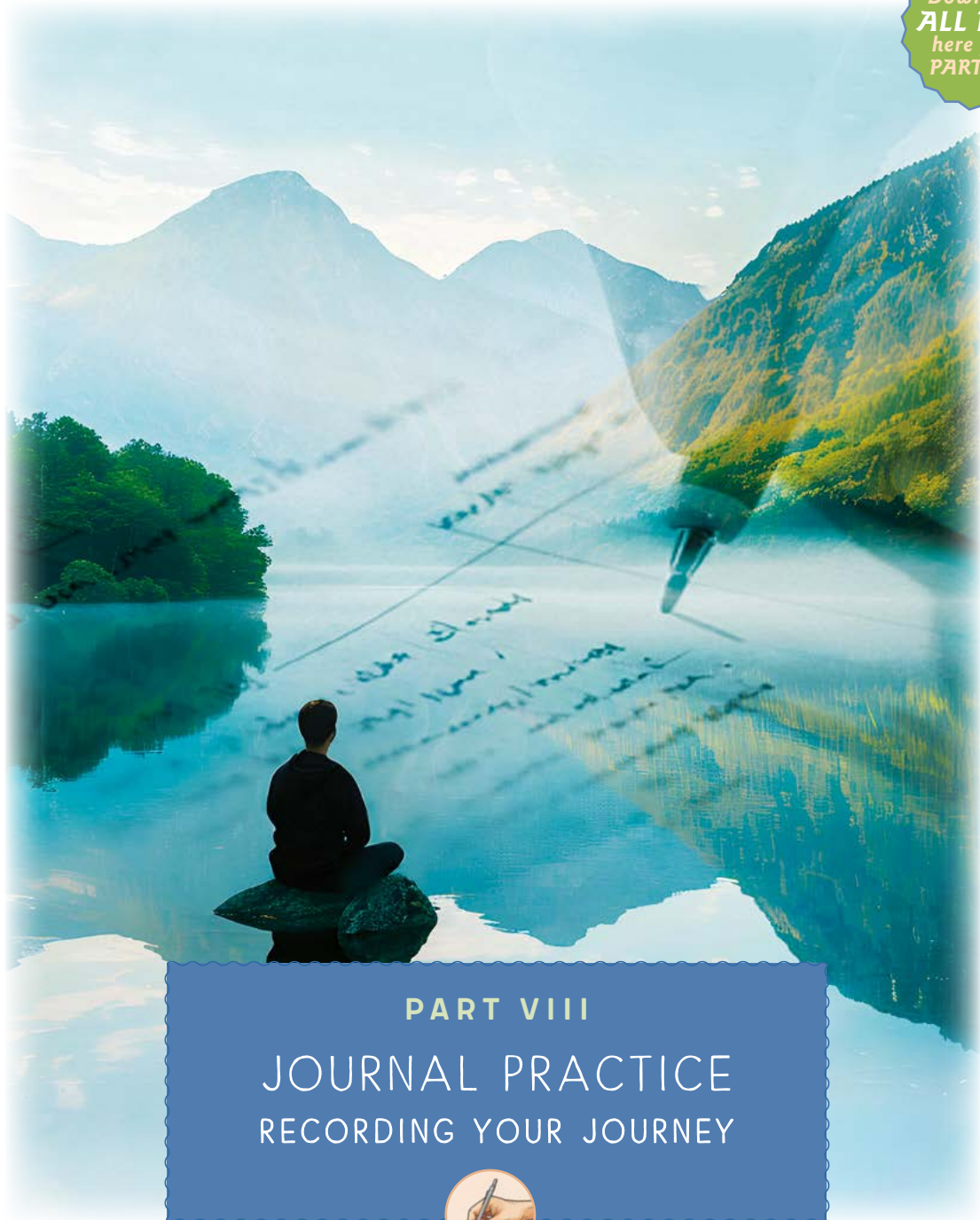




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JOURNAL PRACTICE
RECORDING YOUR JOURNEY



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DAILY SNAPSHOTS

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Worksheet 1

If time is short, this format offers a simple way to capture the day's highlights. If you have more time and want to go deeper, you can do the Daily Reflections. • Before starting, take time to quiet the mind and center yourself. Use a short centering practice, a simple breathing exercise, or the Introspection Gateway to enter a calm and perceptive state.

• **What made me happiest today?**

• **What upset me today?**

• **Who stood out for me today, and what did I learn from our interaction?**

● *How did I enhance my physical health today?*

● *What did I do today to enrich my inner life?*

● *What did I do today for fun or relaxation?*

● *What am I grateful for today?*



Decide what your top priority is for tomorrow and write it here.

DAILY PERSPECTIVES

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Worksheet 2

If you can dedicate more time, this guide will help you discover the treasures hidden in your day's experiences. Respond to those questions that are most relevant.

RELATIONSHIPS

- **Who were the people with whom I had meaningful interactions today?**

- **In each case, was our exchange harmonious and constructive—or less so?**

- **What did I give and receive through those encounters?**

WORK

- *What did I accomplish today in practical terms?*

- *What gave me a sense of inner satisfaction?*

HEALTH

- *What did I do today to support my health and wellbeing?*

- *What signs of tension, discomfort, or pain did I notice?*

HABITS

- *If I am working to release a bad habit, what progress did I make today?*

- *If I'm cultivating a new, positive habit, how did I strengthen or weaken it today?*

CHALLENGES

- *Did I face any unexpected situations or obstacles? How did I respond?*

INNER GROWTH

- *In what ways did I nourish or neglect my inner life today?*

SERVICE

- *Did I offer support or encouragement to someone today?*

RELAXATION

- *What did I do for rest and relaxation?*

HIGHLIGHTS

- *What was the most meaningful or memorable moment of this day*

- *What brought me the greatest joy?*

- *What, if anything, disturbed me today?*

GRATITUDE

- *What am I am grateful for today?*

OTHER SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- **Was there anything else today that felt meaningful or worth remembering?**



Decide what your top priority is for tomorrow, and write it here.

WEEKLY PATTERNS

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Worksheet 3

The weekend offers a chance to step back and reflect on the week's experiences. What patterns are taking shape? What directions are beginning to emerge? This exercise offers two complementary ways to support your review:

- A concise Weekly Snapshot to capture key moments and themes
- A more reflective Weekly Highlights to explore the deeper rhythms of your week

You can use either or both, as you feel inspired. Before starting, take a few moments to quiet your mind and center yourself. A few calming breaths, a short meditation, or the Introspection Gateway can help you enter a more receptive state.

WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

- **What was the high point of my week, and why did it stand out?**

- **What was the low point of my week, and what did it teach me?**

- **Who was the most significant person in my week? What message or understanding came through our interaction?**

- **In what ways did I nourish or neglect my physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing?**

● *What did I do that was fun, creative, or uplifting?*

● *What am I most grateful for this week?*



Reach out to the person who was most significant for you this week—send a message, speak to them directly, or simply let them know in your own way how much they meant to you.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

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Worksheet 4

RELATIONSHIPS AND INTERACTIONS

- *Who was the most significant person in my life this week, and why?*

- *Were there others with whom I had meaningful interactions? What messages or insights came to me through them?*

- *Were there any interactions this week that felt disharmonious? What part did I play in the tension or misunderstanding? What can I learn from these experiences?*

ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES

● *What did I accomplish outwardly this week that I feel good about?*

● *What small victories or meaningful insights stand out and deserve to be remembered?*

● *Did I avoid or postpone anything important? What held me back, and why?*

● *How well did I balance work, rest, personal time, and my inner life this week?*

● *What significant decisions or choices did I make, and how do I feel about them now?*

INNER EXPERIENCE

- *How satisfied am I with the depth and consistency of my spiritual practices this week—and how might I strengthen them going forward?*

- *Were there moments this week when I felt inwardly guided or supported—by an unseen hand or through the prayers of others?*

INSIGHTS AND UNDERSTANDING

- *What was the most meaningful lesson I learned or insight I gained this week?*

- *Did a particular theme or message seem to repeat itself in different situations this week?*

- *Other significant observations: Did anything else this week feel meaningful or worth remembering?*

HIGHLIGHTS

- *What moment stands out as the highlight of my week?*

- *What, if anything, disturbed me or challenged my peace this week and what did I learn from it?*



Write down the people, moments, and blessings for which you feel most grateful this week and find a way to express that gratitude today.

MONTHLY HARVEST

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Worksheet 5

The close of a month offers a moment of transition—a time to gather the fruits that have ripened and clear away the weeds that may have taken root. Some doors may be closing; others opening.

- As you review the past month, take a few minutes first to center yourself. Calm your mind and emotions, lift your consciousness, and focus at the spiritual eye. Then review what you've written over the past month. Patterns may come into sharper focus. Themes that were only beginning to emerge may now be clearer. These harvest reflections can help you become more aware of where life may be guiding you.

- **Who were the three people who left the strongest impression on me this month—whether I interacted with them or simply observed them? What did I learn from the experience?**

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

- **In what ways did my health improve or decline this month? Were there recurring signs of distress?**

● *What victories or breakthroughs am I most satisfied with this month?*

● *What remains incomplete and needs my attention?*

● *Where have doors closed—or are beginning to close—signaling completion or indicating that further efforts may no longer be fruitful?*

● *Where are doors opening, calling me in new directions?*

- *What significant decisions or choices did I make this month, and how have they affected my life so far?*

- *What blessings or unexpected gifts came into my life this month?*

- *What lessons or themes came to light this month?*

- *What am I most grateful for this month?*



Get Started. List the three things you would like to accomplish next month.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

YEAR-END SNAPSHOTS

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Worksheet 6

The close of the year invites deeper reflection. It is a time to look back and trace the arc of your growth. What was gained, what was lost, what has deepened within you? • Here you'll find two ways to review the year: a shorter **Snapshots** exercise and a more in-depth reflection, **This Year's Journey**. Snapshots capture the essence of your experiences—the people, moments, and discoveries that left a lasting imprint on your heart and spirit. You can complete your reflections in an hour or two. This option is ideal for those who prefer a single sitting.

This Year's Journey explores those same themes in greater depth, offering further insights into the year's events, challenges, and inner transformation. It is best done in a series of sessions during the final week of the year, or in the quiet early days of the new year. Either format can serve you well.

If you feel inspired, you might begin with Snapshots as a way to open the door and then move on to the deeper prompts. Each has its own gifts to offer. Together they trace the outer story of your year and the inner journey of your soul. You want to dedicate a period of time during which you will not be disturbed. Before starting, practice a technique that helps you calm the mind, elevate your consciousness, and open your heart.

- **Who were the people who made a profound impact on my life this year, and what gift or lesson did each bring?**

- **Who stands out as the most influential person in my life this year, and why?**

- **What personal accomplishments or breakthroughs brought me the most satisfaction?**

● *What were the most meaningful challenges I faced this year, and how did I respond?*

● *In what situations did I feel inwardly guided?*

● *What gifts and blessings did this year bring?*

● *What moments stand out as the most joyful or meaningful this year?*

- *What did I learn this year about life, about others, and about myself?*

- *What am I most grateful for this year?*



Write a message of gratitude to someone who touched you deeply this year.

THIS YEAR'S JOURNEY

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Worksheet 7

NEW INFLUENCES: WHAT AND WHO ENTERED YOUR LIFE FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR?
Because we are creatures of habit and tend to stay within our comfort zones, we often overlook opportunities that invite growth. When new opportunities arise, they may be indications of the soul's desire for us to expand our experiences and horizons. Notice which of these new opportunities entered your life this year.

- What places did I visit for the first time, and what impact did each have on me?

- Who appeared in my life for the first time this year, and how did they influence my journey?

- What educational endeavors—including courses, conferences, and training programs—did I pursue for the first time this year? In what ways did they expand my horizons?

- *What new devices or applications did I acquire this year, and how have they helped me in daily life and work?*

- *What projects did I begin this year, and what were my initial goals?*

- *What groups did I join this year, virtually or in person? How have they benefited me, and what have I contributed to them?*

- *What books did I read and films did I watch this year, and what lasting impression did they leave with me?*

- **What creative activities did I initiate this year, and what challenges and satisfactions have they brought me?**

- **What new habits or disciplines did I initiate this year, and how have they progressed so far?**



P EOPLE AND RELATIONSHIPS

WHO STAYED, WHO LEFT, AND WHO REMAINS ON THE STAGE OF YOUR LIFE?

The story of our inner growth is often revealed most clearly through the lens of our relationships. Each person who steps onto the stage—whether for a moment or a lifetime—plays a role in the evolution of our consciousness and the unfolding of our journey. Because this theme touches so many layers of the heart, you may wish to dedicate a full sitting to it, giving yourself time to remember, to feel, and to understand the lessons each relationship has brought you.

- **Who were the most important people in my life this year, and in what ways did their presence touch me?**

- *Did any new relationships emerge this year—in my private or professional life—and how did they influence or enrich me?*

- *Did anyone who once played a smaller role in my life become more important this year? How has our relationship changed?*

- *Who were the people whose unexpected appearance made a memorable impact on me? What message or gift did they bring?*

- *Which of my relationships were beset by difficulties this year? Which have been resolved, and which are still seeking harmony?*

- *Who left my life this year—through distance, life changes, or their transition from this life—and how did their absence affect me, both practically and emotionally?*

- *Who were the heroes of this year—the people I most admire—and what acts of courage or integrity set them apart?*

- *What have I learned about myself this year through the dynamics of my relationships?*



- *In what ways did my physical health improve this year, and to what factors do I attribute the improvement?*

What physical, mental, and emotional health challenges did I experience this year, and how did I respond to each one?

- ***Were there any accidents, illnesses, or unexpected health setbacks this year? What did they reveal to me—physically, emotionally, or spiritually?***

- ***What forms of care did I undertake this year—therapies, treatments, or medicines—and how did they affect my health and wellbeing?***

- ***What are the most pressing health issues that require my attention in the coming year?***



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EXPERIENCES AND EVENTS

WHAT EVENTS STAND OUT, AND WHY WERE THEY SIGNIFICANT?

It can be challenging to remember an entire year's events. To jog your memory, you might want to refer to your digital calendar or another record, starting in January and moving forward month by month. After writing as many as you can recall, leave space for others that may emerge as you continue with other themes. When you are satisfied that you have captured most of them, highlight the five most significant ones and note why they were important.

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December



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FFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WHAT VICTORIES DESERVE RECOGNITION THIS YEAR?

We tend to view ourselves in terms of our defects and mistakes. Yet when we recognize and celebrate our successes, we are encouraged to persist in our effort.

- ***What were my accomplishments this year, and in what ways have they contributed to my growth?***

- ***What recognitions, awards, or accolades did I receive?***

- ***What projects or personal goals did I complete this year, and which ones are still in progress?***

- ***In what ways did I express myself creatively this year?***

● *What harmful habits did I become more aware of this year?*

● *Did I choose one to begin working on? If so, what progress did I make?*

● *What positive habits have I been trying to establish, and how far have I come this year?*



SPIRITUAL PRACTICES AND PLACES

HOW DID I NOURISH MY SPIRITUAL LIFE DURING THE YEAR?

Our inner life deepens through both steadfast practice and divine grace. The outer forms of our devotion may evolve over time, yet their purpose remains the same: to attune heart and mind to the Divine Presence. As you reflect on this year, consider how your practices have matured, what inspiration they have brought, and how they have contributed to your understanding of your life's deeper purpose.

● What are my standard spiritual practices?

● Which practices were new for me this year?

● What was my favorite practice, and why?

● Which practices were most challenging, and why?

● Who were my trustworthy spiritual friends?

- *Which spiritually charged places did I visit, what were my experiences there, and how do they continue to influence me?*

- *What insights did these experiences bring about myself, my priorities, and the direction of my life?*

- *How would I like to enhance my inner life in the coming year?*



SELF-OFFERING AND SERVICE: SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS

Acts of service expand the heart and remind us we, too, are blessed when giving to others.



- ***In what ways did I use my time, energy, money, or skills to support others this year?***

- ***What did I learn about myself, my life, and others through these experiences?***

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CHOICES AND TURNING POINTS:
SIGNPOSTS TO THE FUTURE.
Although the future is unknown, there are hints along the way

- **What decisions did I make this year, and how are they continuing to influence the course of my life?**

- **What doors closed—or may be trying to close—this year, indicating the completion of a chapter?**

- **What doors to new horizons and opportunities have opened this year, and to what extent have I stepped through them?**



HIGHS AND LOWS: WHEN WE LOOK BACK FROM THE FUTURE,
WHAT WILL STAND OUT ABOUT THIS YEAR?
*Some experiences pass us by, others we enjoy in the moment, and still
others become part of who we are.*

- What were the year's happiest moments, and which one stands out above all?

- What gifts did it bring me, and in what ways was I transformed?

- What were the low points of the year, and what did I learn from them?

- Which one represents the most important course correction?



LESSONS AND SELF-DISCOVERY: THIS YEAR IN A NUTSHELL
Now that the year's harvest has been gathered, what are its most precious fruits?

- **What were the most important lessons I learned this year?**

- **What are the three most important things in my life right now?**

- **What was the most important thing I discovered about myself this year?**



G **GRATITUDE: GIVING THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF THE YEAR**
*As this year comes to its close, take a few moments to rest in stillness.
Review what you have written, and let your heart be filled with gratitude for all that has been given to you.*

- **Who are the people I am most grateful for this year, and in what specific ways did their presence enrich my life?**

- **What other gifts has this year brought me?**

- **In what ways can I express my gratitude?**



- *Send a message or personally express gratitude to at least one person who has enriched your life this year.*
- *Be the channel for a gift to someone in need.*

THE STORY OF YOUR YEAR AWAITS ITS TITLE



You have reached the year's end
and glimpsed its meaning within
the larger arc of your journey toward Self-realization.

The joys and the trials. The challenges and the victories.
The gifts and the blessings.

If this year were a book, what title would express its essence?

Let a few possibilities emerge. Then listen inwardly
and choose the one that feels most true.

Possible titles for my year's journey

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

THE FINAL TITLE THAT BEST CAPTURES ITS ESSENCE



MY EULOGY

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Worksheet 8

Every journey of introspection ultimately leads to a single, essential question:

WHAT HAS MY LIFE BEEN ABOUT?

Throughout this book, you have reflected on who you are, what matters most to you, where you are being called, and how you might walk that path with greater clarity, integrity, and determination. You have looked honestly at your relationships, your work, your health, your habits, your crises, and the inner guidance that seeks to lead you forward. Each reflection has offered a glimpse into the meaning of your life; taken together, they reveal the larger story you are living.

This final exercise invites you to step back and view that story from a wider perspective—not from the midst of the journey, but from its completion.

Imagine that your life has now been fully lived. Its struggles and joys, its efforts and disappointments, its trials of love and courage—all have found their fulfillment. At your funeral, three friends stand to speak about you, bearing witness to what your life has meant to them.

What would you wish them to say about you?

Your accomplishments: *the efforts you made, the challenges you faced, and the goals you achieved.*

Your outstanding qualities: *those you brought with you into this life, and the inner strengths you developed through its trials and opportunities.*

Your legacy: *the gifts you have left behind that will continue to inspire those present and those yet to come.*

When you have finished, read over and reflect deeply on what you have written.
Ask yourself how your choices, from this day forward, can bring you closer to the
person you are destined to become.

May these insights accompany you on your journey toward Self-realization.