Loving-Kindness

Part 13.1 Cultivating Care for Others

Loving kindness is not technically a mindfulness meditation, but it's often used in conjunction with mindfulness, and really helps support our mindfulness practice. the way to practice loving kindness is, we'll be using a set of phrases of wishing well for other people

repeat the phrases in our mind like a mantra

and what we do is bring to mind certain people as we say these phrases just set the intention for wishing well for these people

just to be setting the intention

laying the groundwork to begin cultivating this well-wishing in our mind

We're actually strengthening these neural pathways of wishing well for other people. we're just going to imagine someone in our life that we care about while we're picturing this person, we're going to repeat a phrase in our mind

a phrase of well-wishing, or of health and happiness

"May you be happy and peaceful,"

and we'll just wish this to one of our friends or benefactor, and we can imagine them being happy and peaceful

"May you be healthy and strong."

"May you feel safe and protected."

"May you live with ease and wellbeing."

when we send these phrases to different people, it's not about actually making these things come true for these other people it's much more about how we're changing and transforming our own heart and mind We're making our mind a more loving place, rather than being selfish and really self-centered and self-absorbed. We're beginning to cultivate a care and interaction with those around us.

transforming our own heart and mind, though, there can be some benefits to this in your relationships

When you transform your own heart, you actually might end up having a better relationship with those around you because of what you're bringing to the relationship.

this is the practice of loving kindness

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