Introduction to Mind-Body Medicine

Would you like to experience? (all of the following are scientifically supported)

- A more manageable appetite, more balanced eating, more balanced weight
- A better working metabolism
- Feeling more organized
- More body acceptance and self-acceptance
- Better sleep, increased energy, less fatigue
- Improved mood; less anxiety/worry/panic, depression/hurt, anger/rage, shame/quilt
- More peace in your relationships
- More peace and less stress overall
- Better physical health in every organ, and less medical problems
- More freedom from medical visits, medications, tests, etc
- Better memory, focus, attention
- A better immune system (get sick less often)
- Less physical pain, or at least more ability to tolerate pain
- Less cravings for alcohol, cigarettes, drugs or other substances or harmful behaviors
- Increased life expectancy
- More balance in hormones, including male and female hormones.

<u>Practice Awareness</u>: Before leaving bed. After entering bed. And in between. Each time you remember or anytime you feel "off" (in your body, thoughts, feelings, interactions).

Simply remember 543210, and return to Awareness

Awareness itself has no thoughts, stories, words, opinions, judgments, ideas, concepts, preferences, etc.

- **5** Senses: See. Hear. Smell. Taste. Touch. Just simply notice what is present in the moment, that's it.
- 4 Body Sensations: Temperature (hot/cold). Energy (rested/tired). Sick or Pain. Organs (empty/full).
- **3** Breaths: Breathe in no particular way, just notice your breath for 3 breaths in a row.
- 2 Thoughts: Just name any 2 thoughts that are present in the moment. You are not the thoughts ©
- **1** Emotion: Be the emotional weather reporter. Report if there is fear, anger, sadness, guilt, excitement.
- ② Aware of Awareness. The zero represents the being, presence, awareness, consciousness that is you.

From **Awareness** we respond consciously to life with new thoughts/words/actions rather than react unconsciously with old thoughts/words/actions.

Recall AAA: Aware. Accept. Adjust. = Think. Act. Speak.

Practice makes progress. In the Awareness is peace of mind that protects from piece of cake.

| Something that bothers me is (It is important to state the facts here, what actually happened, not your thoughts about it): |
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| 2. This bothers me because: |
| 3. Circle the emotions that are present: |
| Fear / Anxiety / Worry (a sense of future harm, real or imagined) |
| Anger / Rage / Mad / Resentment (a sense of someone or something harming you, real or magined) |
| Sadness / Self-Pity (a sense of losing something, real or imagined) |
| Guilt / Shame (a sense of harming something, real or imagined) |
| Now use the 543210 tool to contact the part of you that is Conscious, Aware, Present ~ Your Being. From my conscious, aware, present, inner self, being (whatever you call it or experience it as): |
| 1. More true and more helpful thoughts about this are: |
| 2. Helpful actions I can take are: |
| 3. Words I could say to another person are: |
| 4. Attitudes that would be helpful are (see attached list of qualities, virtues, attitudes): |
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I draw upon these intrinsic qualities of being, in my relationship with myself and with others. By focusing on being first (thinking, doing & speaking second),

I find peace of mind that protects from piece of cake

Acceptance Adaptability Affection **Alertness Altruism Appreciation** Attention **Attentiveness** Authenticity **Awareness** Balance **Being Bliss** Calm Caring Centered Clarity Commitment Compassion Confidence Connectedness Consciousness Contentment Cooperation Courage Creativity

Decisiveness Detachment Determination Diligence Discernment Discipline **Discretion Efficiency Empathy Endurance Enthusiasm Equanimity Fairness** Faith **Flexibility** Forgiveness Freedom Friendliness Generosity Gentleness Gratefulness Gratitude Grounded Harmony Helpfulness Hope

Humility Initiative Innocence Integrity Introspection Intuition Insight Joy **Justice** Kindness **Letting Go** Lightness Love Meaningfulness Mindfulness Objectivity **Open-Mindedness** Organization **Patience Peace** Perseverance Power Presence Receptiveness Resourcefulness Respect

Responsibility Safety Satisfaction Security Self-Esteem **Self-Reflection Self-Control** Sensitivity Serenity Silence **Simplicity Sincerity Spontaneity Stability Stillness** Strength Surrender **Sympathy Tenderness Tolerance Tranquility** Trust **Truthfulness** Wisdom Worthiness