



Richard E. Sims: Embodied Empowerment: For Physical and Mental Illness and Disease



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TOP EMBODIMENT TIP: Practice noticing in an embodied way so when these challenges arise you can access a calm wise state of being.

Goal-Oriented Thinking: How can you be centred, open and relaxed in a caring and powerful way in the real world?

- Just doing something without attention. Just do it, be focused on the goal.
- Get to the cure/get rid of the Illness without paying attention.

Process-Oriented Thinking: Paying attention to all the steps

- More intentional.
- This process is slower. Make connections and then you will start learning how to get there.

Stress Responses:

- Are not autonomic, are actually distress reactions.
- Responding wisely to stimuli encompasses ethics, beliefs and information from surrounding emotions.

Emotions and Feelings: We do emotions

- Emotions are physiological actions that you do in your body.
- Feelings are how you experience what you're doing.
- When we have an experience we can intercept, the mind links and **does** the emotion differently

Power and Love: "Love without power is ineffective. Power without love is brutality" - Paul Linden

- Power brings choice. Power can be used with a good or a bad intention.
- To bring words into action you need to have power.

Resources

Website: Richard E SimsReferences: Paul Linden



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