Reflection Prompts

Goal and information

Writing does not need to be difficult. It doesn't need to feel like a chore. Whilst there may be times, events or transitions in ones life that may require the 'big work', our general day to day lives don't need layer after layer, ego-dissolving, self-evaluation.

We simply need a brief check-in with ourselves to make sure we are still aligned with our values and goals. By briefly checking in with ourselves we can make micro adjustments that keep us on the desired path to achieving the ambitions we have set out for ourselves.

It need be no more difficult than watering a plant that will one day bear fruit.

Reflection prompts are a great tool to make daily journaling easy and fun. Reflection prompts are simple, quick questions that make sense to ask yourself on a regular basis. Think of them as a checklist that over time, allows you to monitor and gauge some of your automated behaviour, whilst reviewing some of your bigger aspirations. They are also useful to help stop the paralysis and mind blank that can happen when faced with staring at nothing but a blank page.

Reflection prompts can be answered as simply or as deeply as the moment requires. Daily journaling combined with reflection prompts are an effective tool to help identify any behaviour that may be going unnoticed. It allows the user to identify possible pitfalls and make adjustments on a micro level to keep them heading in the right direction.

Advice for implementation

On the following page is a list of reflection prompts to get started. Adding to and personalising this list is highly encouraged.

To reiterate: Remember, this should be easy.

Set an achievable goal. Maybe you aim to answer five prompts a week or two a day. If you're short on time, answer one and move on.

Tool description

Don't dwell on which reflection prompts you will answer from the list. If one question or prompt stands out, answer it. Alternatively, let blind fate decide for you. Close your eyes and at random, drop your finger somewhere on the page.

Now, open those eyes and get writing. Enjoy!

Reflection prompts

Has anything been bothering me, if so, why?	
What currently am I proud of myself for?	
What am I most grateful for this year?	
My perfect day looks like	
The best advice I could give someone at the moment is	
Are there any decisions I could currently make that would improve my health?	
What is currently my biggest priority?	
Did I overreact to anything this week?	
How do I think my partner feels about me currently?	
Do I have a current habit at the moment that I would like to correct?	
How have I been feeling lately?	
Currently, my sleeping patterns are	

If tomorrow where my last day on earth, what would I do?	
I smiled when	
This weekend I would like to	
I'm so happy that is a part of my life, because	
A perfect morning starts with	
Have I generally been on time lately?	
What made me laugh today?	
I've noticed lately that I've been really good at	
It's so awesome that	
Name one thing that you need to currently improve on?	

Create your own