Engaging Pathwork Lecture 131: Interaction Between Expression and Impression

(Interaction Between Stage 1 and Stage 2 Pathwork)
(Some <u>Radical Ideas</u> for increasing True Joy and Fulfillment in Life)

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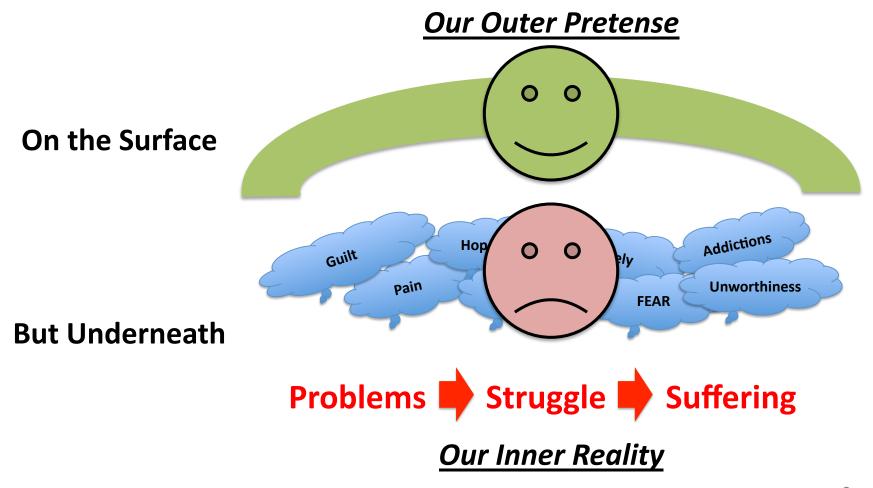
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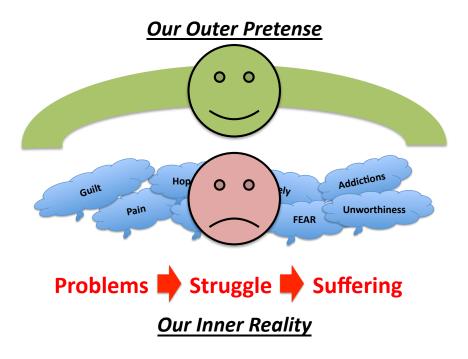
Where We Often Start Our Spiritual Journey



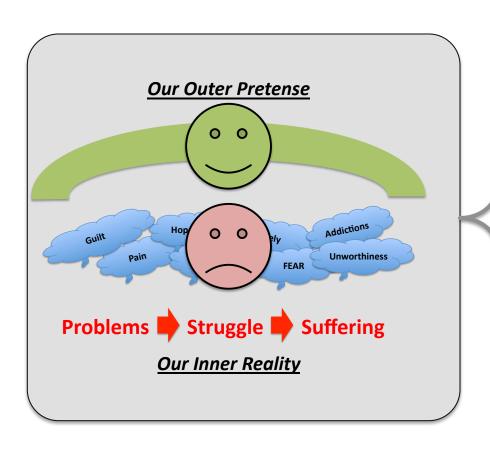
After We Admit That Life is not as Happy, Fulfilling, and Successful as we have Pretended (to Ourselves, and to Others)



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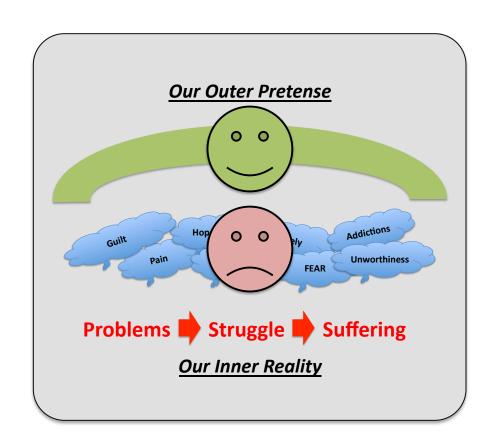
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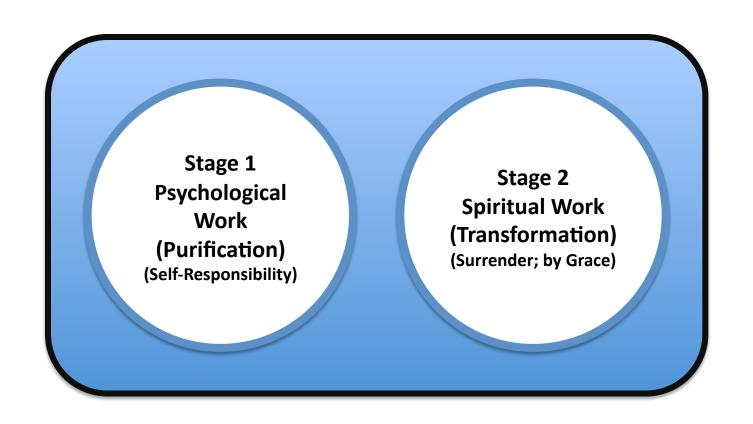
- 1. Nothing...Life is Pretty Good as it is...Keep it up!
- 2. Psychotherapy, Spiritual Direction, Counseling, Self-Help Groups, Books
- 3. Religion Belief System, Community, ritual, etc.
- 4. Spirituality Gurus, Teachers, Self-Help Groups, Books, etc.
- 5. If in addictions, 12-Step Programs – AA, Al-Anon, etc.
- 6. Yoga, Movement, Meditation, Consciousness Programs – Breathwork,
- 7. Etc., Etc., Etc.

Pathwork

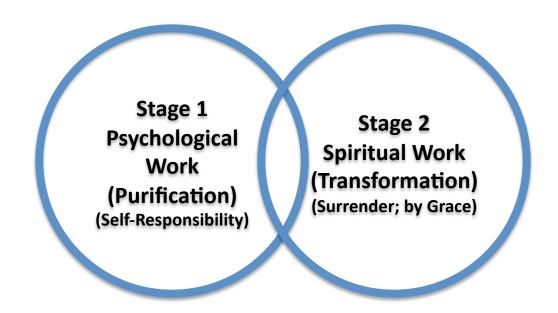
A Set of Tools, Practices, and Concepts for Tackling Life's Issues and Manifesting True and Lasting Happiness and Fulfillment



Pathwork: A Two Stage Process For Working With Life



Pathwork: An <u>Integrated</u> Two Stage Process For Working With Life



Can't Have One Without The Other

Why One Alone Won't Work

If only Stage 1...

Stage 1
Psychological
Work
(Purification)
(Self-Responsibility)

- Coping, yes but...
- Lacking Sense of Purpose
- Deep Anxiety Underneath
- Might be Mask Self and not Real Self
 - Limited Power/Energy
 - Not Manifesting to Full Potential

If only Stage 2...

Stage 2
Spiritual Work
(Transformation)
(Surrender; by Grace)

- Enlightened, yes but...
 - Spiritual By-passing
- Limited psychological & emotional health
 - Limited Self-Responsibility
- Limited Coping In World
- Not Manifesting to Full Potential

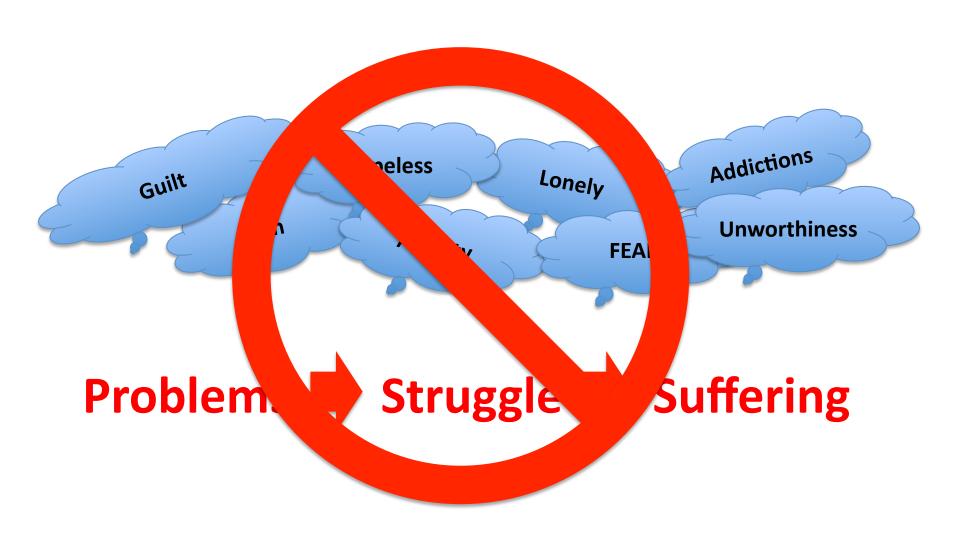
Where To Begin?

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(Self-Responsibility)

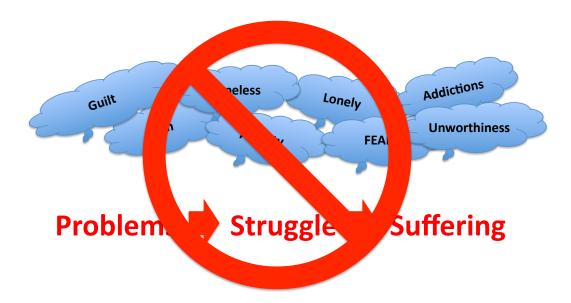
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Radical Idea 1 – The Struggle and Suffering Are Unnecessary; The Problems Are Illusory



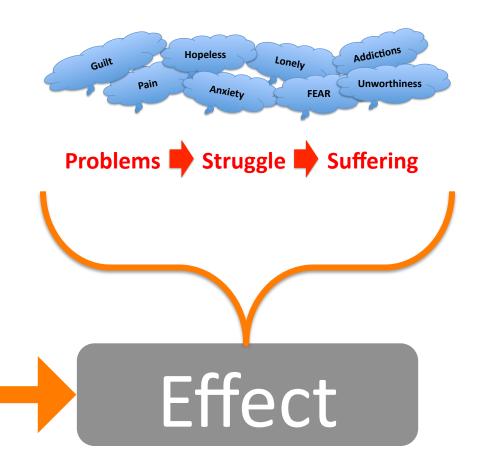
Why?



- Why are the struggle and suffering unnecessary, the problems illusory?
 - Our Problems are based upon <u>Untruth</u>, not Truth
 - Wrong beliefs, ideas (called images) from our "enculturation," "authority"
 - Wrong conclusions about life from childhood
 - Primary Image: <u>I am separate from God and All</u>
 - Not only in our head but in our deep emotions and cells
 - Unconscious
 - So our struggling against Non-Problem Problems gets us nowhere
 - Yet our entire life has been built upon struggling with these "non-problems"
 - Unconsciously

That is, the <u>Law of Cause and Effect</u> is in play

- Unconscious UNTRUTH
 - Wrong Beliefs, Images
 - Wrong Conclusions
 - I am separate
- Wrong Defenses against pains, guilt, Hopelessness, etc.
 - Pride
 - Self-Will
 - Fear



Cause