

Venus Alchemy Evening Star Aries Journey 5th Gate 3rd Chakra with Cayelin K Castell and Tami Brunk



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**From the Ashes a Fire Shall Be Woken
A Light from the Shadows Shall Gleam
Renewed Shall Be ALL that was Broken
The Crownless Again Shall be Queen**

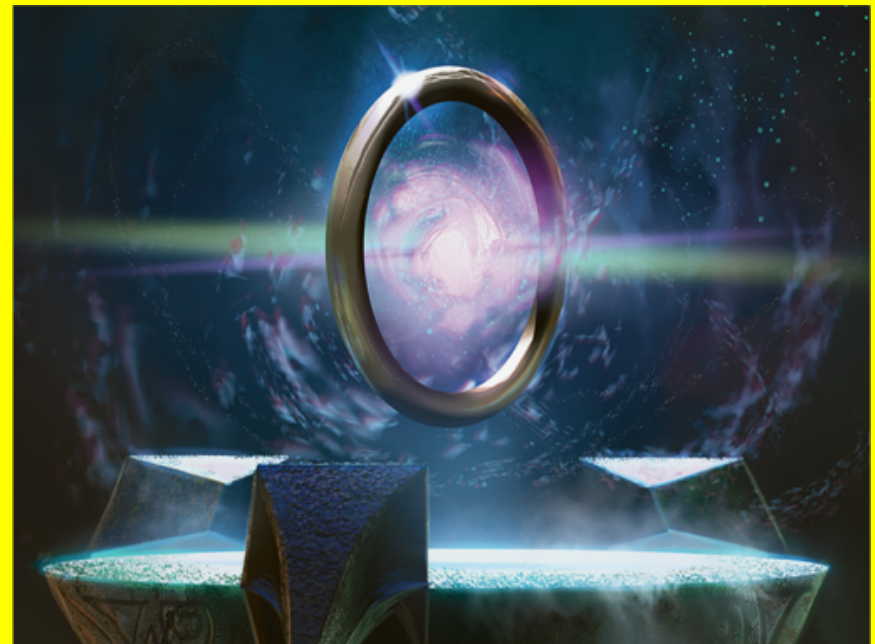
Re-entering The Solar Plexus Chakra Gate



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At the 3rd Gate

Inanna retrieves her Golden Girdle/Belt or the Ring or Power symbolically reclaiming authentic personal power.





The Solar Plexus or Manipura Chakra. Manipura is a Sanskrit word meaning 'city of jewels'. This chakra is located just above the naval and below the rib cage radiating vital life force (a.k.a. Prana or Chi) through out our entire body. This is where Will Power is generated including our ability to accomplish our desires. This is also where the “gut feeling” or intuition is located.

A Healthy Solar Plexus Chakra expresses:

Radiance - shining like the Sun radiating heat or life force through out the entire body.



Self-confidence, vitality, dynamism, and personal power

Self-worth and self-confidence, along with the energy and motivation to see projects through to completion



Ways to Balance this Chakra:

Chant the Mantra Ram

Wear Yellow, Eat Yellow Foods

Be willing to face challenges with courage.

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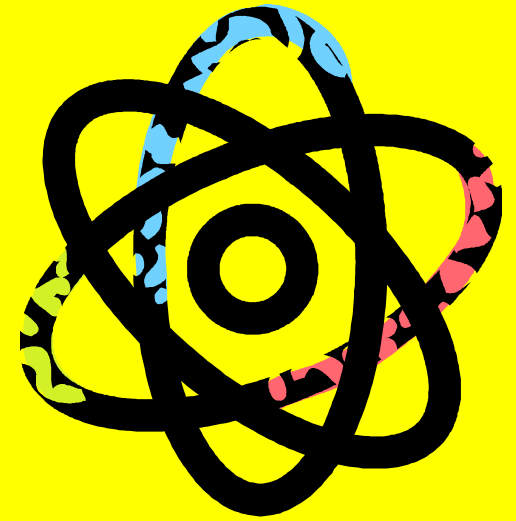
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Questions For Claiming a Healthy Solar Plexus

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Reclaiming the Chakras

Root Chakra Grounding and Security

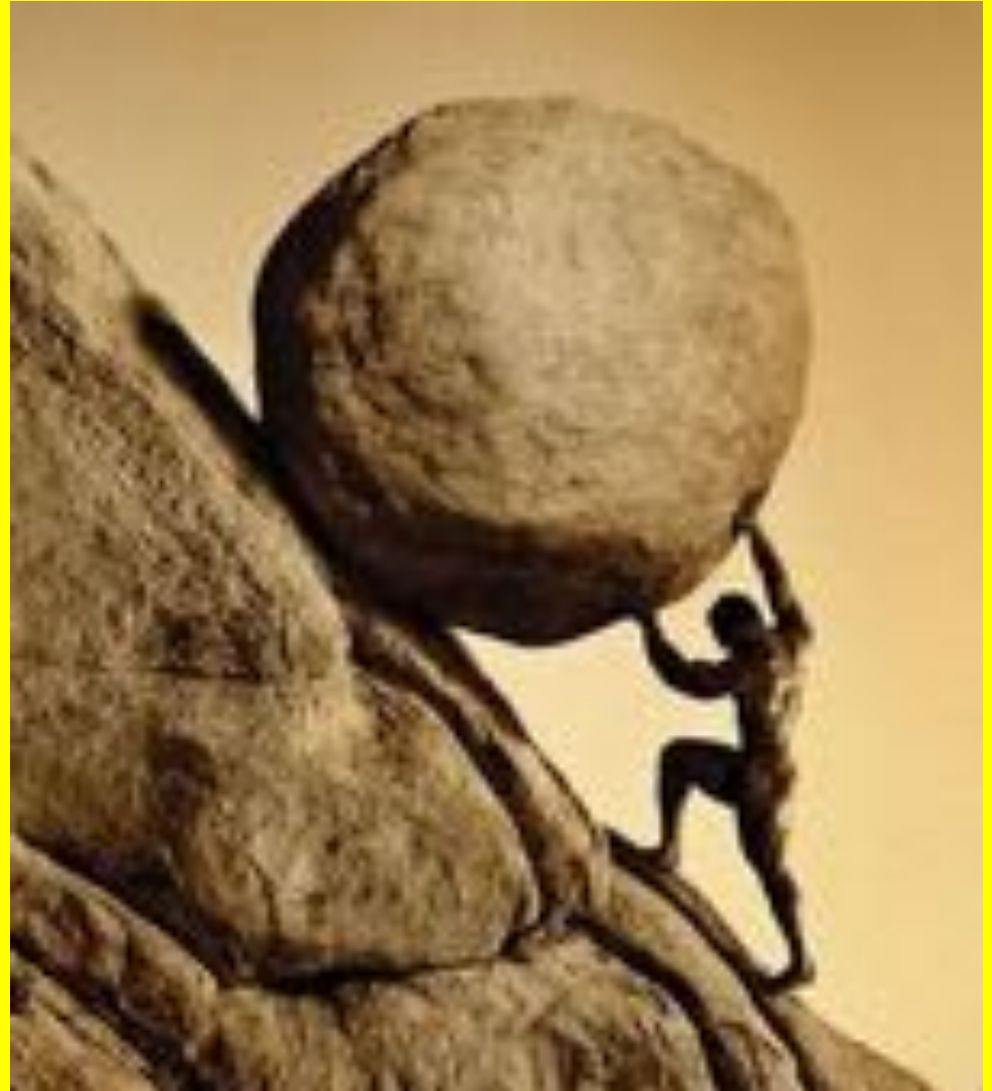
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Capricorn and the Solar Plexus Chakra

Doing Addiction &
Taking on the World



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- Addicted to doing whatever it is they are doing perfectly.
- Or addicted to being the scapegoat and carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders.
- Doing so much for others they have no personal life.

Capricorn can benefit from remembering – it is about finding the most efficient way to accomplish their objective, remembering **DONE is better than perfect!**

Also remembering that they don't have to be the one to do it all!



The Importance of Doing Nothing



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Taking on the World & the Grandmothers' Tears

Broken Heart of the Culture Change Activist:

How has the Grandmother's heart in all of us been broken when we attempt to change the culture and its institutions: when we "take on the world?"




Change From the Inside Out



If there is no transformation inside of us, all the structural change in the world will have no impact on our institutions. – Peter Block

Action from Joy, Inspiration, and New Models



Act as if what you do
makes a difference. It
does.

-William James

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**You never change things by
fighting the existing reality.**



**To change something, build
a new model that makes
the existing model obsolete.**

~Richard Buckminster Fuller

Who are the Demons that are showing up for you?

Demons of Powerlessness

Being the Victim Demon

Poor Me Demon

Self-Doubt/Uncertainty Demon

Self-Destruct Demon

Defensive Demon

I Don't Know Demon

Control Freak Demon

Dominator/Oppressor Demon

Managing Outcomes Demon

Over Doing Demon



Name yours _____

Two Questions

What would it take for me to claim, express and live the full power of who I really am?

What would it take for me to claim my full power in ways that inspire others, and society, in dreaming a New dream for myself and for the Earth?



Additional Resources

The Doing Addiction <http://cayelincastell.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/The-Doing-Addiction-3rd-Chakra.pdf>

Inspiring Trailer for **THE SHIFT** Movie – Help Get It Done
<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-shift-movie-a-movie-made-by-a-movement>

Joanna Macy: <http://www.activehope.info/>

Books

Blessed Unrest, by Paul Hawken

<http://www.blessedunrest.com/>

The Impossible Will Take a Little While by Paul Loeb

<http://www.paulloeb.org/impossible.html>

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- Self-confidence, Vitality, Dynamism,
- Healthy Personal Power
- Shining like the Sun(Shining Gem)
- The energy and motivation to start and complete projects

The Solar Plexus is active and strong when:

- You find the courage to do something that scares you, even if you are not entirely successful with it
- Tactfully Speak what needs to be said for yourself and/or others
- Find you are Energetically Standing Tall in what you know is true taking appropriate action regarding your life
- Actively Expressing Creativity, Curiosity, Coherence

The Solar Plexus also governs: Metabolism, Digestion, Elimination, Liver, Gallbladder, Pancreas, Spleen and Stomach.



Over Active Solar Plexus

Judgmental, Critical

Demanding, Rigid, Stubborn,

Aggressive, Angry, Overly Controlling

Procrastinator or Driven Workaholic

Perfectionist, Afraid to Fail

Nothing is Ever Good Enough

Including Ones Self

Under-active

Dependency

Mistrust/Doubting Self and Others

Worry - including what others think

Avoiding Feelings - Anxiety/Depression

Physical Symptoms: Digestion and Weight Issues, Anorexia, Bulimia, Obesity, Ulcers, Diabetes, Arthritis, Pancreas Liver and/or Kidney Issues, Hepatitis, Constipation and Colon disease.

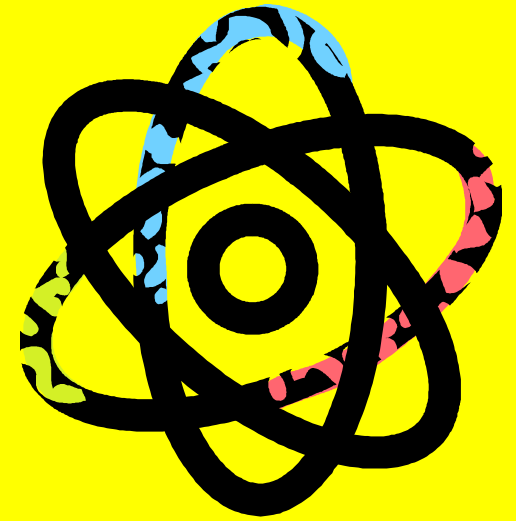
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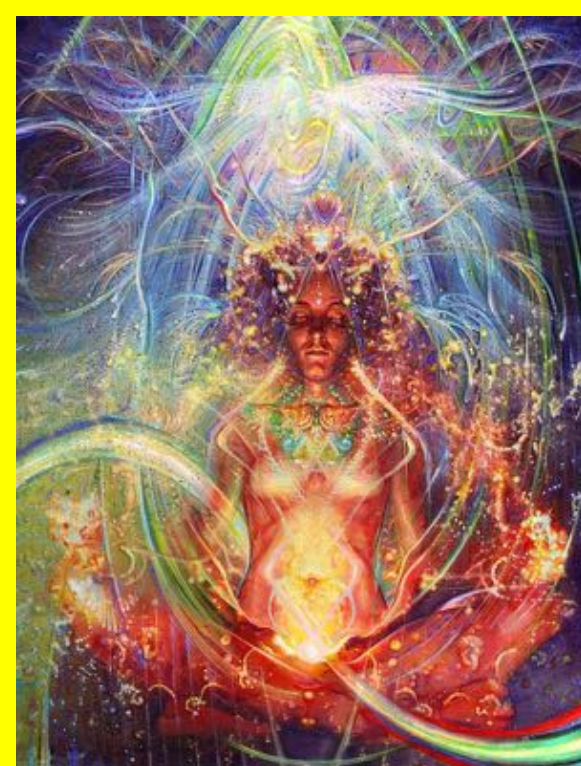
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Release What Is in the Way of Standing in Your True

Power including:

- Shyness, Fear of Speaking Up, Fear of Expressing Yourself
- Whatever Blocks you from Boldly engaging New Challenges, Opportunities, Intentions etc...
- The need to be successful in a BIG way to start Baby Steps are Okay
- All that stands in the way of feeling self confident



Practice:

- Standing Tall, Walking with Confidence even if you don't feel it
- Smiling More (greeting yourself and others with a warm smile)
- Acting the Part, To Own the Part (Fake it till you make it)
- Taking care of yourself (Nutrition, Sleep, Exercise – yoga, walking, dance, hiking, running, stretching and strengthening)
- Looking People in the Eye when speaking to them
- Meditation (calming the mind and body)
- Choosing an activity that excites and motivates you, then take actions toward fulfilling it
- Making Friends with Failure – It is a gift that strengthens you
- Stepping out of your comfort zone - change your daily routine often
- Let your actions speak for themselves; focus on your strengths by taking small proactive steps



Solar Plexus Chakra And the Doing Addiction



The Doing Addiction:

Doing (taking action) is a natural part of life.
Excessive Doing is an addiction.

This includes the work-a-holic and so much more including Philanthropic Work.

What Drives the Doing Addiction?

- Fear of not having enough
- Fear of not being good enough (having to prove oneself)
- Fear of Facing your Fears and having to really Feel our Feelings...

Do you enjoy what you do?
Are you doing what you want to do, or what you feel you have to do?

Do you feel driven or compulsive about your doing ... eating right, exercising right, working long hours, doing spiritual practices in the right way?



Do you do out of fear, i.e. that the world will fall apart, or it won't get done if you don't do it?

Or do you Do from the enjoyment it brings in the process, as well as really enjoying the results of your Doing?

**Remember You never get it ALL done
and there is ALWAYS more to DO**

AND The Goddess within wants to have FUN

What is FUN for you?

Hanging out with Friends and/or Family

Dancing, Yoga, Exercise

Creative Activities, Ceremony, Travel

Adventure, Reading Books

Add Yours _____



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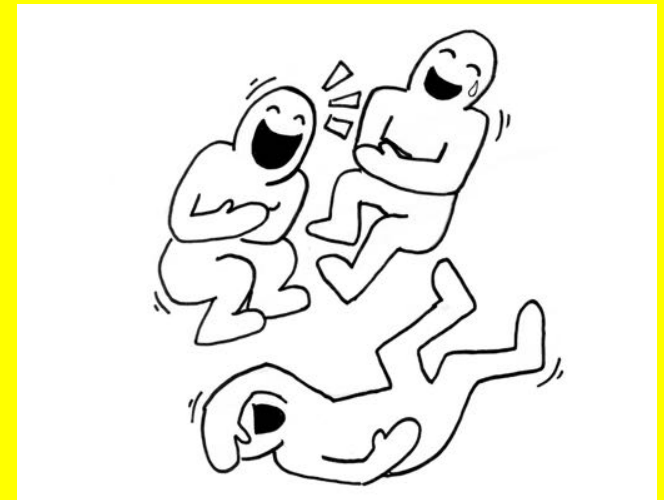
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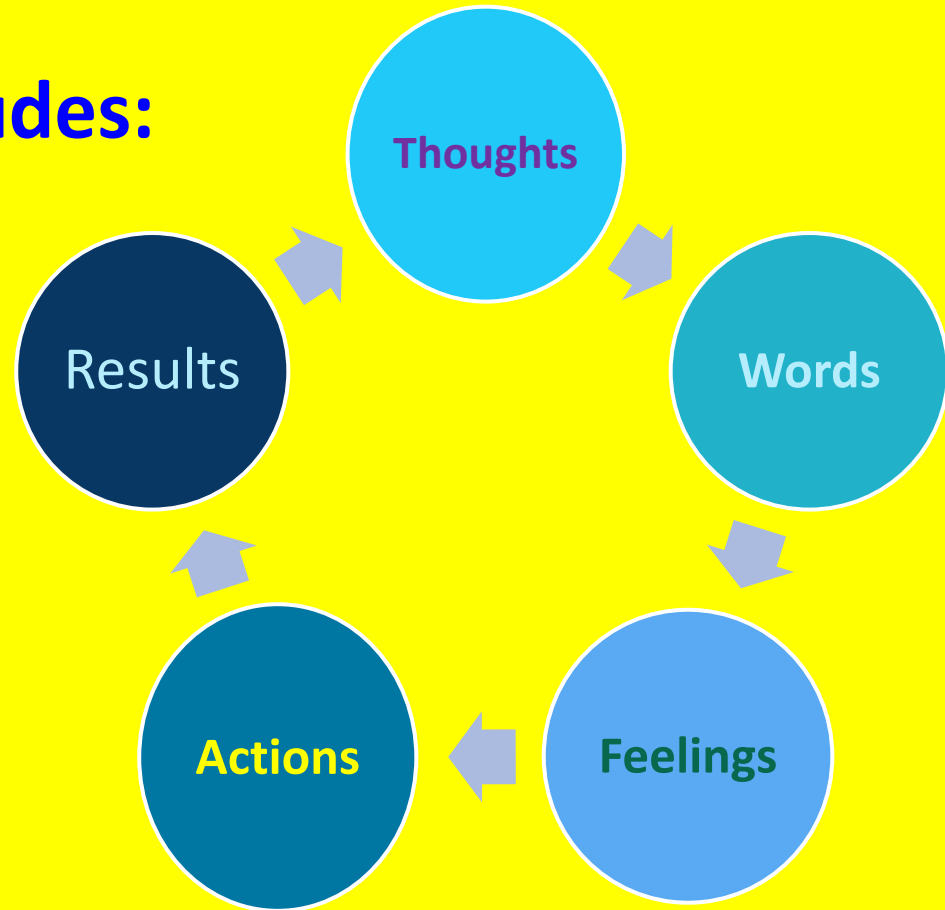
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The Starting Point of All Creation is Desire!

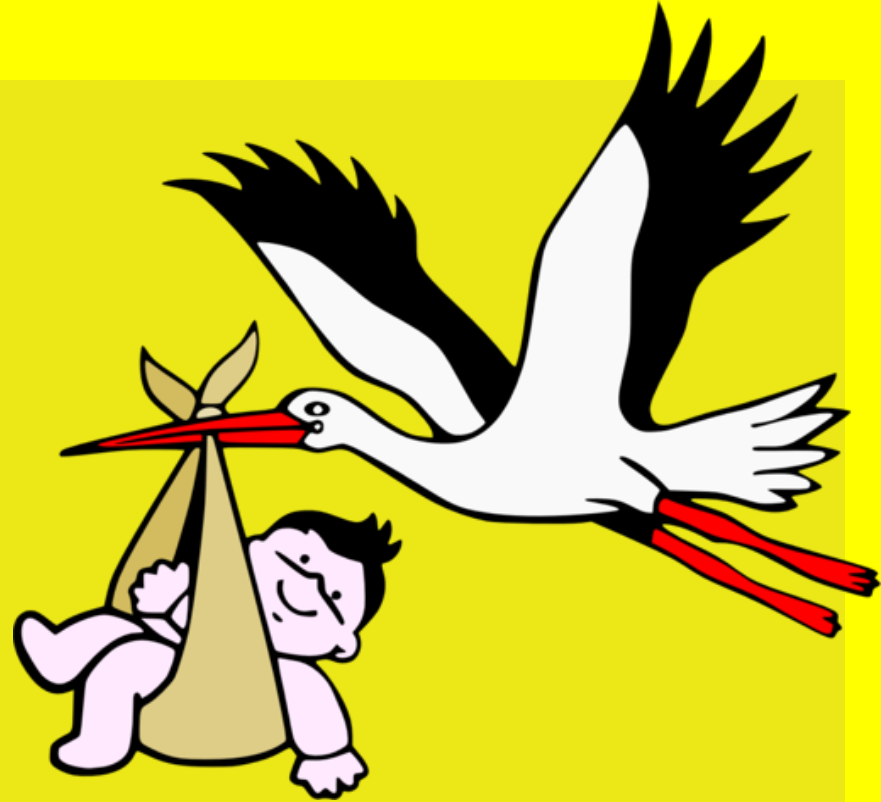
~Napolean Hill

**I can teach anybody how to
get what they want out of life.
The problem is that I can't find anybody
who can tell me what they want.**

~Mark Twain

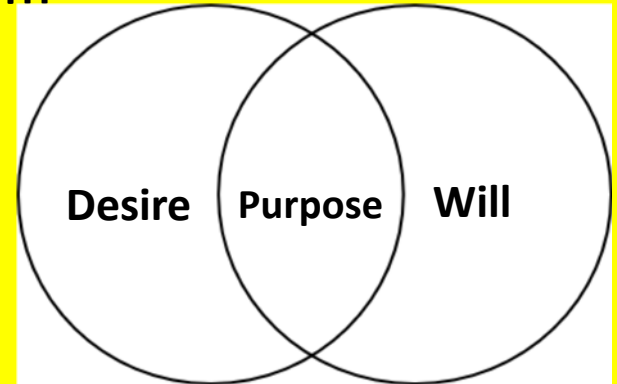
It is NOT about having the skill or expertise to create something.

It IS about having a **Passionate Purpose Driven Desire** fueling your Will and motivating your actions that supports and allows what your desire to manifest.



Aligning Will with Desire

- Desire Fuels Creation and Directs Will
- Our Will Brings Desire into Form
- Will operates through Action
- Desire operates through Feeling
- Belief operates through Thinking
- Belief either fuels desire or adds uncertainty and doubt
- Aligning Will with Desire guided by Passionate Purpose inspires what we Manifest
- Will drives Action (thinking action, feeling action and physical action)
- Passionate Purpose Driven Desire Fuels our Will to take Action and Bring Our Desire into Manifestation



What Do You Desire?

Healthy Will Power

The most effective way to Apply Personal Will Power is from deep within and not from an external Desire dictated by an external culture.

Healthy Will Power is NOT about controlling results or a specific outcome.

Healthy Will Power comes from your commitment to express from your Inner Knowing, Your Inner Well-Being, Your Inner Awareness

Thank you Will Power for being there, and showing up for me every time I call upon you...

Thank you for Supporting me in creating an inner state that inspires my life's purpose to find its natural course as it expresses through me...

Thank you for Encouraging me to Stand in the Strength and Power of Who I truly am.



ENCOURAGEMENT

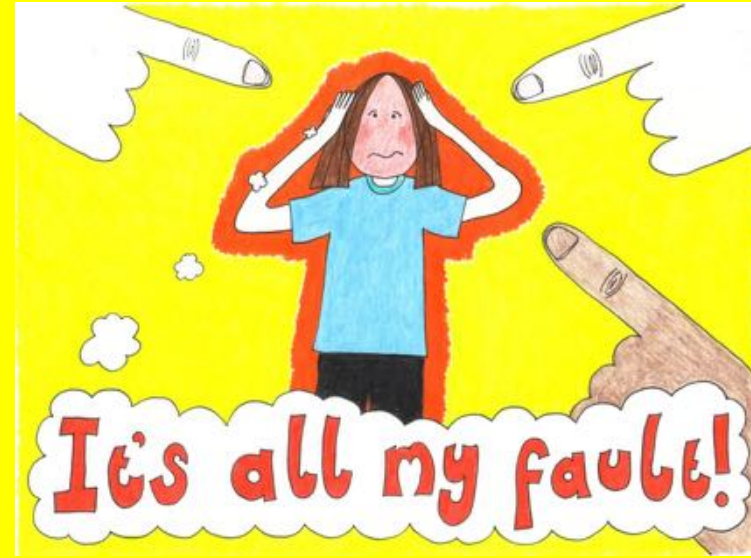
One of the most beautiful gifts in the world is the gift of encouragement. When someone encourages you, that person helps you over a threshold you might otherwise never have crossed on your own. There are times of great uncertainty in every life. Left alone at such a time, you feel dishevelment and confusion like gravity.

When a friend comes with words of encouragement, a light and lightness visit you and you begin to find the stairs and the door out of the dark. The sense of encouragement you feel from the friend is not simply her words or gestures; it is rather her whole presence enfolding you and helping you find the concealed door.

The encouraging presence manages to understand you and put herself in your shoes. There is no judgment but words of relief and release. ~John O'Donohue Quote from *ETERNAL ECHOES*

Where Do I Give Away My Power?

- If there is a conflict I assume it is my fault
- Assuming I am *'less than or not good enough'* when I compare myself to others
 - ✓ If someone seems more talented or skilled
 - ✓ Thinking my own skills are not a big deal
 - ✓ Appearance (like Getting Older)
- Expecting or Fearing the Worst
- Worrying Obsessively
- Chronic Self Criticism
- Not Staying Current with Feelings and Boundaries – Then Getting Triggered and Being Inappropriate
- **Giving Priority to Either Work or Relationships that are Imbalanced**
- Sharing Deeply Personal Feelings and Experiences too soon or in an unsafe context
- Asking for advice and external validation too often
- Setting Super High External Standards That are Impossible to Meet
- Looking to the Past instead of Being in the Now and creating the Future
- Procrastination



Stop Leaking/Giving Away Your Power

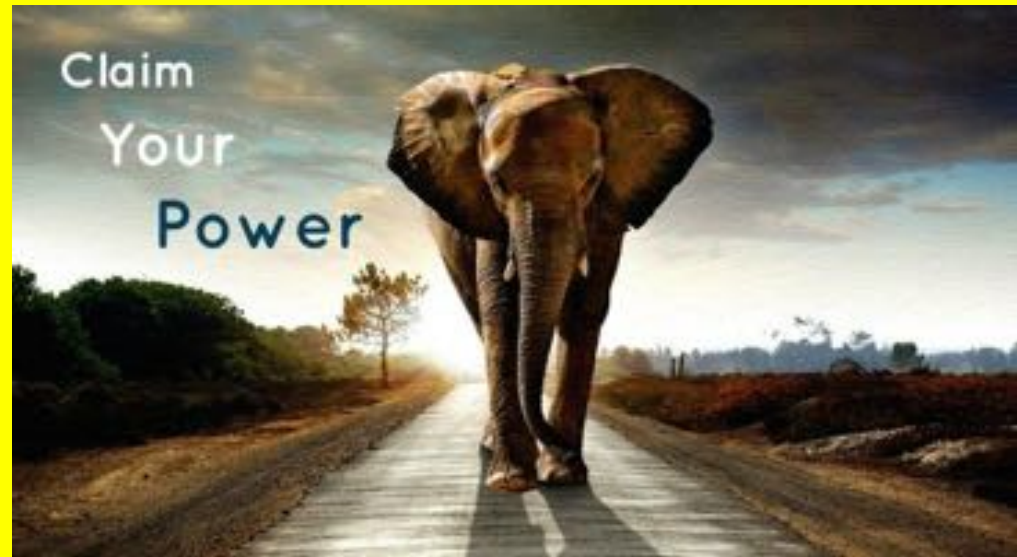
Take responsibility for your needs and shadow

Base decisions on what energizes you - not what others think

Take care of your needs first so giving comes from abundance

Take charge of your response/view of difficult situations

When others attack, dump on you, or otherwise act poorly, know it's likely "not about you," and stay neutral

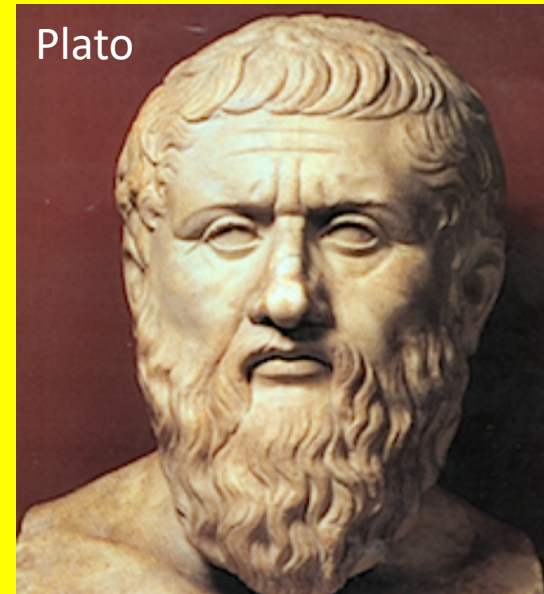


Here is the big one that usually provides our first Whiskey Tango Foxtrot moment on the road to truth... continuing to live in a way that is not authentic to who we are, simply to please others and fool ourselves.

Six Steps to Stop Giving Away Your Power ~Dana O'Dell

The Old Rules of Power (from the 48 Laws of Power)

- S/he who has the most toys wins
- Ability to control and manage others behavior
- Never reveal your weaknesses
- Make sure you look good—better than the other person
- Let others do the work for you but always take the credit
- Manipulate others to get what you want
- Avoid the unhappy and the unlucky
- Create dependence in others so you will always be needed
- Always appeal to people's self interest, not their higher values



This and no other is the root from where a tyrant springs; when he first appears he is a protector.

- Be unpredictable so people can't control you
- Know when to withdraw so others want you more
- Never commit to anyone
- Scapegoat others to look good
- Find and use others' weaknesses against them
- Only value what comes with a price tag

The New Guidelines of Feminine Power

- S/he who **shares** the most toys or energy wins
- Ability to uplift and empower others
- Reveal authentic vulnerability to connect
- Radiate your personal beauty and light up others in the process
- Create joyfully and inspire others to do the same, acknowledging everyone's contribution
- Get clear on what you want and ask directly for it, letting go of attachment
- Know your power to uplift others through kindness and compassion
- Freely share your gifts and knowledge to bless the world
- Appeal to people's higher values and self interest
- Be true to your inner compass
- Be generous and present more often than not
- Be courageous enough to commit
- Have compassion for others' weaknesses while encouraging growth
- Celebrate the abundance of the Universe and cherish gifts freely given?



Why and When Do We Procrastinate?

- We have an internal image of what we must accomplish that is impossible to achieve
- We are stubborn and unwilling to bring our expectation down to reality
- We get caught in a vicious cycle of low self-worth because of inaction, creating paralysis
- We haven't broken the task down into manageable parts
- We don't really want to do it
- We have already experienced the "positive outcome" in our minds and don't feel the need to make it real.



How to Overcome Procrastination

- Ask what the root cause of the procrastination is & address that cause
- Revise your expectations so they are in the realm of possibility
- Break task into measurable parts and reward yourself for small parts accomplished
- Honor the fact that your area of procrastination is a teacher for you
- Address insecurities - remind yourself that you can do the job adequately and that is good enough



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Inflammation

Inflammation happens when your body detects what it perceives as foreign invaders, causing the white blood cells and cytokines (chemicals in your body) to defend and protect you.

This is a healthy response, a good thing as a normal way to handle viral, bacterial and toxic invasion protecting and healing your body, except when it is out of control

When the immune system is out of balance, inflammation can become chronic leading to dis-ease and/or weight gain.

Inflammation is triggered by things like eating sugar, processed foods, stress, not enough exercise or rest, etc...

Inflammation is at the root of disease and is the main factor in obesity, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, dementia, liver/gallbladder disease, premature death and more.



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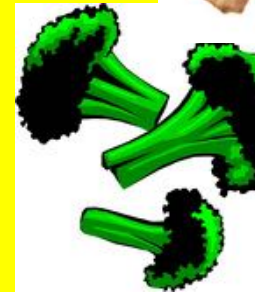
7 Foods that Cause Inflammation

Soy
Corn
Eggs
Dairy
Sugar
Gluten
Peanuts



10 foods that Reduce Inflammation Best if Organic

Fresh Lemon
Beets
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Wild Salmon
Hemp Oil
Soaked Walnuts
Pineapple
Broccoli
Spinach



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Laugh your way to Radiant Health



Four Questions

What would it take to truly know and live the power of who I am?

What would it take for me to clear and release all the ways I have given my power away?

What would it take for me to clear and release all the ways I have asserted power over others?

What would it take for me to clear and release blocks around my power to influence society?



At the 3rd Gate

Inanna hands over her Golden Hip Girdle/Belt or the Ring or Power symbolically releasing or letting go of all the ways she has either given her power away or tried to have power over others.



The Goddess Bata

Depicted as a Cow Goddess **Bata is an ancient Egyptian Cow Goddess**, a.k.a. The **White Goddess**, symbolizing the Milky Way – Cow's Milk – possessing all the power of the Stars in the Milky Way.

Bata is the feminine word for "ba", or "soul" to the Egyptians.

Bata's symbol was the ankh – the key of life, looking a lot like a ring of power.



More on Bata and her Ring of Power

http://www.thegandenboutique.com/The_Ganden_Boutique/The_White_Goddess_Bata.html



The Goddess Bata AND the Ring of Power

The Goddess Bata protected her followers from all evil things and she possessed the ability to see clearly into the past and the future.

The Ring of Power associated with The White Goddess is connected to the power of the goddess protecting and blessing family, children and ancestors.

Bata's blessings increase prosperity, fertility, happiness, harmony, and ability to move beyond blocked conditions.

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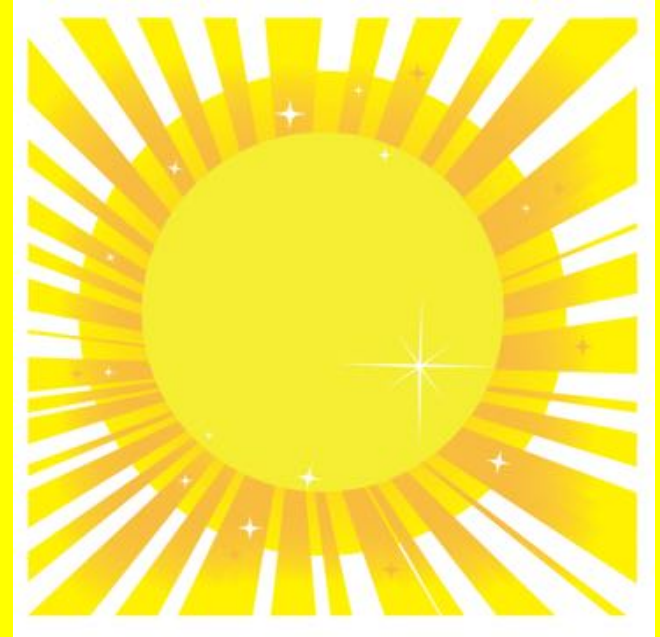
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Imbalanced Solar Plexus

- Poor Digestion, Stomach Ulcers,
- Belly Fat, Allergies, Fatigue, Diabetes,
- Controlling, Angry, Addictive Personality
- Judgmental, Superior, Aggressive
- Oversensitive to Criticism
- Needs constant reassurance, Insecure
- Worried about what others think
- Low self-esteem “I am not worthy.”
- Archetype of the drudge - Doing for external approval
- “Doing Addiction” Workaholic



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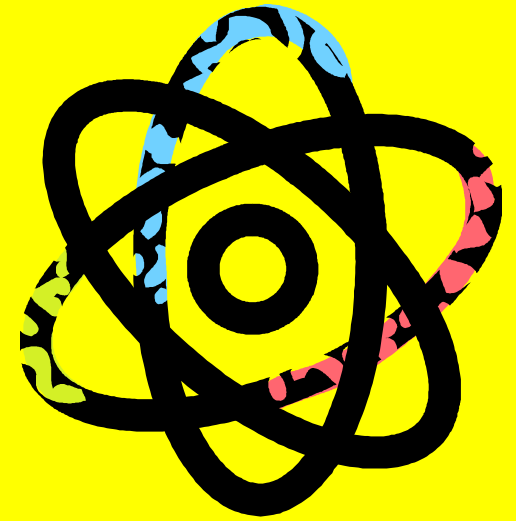
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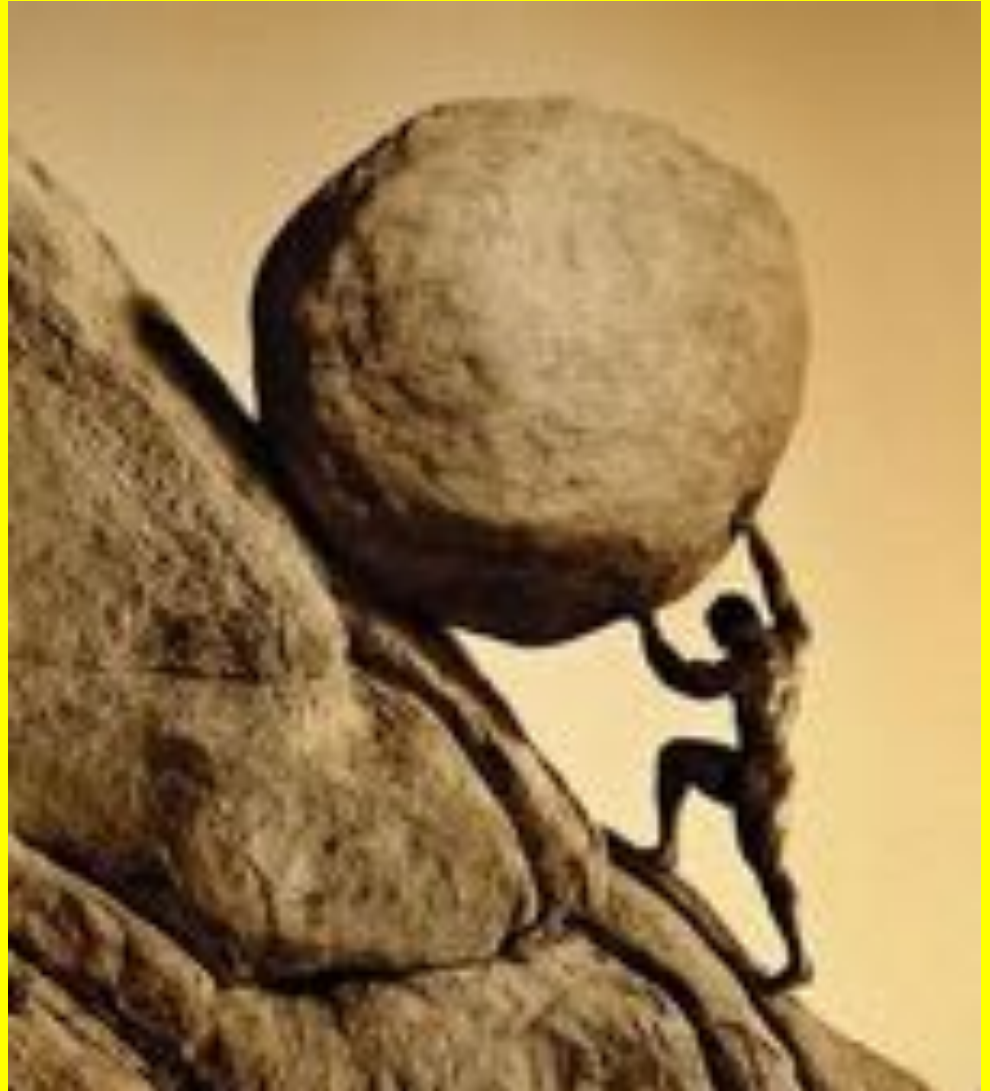
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Capricorn can benefit from remembering – it is about finding the most efficient way to accomplish their objective, remembering **DONE is better than perfect!**

Also remembering that they don't have to be the one to do it all!



The Importance of Doing Nothing



Some Ways to Heal a Doing Addiction

- **First Step** is Awareness of the Addiction and what is driving it.
- Why am I doing what I am doing? AM I having Fun? If not why I am doing it? Review Doing Addiction Handout for clues about what drives your Doing...
- When aware you are **DOING** out of the addiction and it is diminishing your joy and fulfillment - either stop or find a way to change the core motivation for how and why you are **DOING**
- Choose times when you are **DOING Nothing** - that is about getting results...see homeplay

Taking on the World & the Grandmothers' Tears

Broken Heart of the Culture Change Activist:

How has the Grandmother's heart in all of us been broken when we attempt to change the culture and its institutions: when we "take on the world?"




Change From the Inside Out



If there is no transformation inside of us, all the structural change in the world will have no impact on our institutions. – Peter Block

Action from Joy, Inspiration, and New Models



Act as if what you do
makes a difference. It
does.

-William James

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**You never change things by
fighting the existing reality.**



**To change something, build
a new model that makes
the existing model obsolete.**

~Richard Buckminster Fuller

Four Questions

What would it take to truly know and live the power of who I am?

What would it take for me to clear and release all the ways I have given my power away?

What would it take for me to clear and release all the ways I have asserted power over others?

What would it take for me to clear and release blocks around my power to influence society?



Additional Resources

The Doing Addiction <http://cayelincastell.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/The-Doing-Addiction-3rd-Chakra.pdf>

Inspiring Trailer for **THE SHIFT** Movie – Help Get It Done
<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-shift-movie-a-movie-made-by-a-movement>

Joanna Macy: <http://www.activehope.info/>

Books

Blessed Unrest, by Paul Hawken

<http://www.blessedunrest.com/>

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The Impossible Will Take a Little While by Paul Loeb

<http://www.paulloeb.org/impossible.html>

ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the most beautiful gifts in the world is the gift of encouragement. When someone encourages you, that person helps you over a threshold you might otherwise never have crossed on your own. There are times of great uncertainty in every life. Left alone at such a time, you feel dishevelment and confusion like gravity.

When a friend comes with words of encouragement, a light and lightness visit you and you begin to find the stairs and the door out of the dark. The sense of encouragement you feel from the friend is not simply her words or gestures; it is rather her whole presence enfolding you and helping you find the concealed door.

The encouraging presence manages to understand you and put herself in your shoes. There is no judgment but words of relief and release. ~John O'Donohue Quote from *ETERNAL ECHOES*