

# Creating Balance

Beating Burnout and Overcoming Stress Through Self Connection and Mindset



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Explore PERCEPTION with curiosity

Relate to STRESS differently Respond to EMOTIONS with skill

## SPECTACULAR self-care from the inside out



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## Everything is connected

Your body holds the answers

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## Emotions are power

## Eu-Stress

#### Stress that benefits YOU



Parasympathetic

## Dis-Stress Stress that DISEMPOWERS you



## Automatic STRESS response



Flight or fight response stimulates the cardiovascular and musculoskeletal systems

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#### FIGHT/FLIGHT **/FREEZE**

#### **BODY RESPONSE**

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Your body reacts physically to stress in numerous ways



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Concentration & focus issues, anxiety and mood disorders,

sleeping issues, headaches

Greater risk of heart attack

due to increased blood

pressure and cholesterol

and lethargy

Stomach cramps, nausea, gut/brain axis and vagus nerve

Loss of libido, increased menstrual pain for women and lowered sperm count in men



Increased inflammation resulting in aches and pains in joints and muscles



Lower bone density and higher risk of osteoarthritic conditions

#### stress



# PERCEPTIONS

The key to mastering your stress is to master your

## BURNOUT

Your body doing the job of your mind

# Stress Relief Techniques



#### EMOTIONAL STRESS RELEASE (E.S.R.)

#### HOW TO:

- 1. Close your eyes and lightly hold your frontal eminences (found on the forehead about 3-4 finger widths above your eyes)
- 2. Focus on the stress or problem you want to overcome
- 3. Breathe and relax until the stress passes

#### **BENEFITS:**

Aids in rebalancing your emotions and releasing pent up energy. Creates a sense of lightness and clears mental fog by encouraging blood to the frontal lobe of the brain where we think creatively. When the frontal lobe is engaged we tend to find new ways of looking at old problems, new possibilities and alternate solutions.

**OVERWHELM RELIEF POINTS St1 EFT** 

Tapping has been clinically proven to reduce cortisol levels and overcome anxiety. It helps you access your body's energy and send signals to the part of the brain that controls stress.

By tapping the end point of your stomach meridian, it helps overcome unwanted sensations of nausea and overwhelm.

#### HOW TO:

Lightly tap the points below your eyes whilst breathing slowly in through your nose and out through your mouth.

#### **BENEFITS:**

Reduction of overwhelm, improved stress tolerance and emotional processing; decreases stomach discomfort.



#### **Toning the Vagus Nerve**

The vagus nerve is the longest nerve in your body. It wanders through your body, connecting the brain stem to the rest of the body. It's how the brain communicates with the other organs and tissues.

Sometimes the vagus nerve can be damaged and low in tone. When this occurs certain symptoms can manifest including:

- Poor emotional regulation
- Anxiety
- Lowered attention span
- Depression
- Increased inflammation
- Abdominal pain
- Unusual heart rate or blood pressure
- Nausea
- Ear pain
- Loss of voice
- Lowered stomach acid

#### ANXIETY RELIEF POINTS K27 EFT

Stimulating meridian points through EFT tapping can help process negative emotions and restore balance to your body and mind.

By tapping the end of your Kidney meridian, you can overcome states of fear and anxiety, and reach a state of calm quickly.

#### HOW TO:

Lightly tap the points below your collarbone whilst breathing slowly in through your nose and out through your mouth.

#### **BENEFITS**:

Anxiety reduction, improved stress tolerancev and emotional processing; particularly fear and anxiety.

The good news is, we can stimulate our vagus nerve by engaging in certain activities which include:

- Deep Breathing
- Meditation
- Cold water immersion
- Singing

## BELIEFS

belief > thought > behaviour > action > result



A cognitive bias is a systematic pattern of deviation from norm or rationality in judgment.

Individuals create their own "subjective reality" from their perception of the input.

An individual's construction of reality, not the objective input, may dictate their behavior in the world. Thus, cognitive biases may sometimes lead to perceptual distortion, inaccurate judgment, illogical interpretation, or what is broadly called irrationality.





## "Seeing is believing"

## "Believing is seeing"

DR. LISA FELDMAN BARRETT PHD HOW EMOTIONS ARE MADE

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## 4 primary limiting beliefs

#### I'm not WORTHY

...of love ...of a promotion ...of a partner

#### I'm not VALUED

...at home ...at work ...in my family

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#### I'm not ENOUGH

...so I have to work extra hard to prove myself

03

#### There's never enough TIME

...to do what I want ...to get things done ...to help my family



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Everything is connected

Nothing works in isolation.

Trying to overcome stress and burnout by focusing on only one aspect is missing out on a greater opportunity to overcome the stressors, heal quickly and move forward in life.

# Everything is connected

#### Mental Emotional

## BALANCE

Environmental Biochemical Social

Physical Structural

**Belief System** "I'm not enough" M / EUnable to move to a Working overtime happier state of mind **Overwhelmed** & Overthinking Neurotransmitter compromisation (serotonin/dopamine oxytocin/endorphins) STRESS Lacking Sleep

& BURNOUT

Inflammation

Gut health compromised

Lowers immune

system

E / B

Fatigued

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**Increased pain** 

& discomfort

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#### BURNT OUT





## space for resiliance

#### eu-stress

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Your body holds the answers 02

## Your body holds the answers

Your body has the interface of your mind.

It can't 'speak to you' so it tries to communicate with you through your emotions and feelings, through comfort and pain. When you start connecting with your body and de-coding its unique messages it can start telling you a great deal.



# y Language Bod

Head & Face	<b>Headstrong / facing life</b> "Face the music", "diving headfirst", 'lo face", "look them in the face", "two face
Shoulder	Shouldering burdens & responsibiliti "Cold shoulder" "Chip on your shoulde
Hips	<b>Fear of moving forward</b> "Moving on", "getting ahead", "At a standstill', "at an impasse"
Genitalia	Legacy and passion, personal power, connect "Below the belt", "leave a legacy", " "seat of power", "holding power"
Knees	<b>Fear, inflexibility, inability to bend.</b> 'Knee-jerk response", brought to your knees", "carrying your own weight", "St up for yourself", "weak at the knees"
Ankle	<b>Inflexibility and guilt</b> "I can't stand it", "I don't understand"

oss of ed"	Refusal to see other perspectives "short sighted"	Eyes
	Stubbornness, inflexibility - "pain in the neck"	Neck
ies er"	Lacking Emotional Support, Unloved "Stand tall', "don't slouch", "weight of the world on your shoulders"	Upper Back
	<b>Stuck in the past, guilt and regret</b> "Don't look back", "stand up straight"	Middle Back
	<b>Lack of financial support</b> "Put your back into it", "supporting the family"	Lower Back
	Hondling Situations "Are you holding on or do you need to let go?"	Hands
	Moving forward in life "Climbing the ladder", "standing up for yourself", "moving on", "running scared", "legging it", leggless", "walk in the wild side"	Legs
tand		
	Adrenal issues and burnout "Going the distance", "sprinting to the finish line", "fight for your rights" "tired but wired", "burnt out", "nothing in the tank"	Calves
	Walking to/from people, places situations "Stand on your own two feet", Stand by me" "cold feel" "walking on eggshells"	Feet

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## Emotions are power

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Their usefulness comes down to how well you are able to interpret the signals that their feelings provide.

Rather than avoiding, suppressing, or fighting your emotions, I invite you to get curious. Because when you get curious, your thought process moves to an intellectual level, which distances you from the emotion and allows you to think through and process it.

## Emotional reframing Try these 5 steps

01 step one EXPERIENCE

When you start to experience an unwanted emotion, particularly those that are strong, lean into them, connecting with them as much as possible. step two RECONNECT

02

Take time to pause and reconnect with yourself. If you're in company, feel free to excuse yourself so you can gather your thoughts. 03 step three BREATHE

Connect with your breath. Breathe deeply through your nose and out through your mouth. This will calm your nervous system and pull your focus to the present moment in time. After pausing and breathing, it's time to connect with the truth of the emotion and of the situation that triggered it. Focus on simple facts.

04 step four FOCUS

#### 05 step five GET CURIOUS

It's time to get curious.

Start asking yourself some questions regarding the situation to step back into logical thought.



## Ask yourself these questions...

TO STEP BACK INTO RATIONAL THINKING

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"Why has this upset me?"

"What is the story I'm telling myself right now?"

"What belief system is possibly involved? What am I making it mean?

'What is the emotion trying to communicate with me? What need is it urging me to meet? How can I meet that need?"

'Is there a more empowering perspective or emotion I could choose to connect with and experience?' What action can I take to empower myself in this situation."

## Everything is connected

We thrive when we connect

## 02

Your body holds the answers

Look to your body for answers



## Emotions are power

Empower yourself through emotions

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