



**RENEWAL** for Leaders and Supporters

to

**RESTORE** Optimal Well-Being

and

**REGENERATE** Competence and Commitment to Ensure That  
All People Supported Will Live to Their Fullest Potential

**When People are Difficult...**

**How To Restart or Depart with an Open Heart**

**Session 8 – Resource 3**

# Everyone of Us Has or Soon Will Have, Someone In Our Life Who Can Be 'Difficult'

## HOW (Are They Difficult)?

- Negative Attitude
- Moody
- Disrespectful
- Argumentative
- Vindictive
- Angry
- Not Trustworthy
- Discouraging
- Self-Centred
- Unfair
- Unreasonable
- Traumatizing
- Highly Critical
- Aggressive
- Not Fulfilling Responsibilities to Others
- Dominating
- Deceitful
- Selfish
- Impatient
- Uncooperative

# Who?

- People who we work with, we supervise or we report to.
- Someone who disagrees with our position on Covid prevention and research findings, e.g. hygiene, vaccines, mandatory masking.
- Self-centred/highly critical family member, friend or co-worker.

- Someone who has betrayed or hurt us in some other way.
- A parent who has knowingly or unknowingly hurt their child in one or more of the many ways a child can be hurt by a mindless, thoughtless mother or father.
- A sibling who we have grown to dislike, distrust or do not want to be with.

- An ex-marriage/significant other partner who has, as a result of an adversarial separation process, become enemy #1 in spite of years of loving each other.
- Annoying store clerks, government bureaucrats, politicians, the 'tax man' and thoughtless drivers, etc.
- Others – the unlovable enemies.

# Vital Life Questions

1. Why are some people difficult to be with?
2. Why are some people difficult for me to be with – but these same people are not difficult for other people whom I respect?
3. What causes them to be this way?
4. How best to manage our interactions with them?
5. How to stop the emotional and social damages that their difficultness brings to our relationship?
6. How to, if necessary and possible, depart and feel okay with it?

# Restarting or Departing - Optimal Outcomes...

**In this resource you will learn to:**

- Determine if it is necessary to skillfully disconnect from them and if so, then to disconnect but with an open heart, without for example, hate, malaise, anger or other forms of suffering for both of us;
- Manage these relationships so that they will be much less difficult;

## Restarting or Departing - Optimal Outcomes...continued

- Incorporate their presence in our life as a special teacher to help us 'wake-up'/grow-up;
- Be authentically kind and compassionate as we skillfully 'manage' them, in spite of the difficult feelings we have when we are with them;
- Restructure the relationship to not only be respectful of each other, but to grow deeper as a friend, co-worker, etc.

# 4 Requirements to Achieve Optimal Outcomes with People When They are Difficult

1. Better understanding of the person when they are difficult, so as to best determine the cause of their difficultness.
2. Better understanding of ourself to know how to and want to effectively manage and prevent our experiences of negativity when others are difficult.
3. If necessary and possible, how to effectively dissolve the relationship with an open heart.
4. If departing is not an option, learn the 11 ways to prevent/reduce/eliminate the negative consequences caused by their difficultness.

## My Conflicted Heavy Heart

# The Work Isn't Complex – But We Must Be Persistent



*It is slow, painful, and difficult for an adult to reconstruct a radically different way of seeing life, however needlessly miserable his present preconceptions make him.*

Peter Marris

# Why Bother to Learn The Causes of Other's Difficultness



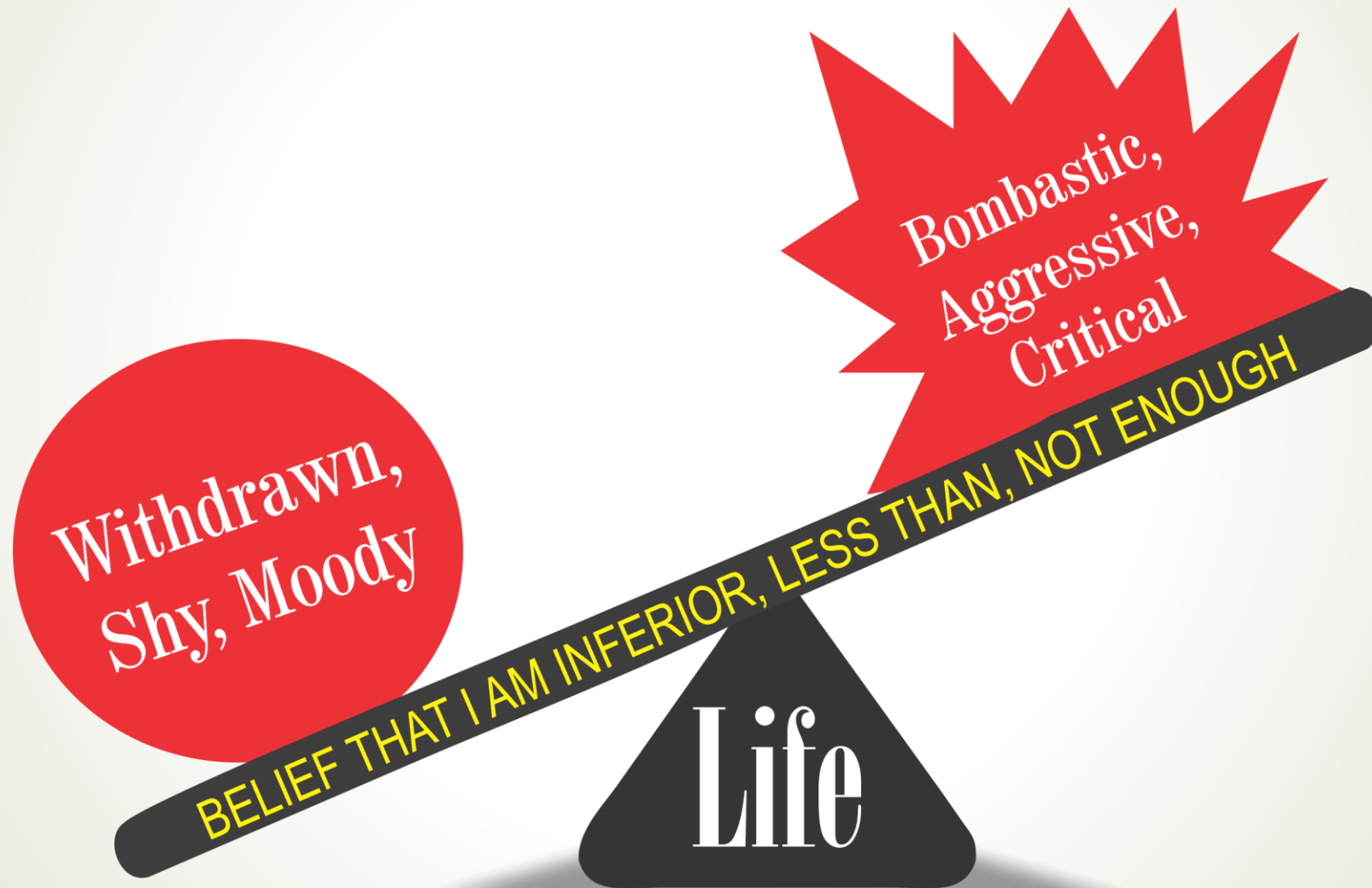
# Causes of Others' Difficultness #1

Longfellow, I think, said it well: "If we could read the secret history of those we find difficult, we would find in each life sorrow, suffering or other reasons enough to disarm all our hostility or indifference".

Just review the following examples of some of the 'secret history' that can be reinforcers that drives the person's difficult behaviour and state of mind and heart.

- a mental health disorder, e.g. anxiety, depression
- fear of:
  - failure
  - looking bad
  - losing control
  - rejection
- I erroneously believe that I am inferior to others – not enough
- a life-threatening illness
- spousal abuse
- inattentional blindness
- no free will to make appropriate choices
- childhood trauma
- a 'sick' gene pool
- chronic physical pain

# Two Different Behaviours, One Erroneous Belief

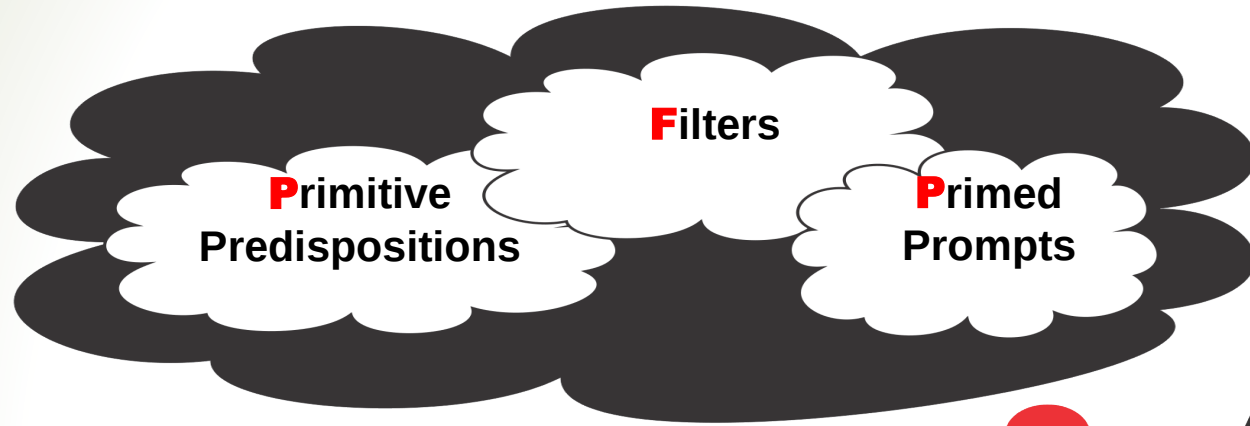




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# Cause #2 – The Semi-Conscious Mind



## Primitive Predispositions

- Inherited genetic makeup re: survival and reproduction drives (i.e. '**Nature**' You)

## Filters

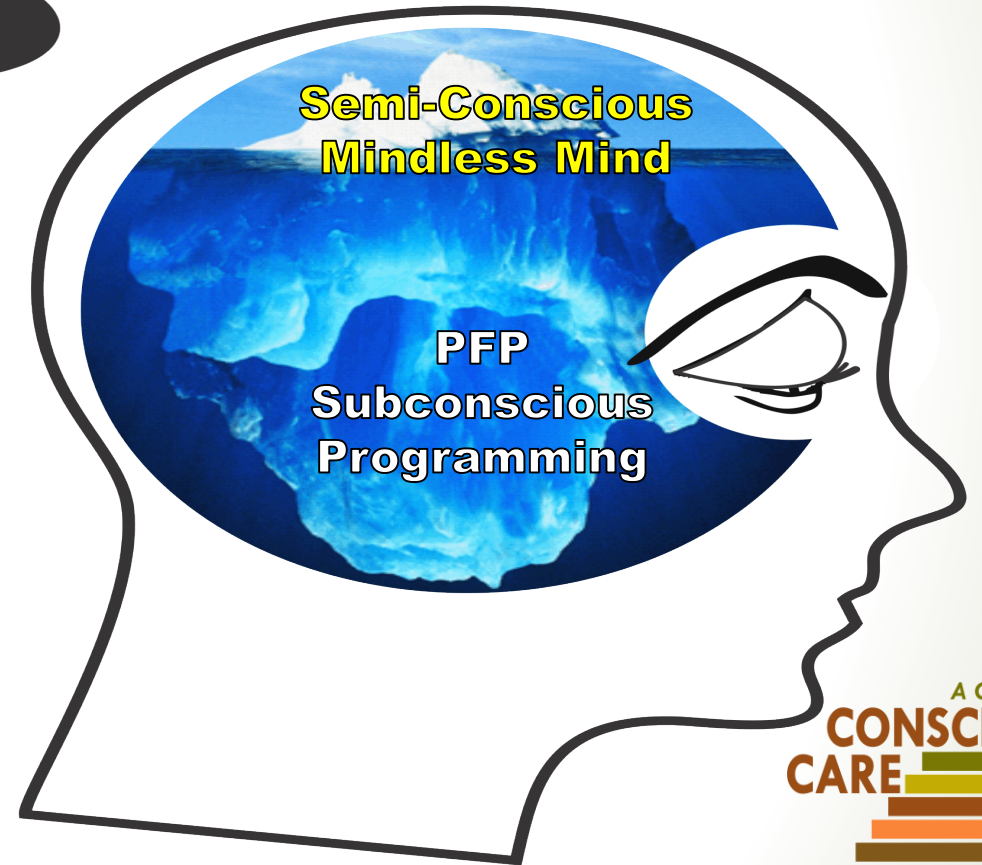
- Illogical beliefs/faulty filters from childhood conditioning e.g. "I need", "I am", "Others are" (i.e. '**Nurture**' You)

## Primed Prompts

- Societal and cultural brain washing/ stereotyping/branding/bigotry (i.e. '**Numbed**' You)

## Semi-Conscious Mindless Mind

- The "You" who is reading this but doesn't know it (i.e. '**Normal**' You)



## Cause #3

# Understanding People When They Are Difficult

The Difficult Person Prison

*Mindless Mess*

**Must**  
Demands from the  
Limbic Lottery

**Enslavement**  
To Childhood Neuro  
Nonsense (Filters)

**Society's**  
Senility

**Shallow**  
Personal  
Growth

*We don't see things as they are; we see them as we are.*

Anais Nin

# Two Ways To Say – We Need To Grow Up As Well As Grow Old

*This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap; the being a force of consciousness instead of a (semi-conscious feverish selfish little clod) of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.*

George Bernard Shaw

*A human being experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest—a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty. The striving for such achievement is in itself, a part of the liberation and a foundation for inner security.*

Albert Einstein

## Cause #4

### Examples of Primitive Predispositions – Our Inherited Malfunctioning Hard Drive, Nature/ 'Blindness' of People When They are Difficult



- Anger increases the brain's electromagnetic energy/hertz to meet some folks' need for Focusing and Concentrating;

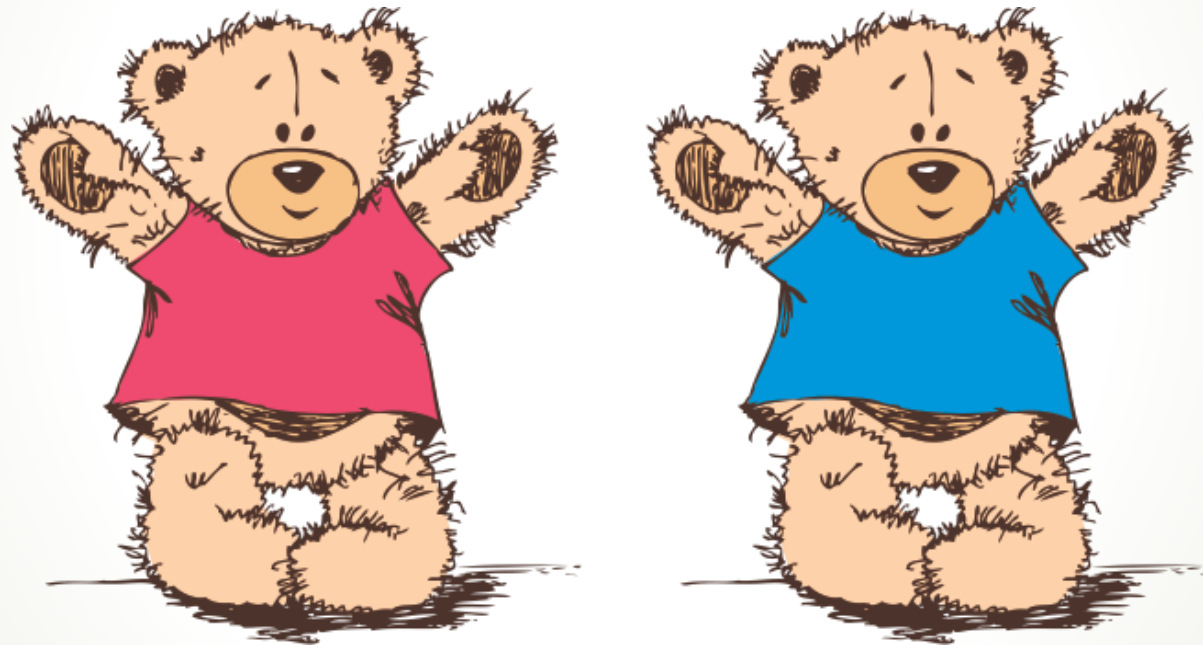
# Examples of Primitive Predispositions - continued

- The brain's inability to produce and manage calming neurotransmitters, e.g. GABA and to balance too much excitatory neurotransmitters, e.g. glutamate;
- GI infections caused by food intolerances;

# Examples of Primitive Predispositions - continued

- Imbalances of hormones, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants;
- Inattentional blindness – 60 bits of data processing per second;
- Poor memory;
- Physical pain;
- Driven by survival code prejudice directives to group everyone into 'good guys' or 'bad guys' (bear experiment).

# What do we mean by an 'Inherited DATA BANK' of Primitive Predispositions?



**In – Out - We Start Early**

# Cause #5

## Examples of Faulty Filters – Learned, Nurtured, ‘Blindness’ Corrupted Software

- Life must be fair to me or else...;
- I must never be out of control or else...;
- I need excitement to feel normal or else...;
- I need others approving of me or else...;
- I need to be busy or else...;
- I’m entitled to get what I want or else...;
- I must get it right or else...;
- I am sensitive in the easily hurt way;
- I deserve attention, recognition;
- I am inferior, not enough.

## Cause #6

### Examples of Brain Priming – Blindness That Results in Making People Difficult

- Research – wine tasting experiment;
- Cognitive bias from societies' senility (e.g. I am entitled to do, get and have, bigger, better, more of what I want to be happy);
- Social media feeds are starving people –  
Garbage In – Garbage Out (GI-GO);

# A Better Understanding of Ourselves – Why We Experience Negative Feelings from Others' Difficultness

When we know all of these disastrous PFP predispositions that are beyond the awareness, let alone control of the average person when they are difficult (a.k.a. they are for sure blind), –

**why do we still feel...**

- Hurt
- Angry
- Irritable
- Upset
- Offended
- Other

**so... what is our anger really about?**

# A Better Understanding of Ourselves - continued

- 1. We lack the practical know-how skills and want to attitude to learn how to constructively manage our relationships with people when they are difficult.*
- 2. We take their words and actions personally because we forget or don't believe, that the person is not in control of them.*
- 3. We are generally only semi-conscious so therefore driven by our own PFP.*

e.g.

- I'm out of control
- This is not fair
- I don't deserve this
- I am not approved of
- This is not right
- I am being victimized

# The 4 Stages of Consciousness

How to grow far beyond our high-risk algorithm of being only semi-conscious (a.k.a. lost in thoughts):

Over each 24-hour period, we can be experiencing consciousness on a 1-10 continuum.

## Unconscious: (1)

- like when we are asleep in our bed.

## Semiconscious: (autopilot) (5)

- like how we typically drive our car, relate to people and do most doings, i.e. we are there but our mind is someplace else and we are unaware of what is happening in the present moment.

## The 4 Stages of Consciousness – continued

### Fully Conscious: (self-aware) (10) ‘mindful’

- like when we are paying attention – noticing **what** we are doing e.g. how we drive when a police car is following us;
- knowing **that** we are doing it when we are doing it and
- knowing **how** our **body’s sensations, feelings and thoughts** are reacting to what is happening.

### Subconscious:

- our data bank of files that we inherit and develop (a.k.a. our algorithm).



To be more fully conscious, we start by paying attention to what we are doing. It is as if we are driving our car and a police car is right behind us - we are really focused on our driving and also 100% aware **that** we are being followed.

# And We Don't Want to Go Against Nature

(Reference Student and Teacher)

Simply put, calling up PFP programmed files initially uses significantly less brain energy than the thinking problem solving mind. This inherited paleo jungle, survival based energy conservation, helps to explain why our 'lawyer-type' mind struggles to change its point of view. This is even in the face of substantial evidence contrary to our beliefs. Existing files get called on first, before working to problem solve or learn something new so as to save brain power to face a predator from the jungle later on that day.

**So when, we need to learn new ways to better relate to people who are difficult, they tend to be average scientists but outstanding lawyers.**

## A Better Understanding of Ourselves - continued

4. *When we are self-righteously critical of others' difficultness, it helps us to feel less inferior/more superior.*
5. *It is much easier to blame others than to work on our own mindful emotional self-regulation skills.*



And really,

How can we blame  
anyone who walks and  
talks in their sleep?

# 11 Ways to Prevent, Eliminate and Reduce the Negative Consequences of People When They Are Difficult

## Better Way #1

**Really** know and remember what is happening when people are difficult – to know is to grow – stay aware of their and our own PFP blindness (e.g. Longfellow).

## Better Way #2

Have mercy on you, forgive those (who are difficult with you)

- Always, always do what must be done to stop people hurting self and others.

Also, as much as possible, at least intend forgiveness, because our upset, hurt, anger, etc. with them often negatively impacts our other relationships.

# So How to Restart or Depart With an Open Heart? - continued

## Better Way #3

Understanding our own upset, hurt and anger when people are difficult with us.



Annoyed Hurt/Upset Frustrated Resentful Overwhelmed Angry Enraged

The Anger Continuum

The most predictable ways that we feel and behave when we are semi-conscious/mindless and emotionally overwhelmed by people when they are difficult with us, is some version of:

**Anger/Overt/Freak-out/Power Struggle**

**Anger/Covert/Tune-out/Moody**

# Why Bother to Understand Our Own Anger (Blindness)



**As soon as we SEE our anger for what it really is, it can vanish in an instant  
– so what is it?**

# Anger 1 verses Anger 2

Sometimes anger is a strong emotional expression of, for example irritation, all the way to a rage reaction to man's inhumanity to man. Let's call this anger A1.

Any point on this A1 continuum could be felt as a result of a person or situation that:

- offers a personal threat;
- is a violation of one's values and ethics, e.g. cruelty;
- is overwhelming due to one's fatigue or other vulnerability;
- injustice.

**Reminder – My Own Conflicted Heavy Heart**

## Anger 2 is...

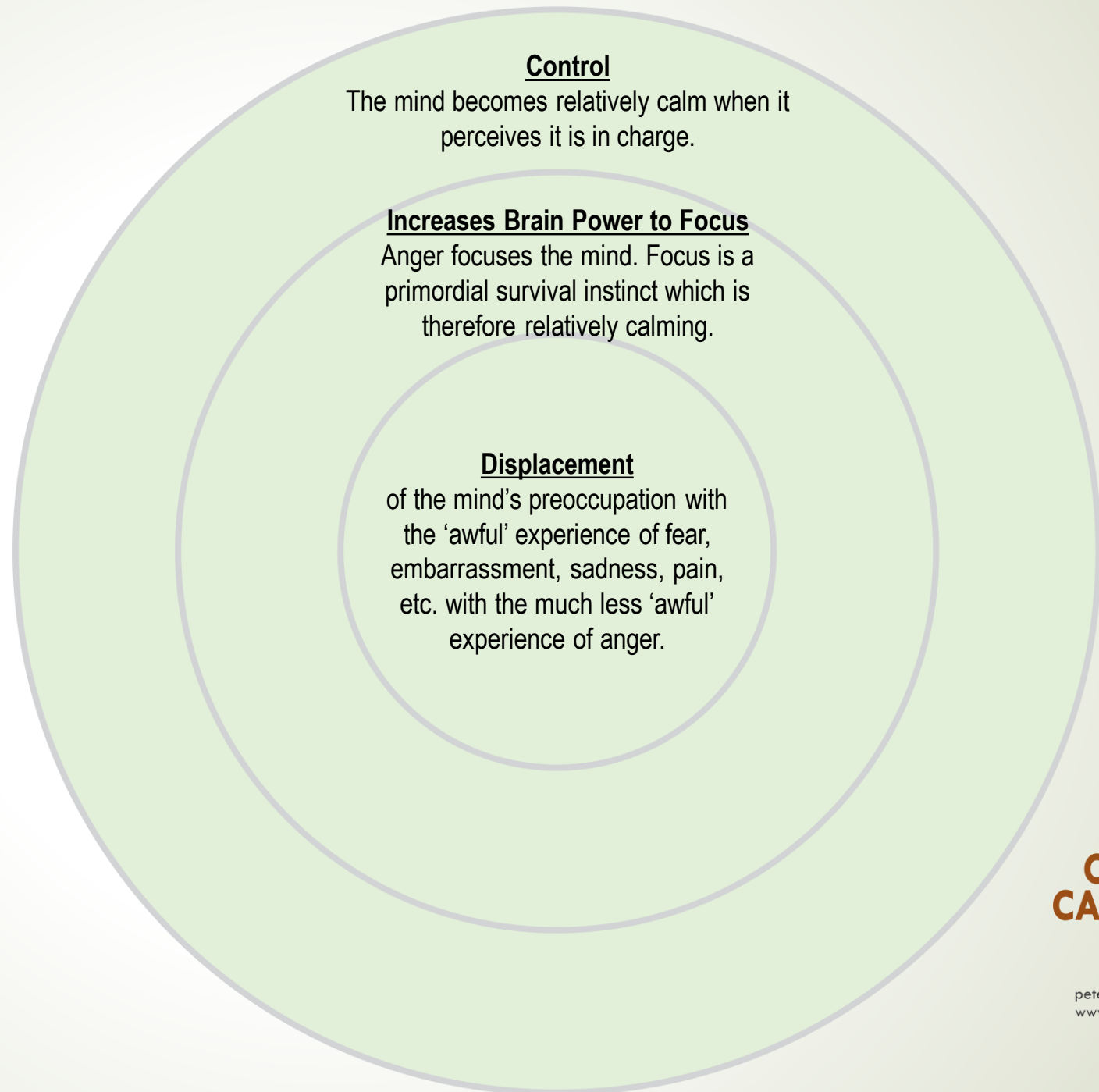
More often an activation of our own unresolved:

- Primitive Predispositions
- Filters
- Brain Priming
- Other (reference above)

**What possible purpose/payoff might Anger have so much so that it keeps coming back over and over again?**

# Anger 2

**Thank You Anger,  
My Dear Friend -  
Anger's 3 PFP  
Survival Based  
Illusion of Hidden  
Benefits  
– Payoffs and  
Purposes**



# A2 Abundant 'Make Believe' Payoffs

What would I have to deal with if not for mindless Anger\* my enabling friend?

**Anxiety** **Worry** *Feeling Hurt* **Insecurities**  
**Jealousy** **Exclusion** *PFP Cognitive Bias* **Guilt**  
*Treated Unfairly* *Embarrassment* **Disconnected**  
*An Unacceptable Situation* **Grief** *Boredom* **from the 'Herd'**  
**Sad** **Less Physical Pleasure**  
**Discouragement** **Feeling Unlovable** *Hurt feelings*  
**Lonely**

\* The Anger Continuum

When A2 angry, we subconsciously have the illusion that the PFP experiences of:

- being more relatively in control
- being more relatively focused
- feeling better than if we were for example anxious, alone, deeply grieving, etc.

Are positive but they are not.

**Because**

1. They make us difficult to our friends, work colleagues and loved ones.
2. They give us the illusion that we have pretty much arrived/grown up when often we are not.
3. Our anger shuts down the constructive feedback that we need to receive from friends who care about us and want us to 'SEE' better.

**May You Be Filled with Health and Happiness**

# Stay Mindful, Intentional and Positive to Offer Optimal Emotional Contagion

Emotional Contagion is the natural phenomenon whereby one person's emotional and physical state—for example, fear or calm—so powerfully dominates the interaction, that it influences others' emotional states and behaviours.

*So then .....*

Could it be that we are naturally unknowingly  
being semi-consciously/mindlessly driven into  
Anger 2.

*and*

There could be better ways to be with people  
when they are difficult.



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## Better Way #4

### **Determine How Our Faulty Filters' Beliefs May Be Impacting Our Relationships With People Who We Find Difficult**

Ask ourself, could some of my illogical/outdated filters' beliefs be negatively influencing my feelings toward this person who I find difficult.

- Do I perceive being overly controlled by them, mainly because of my outdated obsessive need to be in control/not out of control?

- Do I self-righteously judge them because of my problem of needing to be right/feel superior because of my erroneous belief that I am inferior/not enough?
- Do I feel that they treat me unfairly because of my belief regarding entitlement?
- Do I feel that I am not being approved of by them because of my problem with obsessively needing to be approved of?
- Other.

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## Better Way #6

### Take Responsibility for Our Emotional Hijacks

Given all that we now know that explains much of why a person is difficult (e.g. obnoxious, hurtful, etc. is there really someone that deserves our anger?

To repeat - we do what we must do to correct, change, this person to prevent them from harming us and others – but could our closed anger 2 heart be our work to do.

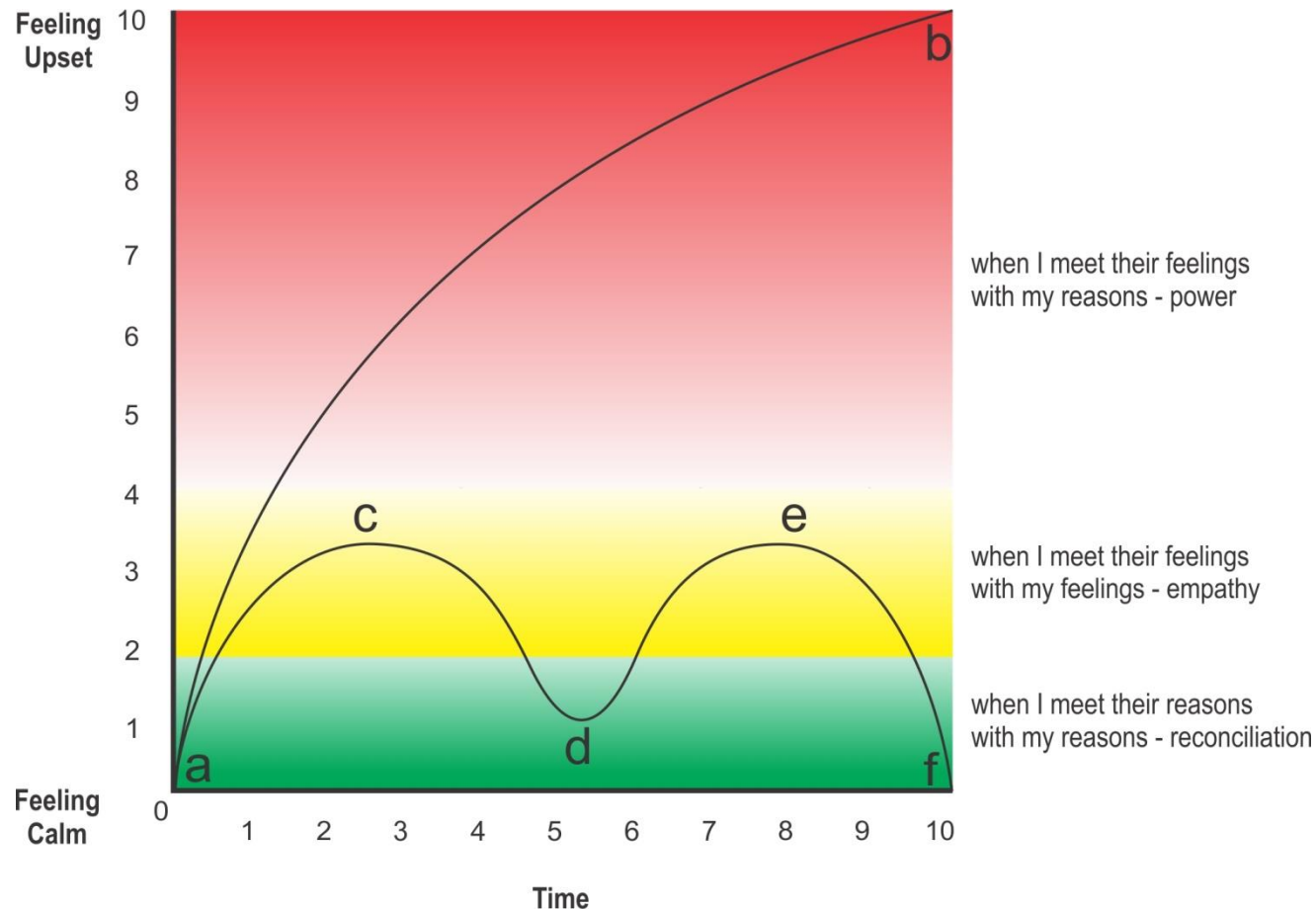
*I so dislike that man – I must spend more time with him.*

Doctor Martin Luther King Jr.

## Better Way #7

**Communications are useful, truthful,  
kind and timely.**

### Feelings to Feelings – Reasons to Reasons



Let's walk through a positive calming sequence, using the letters in the above illustration:  
At **point a** the conversation starts with speaking **reasons to reasons**.

Before the other person can become **emotionally hijacked (point b)**, mindfully **meet their feelings with your feelings (point c)**.

When they become calm, return to the topic **(a)** with **reasons to reasons (d)**.

When they escalate again, mindfully **meet their feelings with your feelings (e)**.

When they return to calm, return to topic **(d)** with **reasons to reasons (f)**.

# SEE Empathic, Right Speech as Service to Others Through Mindful Relationships

*When we are more conscious, love and compassion appear as being selfless. In mindful relationships we do not relate only to the other; we relate to “us”. Compassion’s communion brings us together in a whole. It does not see the world’s pain and sorrow as other, it is shared, and it is ours. When we allow our shared vulnerability and humanness, love and compassion are as natural as our breath and without hesitation we act to help.*

Thich Nhat Hanh

*People who are mindful are positive role models not because they are admired by others but because the skill of mindfulness makes it possible for them to admire everyone else.*

Thomas Merton



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## Better Way #8



### Self-Management

We must self-manage to be able and want to more optimally manage our feelings, behaviour, growth and how we relate to others.

As a result of our work with self-understanding, we now realize that we and most others have been locked in PFP Prison and what the costs are.

Hopefully, this has helped to motivate us to want to learn how to better self-manage our growing-up process.

## We First Self-Manage by Applying the Following Growth and Development Principles

- The best way to successfully change conditions in our life, to become more resilient, happier or manage a crisis, etc., is first to **work hardest on changing and growing ourself**—not more communications and behavioural strategies, because we can't drift/sleep to the top of a mountain.
- **Cultivate an attitude of indebtedness / gratitude** instead of entitlement, especially about happiness – no one is entitled to it!

## Development Principles - *continued*

- Ask yourself, “What am I missing at this moment that would be helpful?”  
Remember that **every story has three sides, and because of inattentional blindness**, we miss many important truths.



- Managing and living a personally satisfying and socially useful life is significantly dependent on **private victories** – i.e. what no one knows about (e.g. out of bed 45 minutes before ‘necessary’ to work-out – Mind, Body, and Heart).

# Essential Authentic Messaging – Not Tactics

1. Acknowledge when we are wrong with a sincere apology.
2. When the person is calm and we are mindful, ask them if we could talk about an incident, *“Peter, could we talk about \_\_\_\_\_?”*
3. If no, be empathic, e.g. *“yes and tell me more.”*
4. If yes, and they are calm proceed.
5. Clarify by reframing their criticism , judgements, lack of support, etc. *“last week when you said \_\_\_\_\_ was your question \_\_\_\_\_?”*
6. If yes, *“if we could understand each other on this, would it be helpful for you?”*
7. If no, be empathic *“yes and tell me more.”*
8. If yes share your view *“I am concerned when we \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_.”*
9. Ask the what if question, *“Peter what if you continue to \_\_\_\_\_ and I continue to \_\_\_\_\_ how would you feel about \_\_\_\_\_(not think about).”*
10. Reframe, *“So Peter, I understand you saying \_\_\_\_\_ is that more or less how you feel?”*
11. *“Okay good, this has been helpful.”*

# RRR Personal Development Progress Report – Self-Management Tool #2



| Statements Reflecting My 4 PFP Tools’ Development                                         | Most of the Time<br>5 | Frequently<br>4 | Occasionally<br>3 | Infrequently<br>2 | Almost Never<br>1 | Totals |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| • I have a daily ‘workout’ commitment of mind, body, heart and consciousness development  |                       |                 |                   |                   |                   |        |
| • I skillfully experience and process difficult feelings, e.g. anger, fear, sadness, etc. |                       |                 |                   |                   |                   |        |
| • I have a plan and people to help with my inevitable crash and burn                      |                       |                 |                   |                   |                   |        |
| • I experience ‘difficult’ people with kindness and skillful interpersonal relating       |                       |                 |                   |                   |                   |        |
| • Every day I accentuate the positive                                                     |                       |                 |                   |                   |                   |        |
| Totals                                                                                    |                       |                 |                   |                   |                   | =      |

### Instruction

Add up the values of all columns and then add the total of the columns. To get an approximate percentage indicator of your current 4 Tools’ Personal Development Level, add totals for all 4 Tools. Consider asking a friend/friends to give their ratings of your progress.

Plan for Action See Attachment

# Self-Management Essentials

*I'm not a great shot, but...I shoot often.* President Theodore Roosevelt

## COMMITMENT

*Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffective. Concerning all acts of initiative, there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then "hidden hands" help with the "heavy lifting", all sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise occur. A whole stream of events comes from the decision, raising in one's favour all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance which no one could have dreamt would have come this way.*

*Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it.*

*Getting started has genius, power and magic in it.*

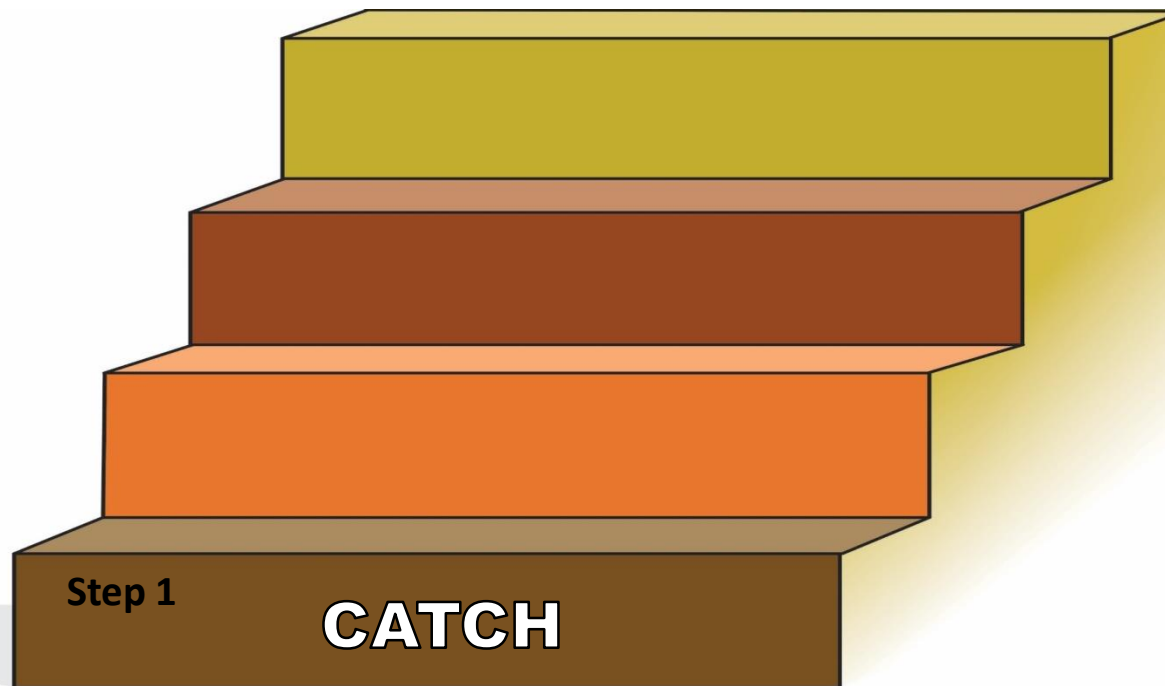
W.H. Murray

## Better Way #9

# The 4 Step Conscious Connecting Process

The Anger App. – Stress Rehearsal and Compassion Practice

### STEP ONE: CATCH



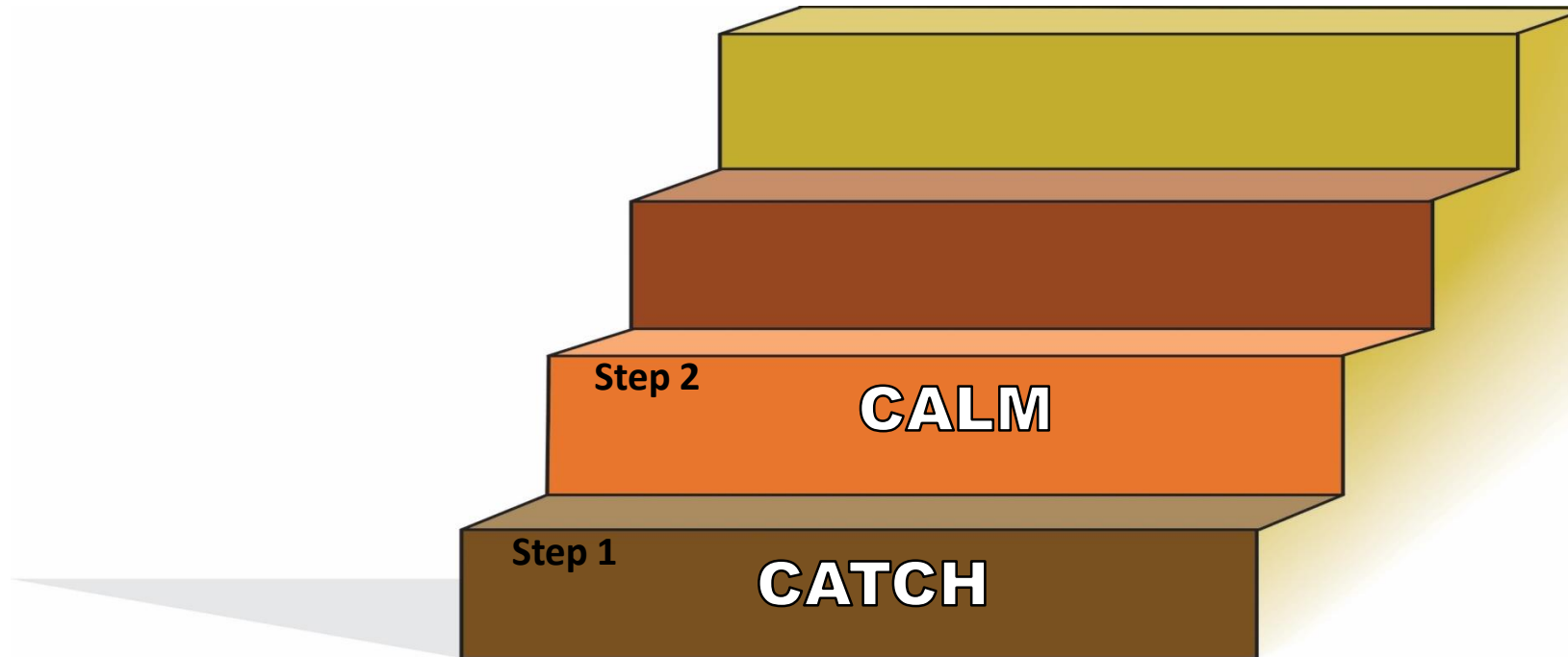
*I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of men and women to elevate their life (and the lives of others) by conscious endeavours.*

Henry David Thoreau

- I Catch Myself Being ‘Here Now’
- I Become Aware That – ‘There Is Anger/Impatience’ vs. Lost In The Anger Movie

# The 4 Step Conscious Connecting Process

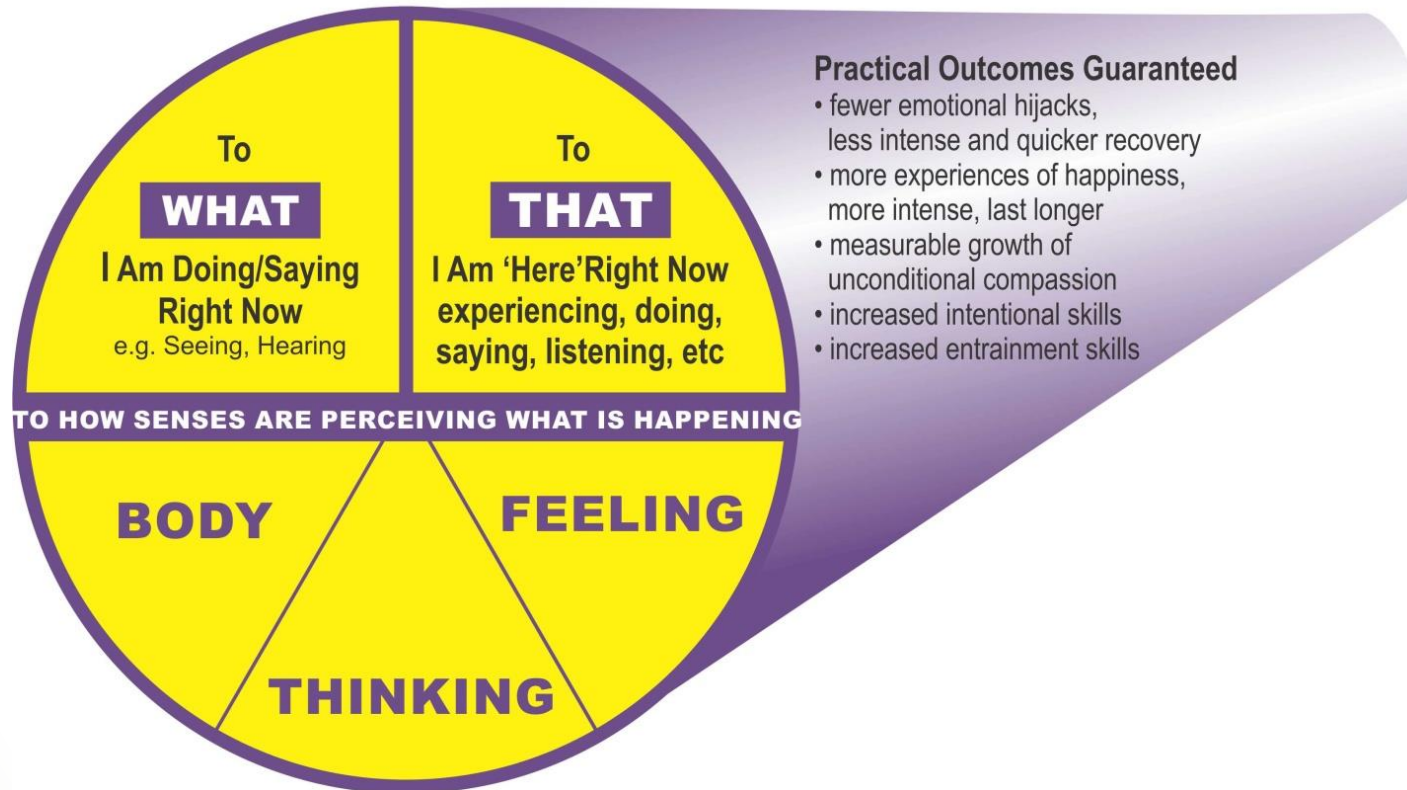
STEP TWO: CALM (REDEPLOYING 60 BITS OF DATE PROCESSING CAPACITY)



- Being Aware and Ahh-llowing of '**Resistant**' B-FIT, e.g. Body Sensations – Location, Shape, Intensity
- Start Mindful Calming Collarbone/Hand Activation
  - B-FIT Choiceless Awareness and Ahh-llowing

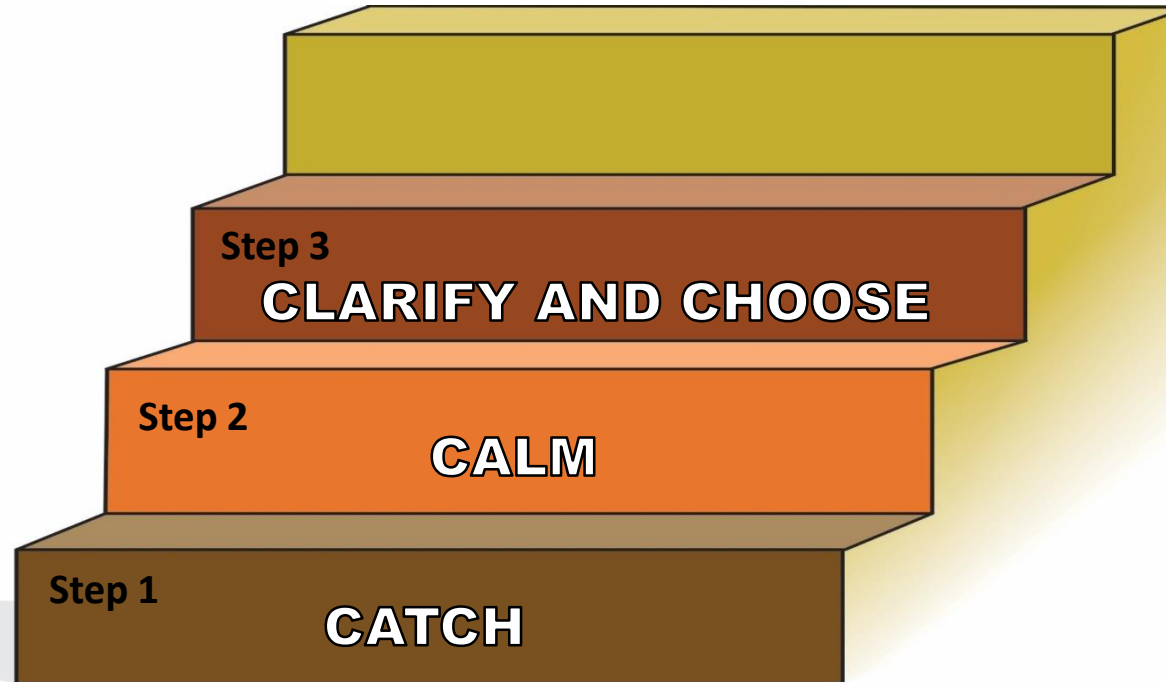
# U,B-FIT MINDFULNESS IS

**Paying Attention and Being Ahh-llowing of:**



# The 4 Step Conscious Connecting Process

## STEP THREE: CLARIFY AND CHOOSE

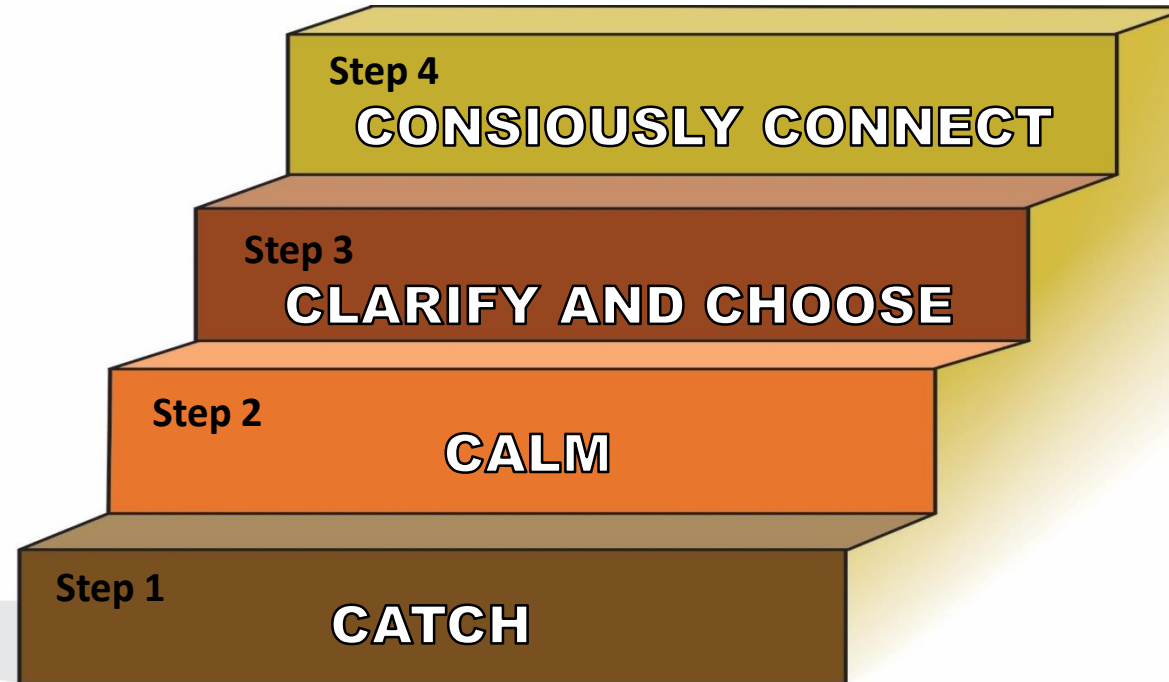


- I Now Can Consciously Objectively Clarify The Emotional State of Myself and The Other Person and The Needs of The Situation
  - I Then Choose What Actions to Take

What would I be experiencing if not for being angry right now?

# The 4 Step Conscious Connecting Process

## STEP FOUR: CONSCIOUSLY CONNECT



- I Intend and Become Non-judgmental and Authentically Connected - No Matter How I Feel
  - Mindfully Visualize an Ideal Conscious Connect
  - Intend Calm for Self and Others – Damage Control

## Better Way #10

### Activate Conscious Connecting - People Who Are Difficult Can Be Special Teachers

*Human life should be like a vow, dedicated to uncovering the meaning of life. The meaning of life is in fact not complicated; yet it is veiled from us by the way we see our difficulties. It takes the most patient practice to begin to see through that, to discover that the sharp rocks are truly jewels.*

Joko Beck

## Better Way #11

### Conscious Connecting is Developed Through Mindful Compassion Practice

# Conscious Connecting Essential Truths

## In The End

*In the end, only four things really matter: how much you loved, how gently you lived, how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you and how well you helped others to love, live gently and let go.*

(Adapted from Buddha)

There is this unseen order, and our superior good lies in harmoniously adjusting ourselves there too.

William James

*We will not cease from exploration*

*And the end of all our exploring*

*Will be to arrive where we started*

*And know the place for the first time*

T.S. Elliot – “Little Gidding”

# Reflections re. Conscious Connecting

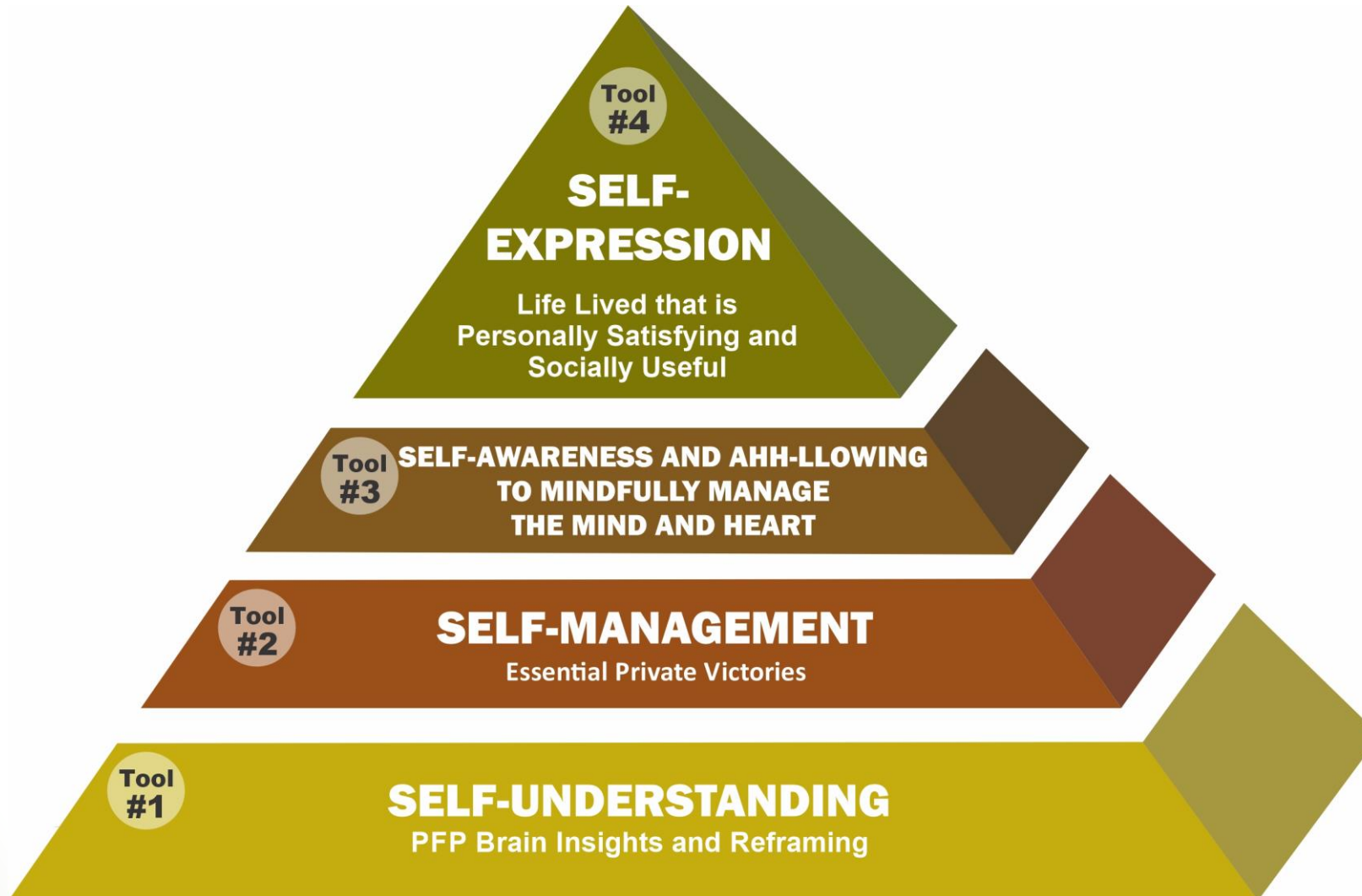
**When we consciously connect with people who are difficult...**

When we really get it – i.e. the human predicament:

- we SEE that people who are difficult are victims;
- we have gratitude for our good luck;
- we have sadness for them when they are difficult, e.g. angry, etc.;
- we passionately commit to helping them, first by not doing harm, e.g. power struggles;
- our heart begins to stay open longer when we are with them;

**The Great Escape**

# The 4 Essential Inner and Outer Life Tools to Escape



## Reflections re. Conscious Connecting - continued

We SEE their insensitive words and actions as masking over deeper wounds and from a driven, less angry place we stop them from doing harm.

- We catch our PFP starting to become emotionally hijacked.
- We then consciously connect with them with empathic right speech (useful, truthful, kind and timely).

### *The Tao Te Ching*

***“We take action as if we are going to the funeral of our best friend.”***

## Reflections re. Conscious Connecting - continued

Although we often can't help them through advice or suggestions, when we consciously connect there is much that we are doing for them.

This is because we are not stimulating and reinforcing their negative payoffs with harmful power struggles and we therefore are starting to weaken the source of their suffering.

## Reflections re. Conscious Connecting - continued

We call this the sacred Dual Path because as we are working and growing ourself to be our best mindful emotional regulated self,

Our actions are training them to be less fearful, less discouraged, and therefore more likely to be less difficult.

### Our Emotional Contagion Enhancement

## Reflections re. Conscious Connecting - continued

This conscious connecting is being calm/ahh-llowing of all subjective experiences so as to eliminate resistance and negativity.

This reduces both our and their suffering as we more and more transcend the illusion of our separateness, i.e. no 'good guys' and no 'bad guys'.

This harmful, incorrect binary choice is Oxygen for Anger.

## Reflections re. Conscious Connecting - continued

Now we have unconditional and authentic kindness as we care for and about all others, regardless of our feelings about them and even how our body, thoughts and feelings' senses are reacting to them.

When we consciously connect, we know that we are not our thoughts or feelings, when we are conscious of them.

Now we don't just feel caring - we are care and like the musician becomes the song and the artist becomes the art.

## Reflections re. Conscious Connecting - continued

These moments of 'loving the enemy', for 'they know not what they do', opens up a whole new paradigm of living and caring experience. Here (Now), forgiveness just happens and natural healing and resiliency just happens within us.

## Reflections re. Conscious Connecting - continued

And when we at some mindless times do not consciously connect, as we recover from our suffering PFP prison, we are reminded of our own and all peoples' fragility and vulnerabilities to be overwhelmed by PFP.

This opens our heart to forgiveness and our minds to be motivated to recommit to a path of liberation away from society's pitiful, mindless tragic 'religion' of 'good guys' and 'bad guys'.

We really know that the truth of our predicament is more asleep/mindless versus awake/aware people.

## ***Know Thy Self***

***Ahh the sacred evidence,  
of knowing self so deep.***

***Anger with an open heart,  
now awakened from 'the' sleep.***

***Aware and ahh-llowing conflict,  
loving presence – each moment new.***

***To all who hurt and hate forgiven,  
for they know not what they do.***

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## Reflections re. Conscious Connecting - continued

To help open our heart in forgiveness, we remember to ask  
“I wonder what terrible childhood this 5 year old boy or girl  
must have had, to have turned their innocence into such  
insensitivity?”

*Finding and sustaining meaning and happiness in life . . . means an ordering and guiding of our energy and our desires, a partial restraint in some directions in order to secure greater abundance of life in other directions. It involves a daily deliberate (mindful) organization of life for a purpose.*

Richard Gregg

# Summary

As we recall our grievances with this person, our B-FIT Mindful Exercises will help us to stay conscious of:

- our fabricating inaccurate memory,
- our prejudicial cognitive bias,
- our inattentional blindness,
- our lack of free will to make choices (unless we are conscious),
- the stinking thinking problem of being thought and
- our PFP faulty filters

are all grossly distorting our feelings and blocking our awareness of how best and why to reconstruct our relationship/s.

## Leading to

Incrementally, slowly at first, starting to more and more be transformed to be able to and wanting to effectively restart or depart with an open heart.

*We work to compassionately  
change what must and should be changed  
e.g. injustice, exclusion  
And as we do our Best, we Rest with the Rest*

# Claim Your Brain – Start Your Heart

*PFP ice transforms to steam,  
revealed in conscious connect.*

*No good or bad guys on the field,  
for all others, never neglect.*

*Even the words “all others,”  
lose meaning and resolve,*

*As “I am” morphs to “There is,”  
“Here” ego self dissolves.*

*Mind transforms to consciousness,  
through the stillness of mindful breath.*

*This tortured prisoner is released,  
From difficult, at PFP’s death.*

*Kindness emerges, beyond mere feel,  
conditional love departs.*

*See all in the game, as my own name,  
The way of awakened heart.*

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