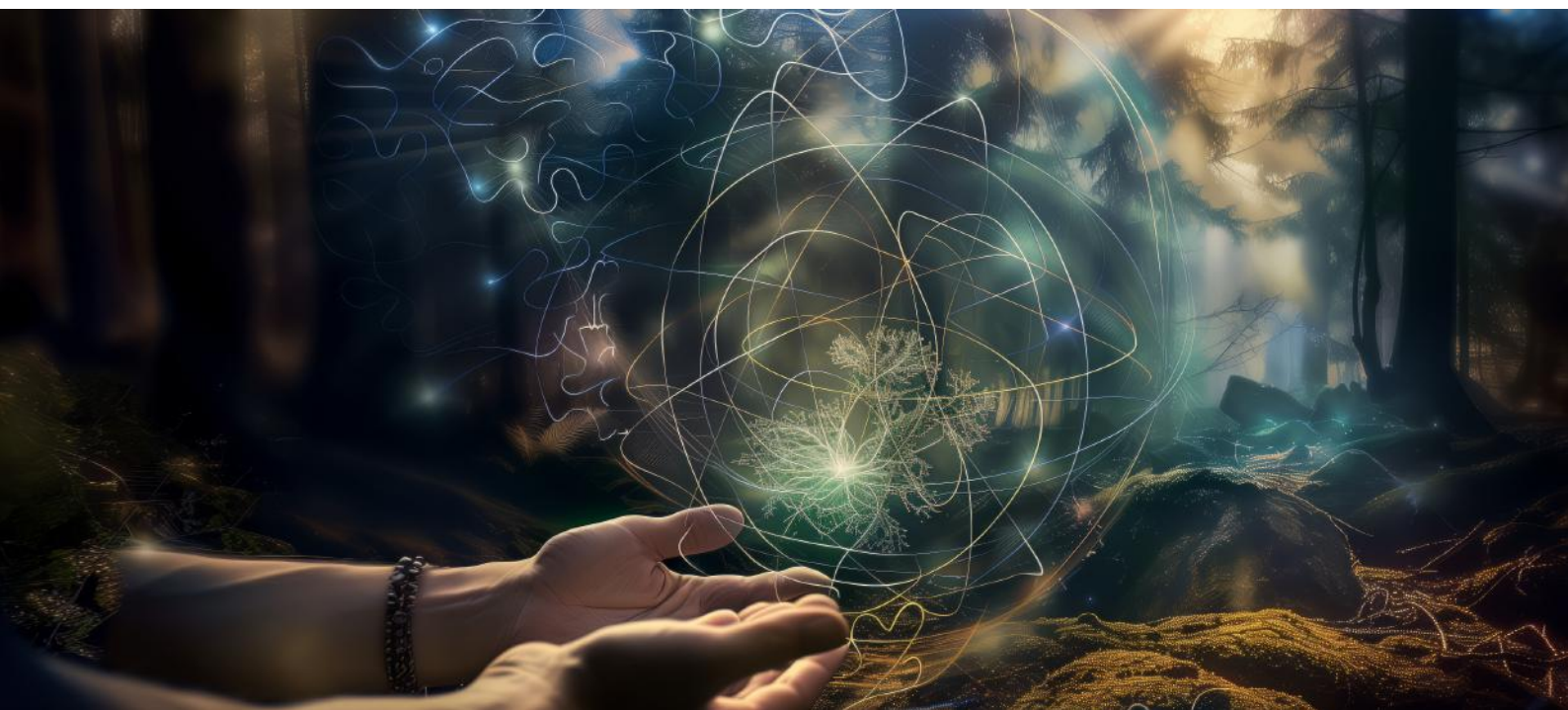
FLASHBACK TO BIND TOGETHER

Through the pages of the book, we have discovered that our breath is much more than a life-sustaining function; it is a portal to presence, a guide to inner stillness, and a tool for self-discovery. Our journey has shown us that the heart is a source of infinite wisdom, a force that unites us not only with our own true essence but also with the infinite intelligence of the universe. The power of thought has revealed itself as a double-edged sword, capable of imprisoning us in our own limitations or freeing us to reshape our reality with light and intention.

We have dived deep into the realization that our relationships serve as mirrors, reflecting aspects of our own selves that we need to acknowledge and accept. Every interaction, every moment of connection, has illuminated life's complex web of causation, of love and knowledge. This process has opened our eyes to how we are intertwined with each other, learn from each other and grow together. In every meeting there is an opportunity to see a part of ourselves, to understand more about who we are and how we fit into the larger context.

Now, at the end of our shared journey, we face the task of merging these insights into a living whole. To understand the "Web of Life" is to realize that every moment, every breath, and every thought is a thread in the infinite web of our existence. This multidimensional web is not something to be solved like a puzzle, but rather something to be marveled at and participated in with an open heart and an awake soul.

It's not just about reaching a final destination or finding a fascinating resolution to the mysteries of our lives. Instead, it is an invitation to a life of simplicity, calm and conscious presence, where every step, every choice, and every moment is part of our constant dance with the universe. In this dance, where we lead and are followed, learn and teach, love and are loved, perhaps our greatest task is to simply BE — fully, deeply, and honestly.



EMBRACE THE WEB OF LIFE

So let's move forward with a sense of adventure and humility, ready to embrace the endless possibilities of the "Web of Life." Let every breath be a reminder of our infinite connection to all that is, let every heartbeat echo the wisdom of the universe, and let every thought shape our world with light and love.

We are not alone in this multidimensional puzzle; we are part of a greater whole, intertwined in an endless play of energies and intentions, where every choice we make affects not only our own journey but the fabric of life itself.



This realization carries with it a deep sense of responsibility—an invitation to act with integrity, awareness, and compassion. It is not only about navigating through life with an open heart and an alert mind, but also about being a co-creator in the universal game of our existence. By cultivating an intention of love, balance and harmony in our thoughts, words and actions, we actively contribute to the beauty and complexity of the fabric.

We have explored how every aspect of our lives — from the deepest reflections of our inner selves to the most fleeting moments of everyday life — are interconnected threads in this web. Our relationships, our dreams, our challenges and our joys are all points where these threads cross and create patterns of meaning and context.



Conclusion: Moving On

FROM UNDERSTANDING TO TRANSFORMATION

In recognizing the multifaceted makeup of life, our ability to be present becomes our most powerful tool—to truly live in the moment, to feel the energy of life in every breath, and to appreciate each moment as part of the grand beauty of the universe. In this presence we find our true freedom – the ability to choose, to love, to create and to live genuinely and fully.

Let us continue our journey with a sense of wonder and joy of exploration, where the heart is our beacon and the breath our guide. Let us remember that every step, every choice, and every thought is part of a greater dance—a dance with the universe, where every action helps shape an infinitely beautiful pattern of life.

With this insight, we move forward with open hearts and souls, ready to face all aspects of life with love, compassion and wonder. Each of us is a unique and indispensable part of the amazing, multifaceted puzzle called life. We accept this gift with gratitude and courage, and together we create a world that reflects the inner beauty and harmony that permeates the universe.

In a spirit of togetherness and joy of discovery, we end our journey through these pages, but our life's adventure continues. Every new day, every new breath, opens new opportunities for insight, change and personal growth. We open these doors with courage, curiosity and a tireless quest to live our lives fully, in harmony with ourselves, with each other and with the amazing fabric of existence of which we are a part.



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