Out of the Current

Reflection Journal

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Using This Companion Journal

These **reflection prompts** are invitations to pause, explore, and integrate the ideas found in *Out of the Current*:

Reflection:

- What kind of current have you been swimming in?

- Have you recognized your strength in staying afloat?

- What advantages have you had along the way?

- What strengths have you gained from adversity?

Chapter 1: Born Into the Flow

You Are Not Broken

Reflection:

- What coping mechanisms have turned into currents that you aren't happy with anymore?

- What do you think the goal was; how were these habits or behaviors protecting you?

- What situations did they serve you in?

- What would you prefer now - what would you like to replace this belief or behavior with?

- How would that look in a few real-life examples?

Water Ebbs and Flows

Reflection:

- What would building a small practice of change look like for you right now?

- What's one shift you could make, not to fix yourself, but to support who you want to become?

- What fears or beliefs might be telling you that you can't, or shouldn't, change?

- Where do you think those beliefs came from?

- If you let yourself imagine something new, what does it look like?

- What would it feel like to step toward that without judgment?

- How do you want to be using your time on this planet?

Chapter 2: The Invisible Current

Common Destructive Thought Patterns

Reflection:

- Do any of these destructive beliefs resonate with you?

- What do they sound like in your mind?

- Are there other more subtle beliefs that you notice?

- What are the themes spoken by your inner voice?

- Which are the most problematic statements you notice?

- Which are the most supportive?

Relationships & Love

Reflection:

- What would love look like if I felt safe to be myself?

- What would connection feel like without chasing it?

- How can conflicts be discussed with mutual respect?

- If I love myself consistently, without condition, does approval from others become less important?

- How can I show up for myself and others with less conditions?

- How do I love more unconditionally while maintaining healthy boundaries?

Fear-Based Limitations

Reflection:

- Are there any fears that are holding you back?

- If you wanted to take a small brave step into a new possibility, what would it be?

- Are there any risks you feel unable to take, even though you really want to?

- What ***exactly*** is holding you back?

- What happens if you try to think of creative solutions to current challenges?

Self Criticism & Dismissal

Reflection:

- Are there any moments where you brush past your own needs, dismiss compliments, or talk down to yourself?

- What kinds of things do you say to yourself when you make a mistake?

- Do you recognize any patterns in your inner voice that feel limiting, harsh, or unkind?

- How might you be able to add in some more uplifting self-talk in those moments?

- What positive things could you tell yourself that you can resonate with?

- What would help shift your attention to a more supportive and hopeful state?

Chapter 3: Shifting Your Focus

Transforming Through Pain

Reflection:

- What have you been trying *not* to do or think about?

- What could you learn through willingly facing it?

- What would it look like to redirect instead of resist?

- What past experiences do you commonly focus on?

- What might be a healthy, forward-moving focus you could practice in its place?

- Are there habits, thoughts, or patterns that could be replaced with something more aligned with your life?

Shifting Focus and Expanding Potential

Reflection:

- What is something you would like to focus more energy on this week?

- What small action could you take today, to shift your focus in that direction?

- What is a larger goal you want to set your sights on?

- How could you align a few more steps in that direction in the near-term?

Building a Practice

Reflection:

- What do you want your practice to look like?

- What is the optimized version you want to work towards?

- What is the first habit you are going to add to your practice immediately?

- What other habits do you want to add in the near-term?

- What support system can you put in place to make these changes easier to experiment with and maintain?

Future-Self Vision Prompt

Reflection:

- Where are you?

- What do your days feel like?

- How do you speak to yourself?

- What choices have become easy?

- What have you released?

- What lights you up?

- What are the most meaningful impacts resulting from the changes you've made?

Chapter 4: Moments Become Momentum

Maintaining Progress

Reflection:

- What has gotten in the way of your progress before?

- What modifications could you make to your beliefs to keep you on course when your momentum is challenged?

- What are some things you could choose in any individual moment to build a little momentum?

- How would that impact your life over time?

Do What You Can

Reflection:

- What's one area of your life where you tend to wait for motivation before acting?

- What would "doing it anyway" look like, including gentleness and self-respect?

- Do you find yourself never allowing adequate rest?

- What if you rested enough to refill the tanks before proceeding?

- How well are you listening to your body and mind? How could you improve?

Building Motivation Daily

Reflection:

- What intentional action could you take each morning?

- What about before bed?

- What habits could you build into your daily activities?

- How could you celebrate or acknowledge these efforts?

- What would most deeply strengthen your willpower?

Sustaining Momentum

Reflection:

- Why did I begin this journey?

- Where am I going?

- What do I care about?

- What am I building?

- What is my core motivation for the changes I'm making? What is my “why”?

Relaxing Into Progress

Reflection:

- Where could you soften your grip and still make progress?

- Are there areas you’ve been forcing certain outcomes?

- What would it feel like or look like, to nurture growth instead?

- Is there room for more restoration in your habits?

- How often are you breathing deeply and slowly?

Momentum Mindset Shifts

Reflection:

- Do these mindset shifts resonate with you?

- To support balance, do you need more discipline or relaxation?

- How do these ideas apply in different areas of your life?

- Where can you see these shifts helping you the most?

Chapter 5: Wading Through Rapids

Experiencing Emotion Like Water

Reflection:

- What emotions might need your attention today?

- Are there any emotionally charged thoughts that have been coming up more recently?

- How might it look if you were to interact with them from a place of flowing, like water?

Experiencing Emotion Like Fire

Reflection:

- What powerful emotions show up most frequently?

- Is it mostly one, or a range of emotions?

- How could they be utilized to transform you?

Emotions As Signals

Reflection

- Which of these emotions do you experience most often?

- What might emotions be communicating or helping to identify?

- What have you previously tried when responding to this emotion?

- Do you ever find yourself suppressing it, reacting to it, or feeding into it?

- How might you try responding next time?

- What value, trait, or habit could you strengthen by utilizing these emotions constructively?

Chapter 6: Designing Your Compass

The Importance of a Compass

Reflection:

- Do you currently connect to certain principles, values, and guidelines for life?

- What are they currently, how quickly do they come to mind?

- Which ones stand out as your top priorities?

- How do you feel about your current consistency with them?

- In what areas could you make improvements?

Your **Inner Truth**

Reflection:

- What do I care most about?

- When do I feel most alive?

- What do I admire in others?

- What fills my heart?

- What brings me peace?

- What brings me childlike joy?

Your Compass Interacting Externally

Reflection:

- What values are non-negotiable for you?

- When have you acted from a place of alignment?

- How does your alignment impact those around you?

- Do you sometimes betray your compass?

- How do you feel when others don't follow these standards?

- How do you feel when they do?

When the Compass is Cloudy

Reflection:

- Is this belief something I personally relate to?

- Does it serve me in some way, or does it feel true?

- What happens when I follow this idea?

- Are there modifications I would like to make to this belief?

- Is it moving me away from, or towards what I want?

Principles to Consider

Reflection:

- Which principles resonate with your compass?

- Are there any you would like to add?

- Which do you already consistently practice?

- Are there any you wish to commit to strengthen?

- Are there any you would like to make more natural?

- Where in your life could you practice these principles?

Chapter 7: Creating Your Life

Reflection:

- Did your new intentions outweigh your old habits today?

- What old habits did you notice occurring?

- How do you want to approach them when they appear?

- What new tendencies are you building to replace them?

- Are you satisfied with the attention you put towards your goals?

- What focus areas or ratios do you want to increase tomorrow?

From Self-Criticism to Curiosity

Reflection:

- What feels purposeful to me today?

- Am I paying attention to enjoying little moments:
  a smile, a laugh, smelling a flower?

- Is there a path in life that is calling to me?

- Can I take any steps towards that direction right now?

- What might I be able to create and experience?

- How could I be open to new possibilities and apply creativity?

Noticing and Following Resonance

Reflection:

- What comes naturally to you?

- What brings you joy?

- What did you find yourself doing as a child?

- What activities do you get lost in?

- What brings you a sense of internal accomplishment?

Chapter 8: Tending Relationships

Relationships are a Mirror

Reflection:

- What patterns do I see repeating in my close relationships?

- What are they showing me about current boundaries?

- Do I see relationships in my life that could be more balanced?

- What related beliefs do I have that could be improved?

- What do I want to change personally?

- What do I need to ask for from others?

Relationships Require Care

Reflection:

- How do I respond to conflict or unmet needs currently?

- What can I improve about my communication style and habits?

- Do I invite openness in others?

- Do I communicate as honestly as I would like?

- What types of relationships do I want in my life right now?

- What do I want to build in these relationships?

Healthy vs Harmful Bonds

Reflection:

- Are there relationships in my life where I feel drained?

- Do I feel these relationships are balanced over time?

- Do any require healthier boundaries or renegotiation?

- How can I make more space to nourish others in my life?

- What relationships do I value most in my life?

- How do I give and receive in my relationships?

- What would relationships with more resonance look like?

Chapter 9: Connecting to Nature

Reflection:

- When do I feel most connected to the natural world?

- What happens in my body and mind as I spend time outdoors?

- What lessons from nature resonate with me?

- What current challenges could nature help me navigate?

- What are my favorite things to do in nature?

Chapter 10: The Purpose Beyond Self

Reflection:

- Where do I feel called to contribute at this time?

- What part of me feels most alive when I'm giving?

- What issues have I been paying attention to that feel draining?

- Where am I trying to help from guilt or excessive-responsibility?

- What roles or causes feel aligned and energizing to me?

- What are my strengths and how can they support others?

- How would the deepest intentional contribution look?

Chapter 11: Turning the Tides

Reflection:

- What change do you want, and what's one step toward it?

- Where in your life do you feel disconnection from your values?

- Where do you feel the most connection?

- What are you ready to stop supporting with your energy?

- How can you choose better alignment in a tangible way today?

- What shifts do you hope for, and how are you involved?

- What do you want to see more of in the world?

Chapter 12: The Stream You Choose

Reflection:

- What belief have I released that once felt immovable?

- What parts of me have I reclaimed?

- What does staying connected to my compass look like?

- Who do I choose to be in this life?

- What life do I choose to create?

Thank You

I hope this book helps lead you towards more discernment, self-directed responsibility, and freedom in your life.

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With gratitude,

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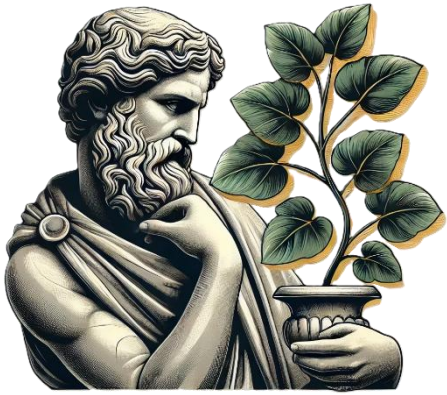

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