*Healthy Primal Requirements

Learned Childhood Strategies*

Protection & Respect Rage/Anger & Fight

8's childhood strategy is to seize control and emotional dominance. The child defines the game rather than be defined by it. Feeling the power to do this, the child denies his/her own vulnerability.

9's childhood strategy arises from the selfperception of not being important enough to love, and the child turns inward. Nothing and no one is more important than anything or anyone else.

Goal—Grounded Presence

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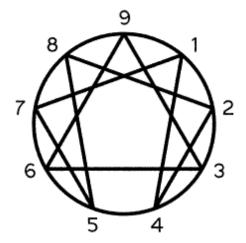
Instead of focusing on physical tensions and imaginary boundaries, focus on Essential Being in the present.

1's childhood strategy is to find out the rules of the game and master them in order to do a good job, and thereby win approval if not love. The child wants to have a means of judging others and their place in relation to them.

Goal—Quiet Mind

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Instead of focusing on the chatter of fears & defending ego, focus on higher guidance, inner knowing, and the ground of Being.



Goal—Open Heart

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Instead of focusing on emotional fearful reactions & identification with false self, focus on genuineness of authentic being, uniqueness, value, and True Self.

*Acknowledgement & To Be Seen

Terror/Fear & Flight*

5's childhood strategy decides that people threaten something essential to their survival. The child develops protective strategies of playing possum, camouflaging their existence, and reducing needs to a minimum so as to become unnoticeable as possible. The child then discovers that they can pursue their own interests undisturbed.

6's childhood strategy focuses on danger, to scan the environment for all possible threats, and to program his/her behavior to avoid them or to meet them head on and defuse it.

7's childhood strategy involves three elements. First, it is difficult to hit a moving target, so the child avoids threat. Second, a multitude of interests guarantees that no one thing or person will ever be of such importance that its loss would be devastating. Third, the interests themselves are sufficiently absorbing so that no energy is left over to consider less manageable matters.

*Connection & Love

Panic/Sadness/Shame & Freeze*

2's childhood strategy is to survive through sensing what the powerful other person wants and then altering him/herself to become or provide that want.

3's childhood strategy is to find activities and attributes that the child decides will win the widest approval. The child creates an image with these qualities to avoid a sense of being unacceptable.

4's childhood strategy is to prevent the immobilizing depression experienced with actual loss. Thereafter, the child avoids total emotional involvement in current relationship. After the real loss, the child fills life with imagination and fantasy, explores symbolic interpretations of what happened, and plays at edge of his/her desire, to be close and to be destroyed.

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