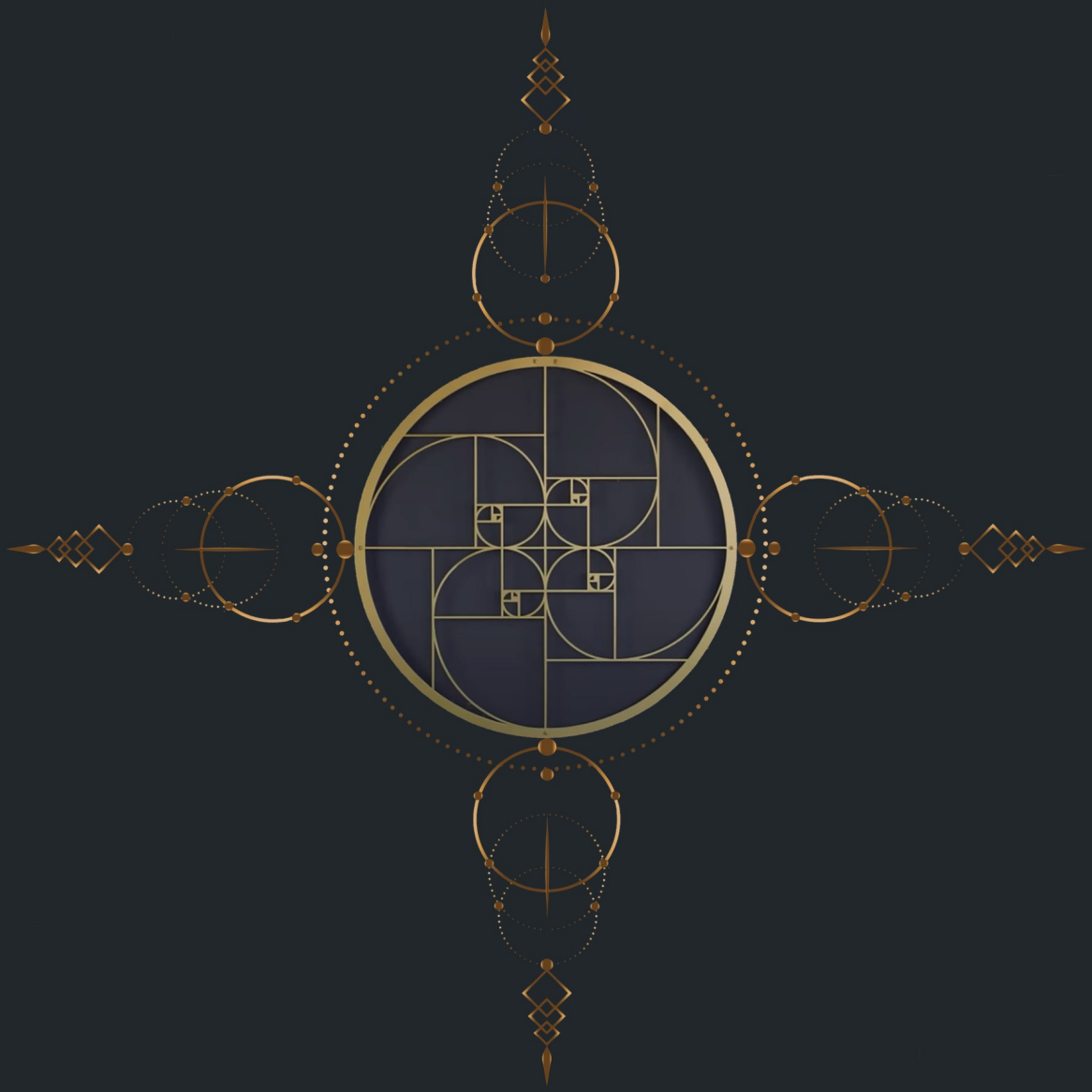
Shadow Work Journal



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Introduction

Shadow work is the sacred act of discovering, accepting, and transforming the unseen parts of ourselves. It involves the thoughts, feelings, and actions we refuse or neglect to recognize—often buried deep in the unconscious.

Engaging in shadow work is essential for true self-awareness and healing. By confronting hidden fears, suppressed emotions, and repressed desires, we begin to integrate the unconscious into conscious understanding. This reduces self-sabotage, strengthens relationships, and empowers personal growth. Transformation occurs when we embrace our whole self—light and dark—reclaiming energy once spent avoiding uncomfortable truths.

Even if your goal is simply to live more consciously—where your inner world aligns with your outer actions and surroundings—shadow work is the first essential step.

Moreover, if you choose to continue as a Pathworking student in our Kabbalistic school, or wish to explore other occult practices, shadow work will become a lifelong companion and necessity.

To achieve true balance—where you can quickly recognize imbalance and correct it—you must come to know the deeper layers of your soul.

In this workbook, you will reflect daily, engage in weekly exercises, and begin integrating what you discover—preparing yourself for the deeper spiritual path ahead.

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How this will work

In the TarotPathwork system, shadow work is approached through **integration of the shadow via the Tree of Life**, rather than deconstruction of the shadow via the Qlippoth.

> ## What is the Tree of Life and what is the Qlippoth (CLIP-OTH)
>
> The Tree of Life is a map of divine harmony, guiding the soul toward wholeness through the light of conscious growth to divine source. The Qlippoth is its shattered reflection—a realm of broken vessels and chaotic forces that reveal the raw, unfiltered shadow. One heals by weaving the fragments into unity; the other walks through the ruins to find what survives.

While both methods aim to confront the unconscious and reveal the hidden aspects of the self, they differ profoundly in intent, process, and spiritual consequences.

Integration through the Tree of Life is a structured, compassionate descent into the psyche. It acknowledges that shadow aspects—such as fear, anger, envy, or woundedness—are not evil, but unbalanced or exiled fragments of the soul. Through the Sephiroth and their corresponding Tarot pathways, the practitioner encounters these energies, not to destroy them, but to understand, purify, and ultimately reabsorb them into conscious awareness. This is the path of synthesis, healing, and spiritual wholeness.

By contrast, **Qlippothic deconstruction** involves journeying through the "Shells" or broken vessels of the Tree of Death. Here, shadow is not merely repressed content but chaotic, unstable energy—the residue of cosmic fragmentation. The Qlippoth method seeks to dissolve the ego entirely, confronting the practitioner with non-dual voids, psychic disintegration, and radical unmaking. While powerful, this method is volatile and potentially dangerous, especially for those without strong grounding or spiritual maturity.

TarotPathwork chooses the integrative method because it respects the sovereignty and sacredness of the Self. It holds that true power comes not from annihilating the ego, but from illuminating it and aligning it with the Divine. Tarot becomes a mirror, not a weapon; each spread maps the soul's journey through the Sephiroth, revealing both shadows and strengths, and inviting their reconciliation.

This is not the path of erasure—it is the path of becoming whole.

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Week 1: Awareness of the Shadow

Goal and Theme—Seeing without Fear

Before we can begin to transform what lies in the shadows, we must first learn to see it—clearly, gently, and without fear. In this first week, our focus is on cultivating non-judgmental awareness. We begin not by changing or fixing anything, but simply by observing what is already within us, especially in the moments when we are not in control.

Most of us go through life reacting automatically to stress, fear, or discomfort. These reactions are usually unconscious and rooted in early experiences, personal wounds, or survival instincts. Shadow work begins by shining a light on these patterns—not to blame ourselves, but to understand them.

The Daily Reflection prompts are designed to help you notice where in your day you responded to your day out of habit. Many times these “emotional habits” are driven by fear or defensiveness, and to change your direction in life it is necessary to identify the emotion behind that response. More importantly, they guide you toward discovering what part of yourself you were trying to protect in that moment. This is the beginning of inner compassion—seeing your pain without shaming it.

The Mirror Exercise may feel uncomfortable at first, but it is one of the most powerful tools in shadow work. By simply gazing into your own eyes and observing what arises, you will begin to witness parts of yourself you may not have noticed before. The face we present to the world often hides many truths. This practice helps you meet your own gaze without turning away.

This week is not about forcing breakthroughs. It is about learning to see. Without fear. Without judgment. Without editing your thoughts or controlling your emotions. Awareness is the doorway to transformation.

By the end of the week, you may find that things you once reacted to unconsciously now give you pause. That pause is power. The ability to witness yourself without flinching is the first step toward reclaiming your wholeness.

Welcome to the first step on your shadow path.

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Day 1

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

When and where did I react without thinking today?

What emotion or fear drove that reaction?

What part of myself was I protecting?

Week 1 Exercise

Spend 5 minutes looking into a mirror. Gaze calmly into your own eyes and observe any thoughts or emotions that arise. Write them down without judgment.

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Day 2

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

When and where did I react without thinking today?

What emotion or fear drove that reaction?

What part of myself was I protecting?

Week 1 Exercise

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Day 3

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

When and where did I react without thinking today?

What emotion or fear drove that reaction?

What part of myself was I protecting?

Week 1 Exercise

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Day 4

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

When and where did I react without thinking today?

What emotion or fear drove that reaction?

What part of myself was I protecting?

Week 1 Exercise

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Day 5

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

When and where did I react without thinking today?

What emotion or fear drove that reaction?

What part of myself was I protecting?

Week 1 Exercise

Spend 5 minutes looking into a mirror. Gaze calmly into your own eyes and observe any thoughts or emotions that arise. Write them down without judgment.

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Day 6

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

When and where did I react without thinking today?

What emotion or fear drove that reaction?

What part of myself was I protecting?

Week 1 Exercise

Spend 5 minutes looking into a mirror. Gaze calmly into your own eyes and observe any thoughts or emotions that arise. Write them down without judgment.

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Day 7

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

When and where did I react without thinking today?

What emotion or fear drove that reaction?

What part of myself was I protecting?

Week 1 Exercise

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End of Week 1

Date _____

End-of-Week Questions

Answering these end-of-week questions with honesty is vital because they reveal the first layers of your shadow—the parts of yourself that have remained hidden, suppressed, or misunderstood. By noticing them clearly and acknowledging the emotions that make you uncomfortable, you begin to reclaim lost aspects of your identity. Honest reflection builds trust within yourself and lays the foundation for deeper healing and self-integration.

What parts of myself did I notice for the first time?

Which emotions made me uncomfortable to witness?

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Week 2: Meeting the Shadow

Theme: Listening to the shadow.

This week, we move from simple observation to communication. The theme is **listening**—specifically, listening to the parts of ourselves we usually silence, ignore, or try to override. Shadow work is not just about identifying the emotions that unsettle us; it's about understanding their purpose and giving them a voice.

Strong emotions like anger, fear, or pride often arise quickly and feel overwhelming. They may seem irrational, destructive, or even shameful. But every powerful emotion has roots in a deeper need—usually a need that was unmet, denied, or dismissed at some earlier point in your life. These emotional reactions are not enemies to be defeated. They are messengers with something vital to tell you.

The daily reflection prompts this week are designed to help you pause in the moments when emotion runs high. Instead of pushing the feeling away or trying to manage it, you're invited to give it space. What would that anger or fear say if it had a voice? What is it trying to protect? What truth is it carrying that your conscious mind hasn't yet accepted?

The **Letter to the Shadow** is your weekly practice. You'll choose one emotion or behavior that showed up during the week and write directly to it. Thank it for the role it has played—because even your most difficult traits have been trying, in their own way, to keep you safe. Then ask it what it really wants from you now. You may be surprised by the answer.

This is a practice of reparenting and reintegration. You are showing your shadow aspects that you are willing to listen now. That they no longer have to scream or sabotage to be seen.

By the end of the week, you will have begun a meaningful dialogue with your own psyche. In that conversation, healing begins—not by force, but by compassion.

Welcome to the second step on your path: learning to listen to yourself more deeply than ever before.

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Day 8

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

Which situation today triggered strong emotions?

If my emotions from that situation could speak, what would it say?

Week 2 Exercise

The Letter to the Shadow - Write a letter to one of your hidden emotions or behaviours you noticed. Thank it for its efforts to protect you. Ask it what it truly wants.

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Day 9

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

Which situation today triggered strong emotions?

If my emotions from that situation could speak, what would it say?

Week 2 Exercise

The Letter to the Shadow - Write a letter to one of your hidden emotions or behaviours you noticed. Thank it for its efforts to protect you. Ask it what it truly wants.

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Day 10

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

Which situation today triggered strong emotions?

If my emotions from that situation could speak, what would it say?

Week 2 Exercise

The Letter to the Shadow - Write a letter to one of your hidden emotions or behaviours you noticed. Thank it for its efforts to protect you. Ask it what it truly wants.

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Day 11

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

Which situation today triggered strong emotions?

If my emotions from that situation could speak, what would it say?

Week 2 Exercise

The Letter to the Shadow - Write a letter to one of your hidden emotions or behaviours you noticed. Thank it for its efforts to protect you. Ask it what it truly wants.

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Day 12

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

Which situation today triggered strong emotions?

If my emotions from that situation could speak, what would it say?

Week 2 Exercise

The Letter to the Shadow - Write a letter to one of your hidden emotions or behaviours you noticed. Thank it for its efforts to protect you. Ask it what it truly wants.

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Day 13

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

Which situation today triggered strong emotions?

If my emotions from that situation could speak, what would it say?

Week 2 Exercise

The Letter to the Shadow - Write a letter to one of your hidden emotions or behaviours you noticed. Thank it for its efforts to protect you. Ask it what it truly wants.

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Day 14

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

Which situation today triggered strong emotions?

If my emotions from that situation could speak, what would it say?

Week 2 Exercise

The Letter to the Shadow - Write a letter to one of your hidden emotions or behaviours you noticed. Thank it for its efforts to protect you. Ask it what it truly wants.

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End of Week 2

Date _____

End-of-Week Questions

Answering these questions honestly is essential because they help you shift from viewing the shadow as a problem to seeing it as a source of hidden wisdom and strength. Your shadow often carries gifts—like resilience, creativity, or intuition—that have been buried beneath fear or shame. By asking what it needs to heal, you begin a relationship of trust and support with your inner self, deepening your path of integration and transformation.

What surprising gifts does my shadow carry?

What does my shadow need from me to heal?

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Week 3: Integrating the Shadow

Theme: Understanding the shadow

This week marks a turning point in your shadow work journey. After learning to observe your shadow and listen to its voice, we now move toward **conscious connection**—not from a place of fear or judgment, but from compassion. The goal this week is to acknowledge the presence of your shadow not as an intruder, but as a wounded companion in need of healing.

True transformation happens when we stop rejecting the parts of ourselves we find uncomfortable. Whether your shadow shows up as anger, self-doubt, control, or avoidance, it exists because it once served a purpose—often as a defence mechanism in times of emotional pain or trauma. But now, it seeks something more than survival: it seeks integration.

The daily reflection prompts this week ask you to bring full self-awareness to your actions and to begin recognizing the hidden strength within the very traits you've tried to avoid. Inside your shadow, there is often courage, insight, sensitivity, or deep truth waiting to be reclaimed.

Your weekly practice, the **Shadow Invocation**, is a guided inner ritual of respect and compassion. This is the first week of meditation. You will sit quietly and observe the thoughts that come to your mind. The goal of meditation is to clear your mind. However this takes absolute years of training. Until you can consistently hit that goal, what you are doing is observing when you have thoughts. In regard to this week in particular, once you observe a thought, also observe whether it is a part of your shadow self (an unconscious reaction), or part of your waking reality (a purposeful reaction). Again you are just observing. The point is not to fix it or banish it, but simply to acknowledge it. This acknowledgement is the beginning of reconciliation with he shadow.

When you extend compassion to your shadow, you begin dissolving internal resistance. You no longer fight yourself—you befriend yourself. And in that friendship, profound healing becomes possible.

By the end of this week, you may find your inner landscape softening. Your shadow will begin to trust you, knowing it no longer has to act out to be seen.

This is the heart of shadow work: not control, but compassion. Not fear, but presence.

Welcome to Week 3, where healing begins through sacred relationship.

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Day 15

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

With full self-awareness, what could I have thought/said/done differently when it comes to my habitual responses?

What hidden strength can I find within this shadow aspect?

Week 3 Exercise

Sit quietly, breathing slowly. Observe when a thought emerges from your mind, and let it go. Afterwards reflect and remember whether they were thoughts from yourself or from your shadow self.

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Day 16

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

With full self-awareness, what could I have thought/said/done differently when it comes to my habitual responses?

What hidden strength can I find within this shadow aspect?

Week 3 Exercise

Sit quietly, breathing slowly. Observe when a thought emerges from your mind, and let it go. Afterwards reflect and remember whether they were thoughts from yourself or from your shadow self.

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Day 17

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

With full self-awareness, what could I have thought/said/done differently when it comes to my habitual responses?

What hidden strength can I find within this shadow aspect?

Week 3 Exercise

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Day 18

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

With full self-awareness, what could I have thought/said/done differently when it comes to my habitual responses?

What hidden strength can I find within this shadow aspect?

Week 3 Exercise

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Day 19

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

With full self-awareness, what could I have thought/said/done differently when it comes to my habitual responses?

What hidden strength can I find within this shadow aspect?

Week 3 Exercise

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Day 20

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

With full self-awareness, what could I have thought/said/done differently when it comes to my habitual responses?

What hidden strength can I find within this shadow aspect?

Week 3 Exercise

Sit quietly, breathing slowly. Observe when a thought emerges from your mind, and let it go. Afterwards reflect and remember whether they were thoughts from yourself or from your shadow self.

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Day 21

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

With full self-awareness, what could I have thought/said/done differently when it comes to my habitual responses?

What hidden strength can I find within this shadow aspect?

Week 3 Exercise

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End of Week 3

Date _____

End-of-Week Questions

Answering these questions honestly is important because they help you witness your own growth. By reflecting on how your shadow has shifted through being heard and honoured, you begin to see that transformation is possible without force. Recognizing the new strength or insight emerging allows you to integrate these once-hidden parts into your empowered self, turning past pain into present wisdom.

How did listening to my shadow transform it?

What new strength or insight is emerging?

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Week 4:
Offering the Shadow to the Light

Theme: Transcendence through Acceptance.

This week, your journey with the shadow reaches a sacred moment of release. After weeks of seeing, listening, and embracing your hidden self, you are now ready to **let go**—not by rejecting the shadow, but by transforming the pain it has carried. The theme this week is *forgiveness and reclamation*. This is where healing deepens and space is made for your higher self to emerge.

Every one of us carries remnants of our past—old fears, regrets, shames, and wounds that quietly shape our present choices. Often, it is not the event itself that holds us captive, but the unspoken story we tell ourselves about it: *I should have known better. I wasn't strong enough. I don't deserve peace.* These stories live in the shadow, repeating themselves until we finally meet them with compassion and choose to rewrite them.

The daily reflections this week will guide you to forgive your former selves—not to excuse what happened, but to free yourself from being stuck in who you used to be. You'll also begin to call in a divine quality you wish to embody more fully—such as grace, wisdom, strength, or love—making space for new light to enter where old burdens once lived.

The **Cleansing Ritual** is your daily exercise throughout the week and your first act of spiritual release. Writing down one specific fear, anger, regret, or other emotion from the shadow and burning it is a powerful signal to your soul. You are declaring: *I no longer need to carry this because I accept it.*

This week is about reclaiming your power by choosing what stays and what is lovingly released. Forgiveness isn't a sign of weakness—it's a sign of sovereignty. You become the author of your story again.

By week's end, you may feel a lightness you haven't felt in some time. That is your spirit returning to itself.

Welcome to Week 4: where you release the past and reclaim your path forward

End-of-Week Questions: - How has my relationship with my shadow changed? - How am I different today than one month ago?

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Day 22

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

What part of my past self needs my forgiveness today?

What divine quality do I want to embody more fully ?

Week 4 Exercise

Write down one fear, anger, regret, or any emotion from your shadow on a piece of paper. Reflect on why your shadow originally took the emotion on. Burn the paper in a safe place to let it go and accept it.

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Day 23

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

What part of my past self needs my forgiveness today?

What divine quality do I want to embody more fully ?

Week 4 Exercise

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Day 24

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

What part of my past self needs my forgiveness today?

What divine quality do I want to embody more fully ?

Week 4 Exercise

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Day 25

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

What part of my past self needs my forgiveness today?

What divine quality do I want to embody more fully ?

Week 4 Exercise

Write down one fear, anger, regret, or any emotion from your shadow on a piece of paper. Reflect on why your shadow originally took the emotion on. Burn the paper in a safe place to let it go and accept it.

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Day 26

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

What part of my past self needs my forgiveness today?

What divine quality do I want to embody more fully ?

Week 4 Exercise

Write down one fear, anger, regret, or any emotion from your shadow on a piece of paper. Reflect on why your shadow originally took the emotion on. Burn the paper in a safe place to let it go and accept it.

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Day 27

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

What part of my past self needs my forgiveness today?

What divine quality do I want to embody more fully ?

Week 4 Exercise

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Day 28

Date _____

Daily Reflection Prompts:

What part of my past self needs my forgiveness today?

What divine quality do I want to embody more fully ?

Week 4 Exercise

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End of Week 4

Date _____

End-of-Week Questions

Answering these questions honestly allows you to witness the transformation that has taken place over the past month. By reflecting on how your relationship with your shadow has evolved, you affirm the healing and growth you've cultivated. Noticing how you've changed gives you clarity, confidence, and a deeper sense of self—essential steps in continuing your spiritual path with purpose and integrity.

How has my relationship with my shadow changed?

How am I different today than one month ago?

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The Journey Continues

You've reached the end of this shadow work workbook—but this is only the beginning of your deeper journey inward. Over the past four weeks, you've courageously faced parts of yourself that were once hidden, uncomfortable, or misunderstood. You've learned to observe your reactions, listen to your emotions, extend compassion to your inner wounds, and release what no longer serves your highest path.

Shadow work is not a one-time process; it's a lifelong practice of becoming whole. The more you build a relationship with your shadow, the more you unlock your full potential—grounded in self-awareness, empowered by truth, and guided by your own inner wisdom.

If you've found this workbook meaningful and want to continue your transformation, I invite you to join the **full Shadow Work Guided Course**. This immersive experience includes video teachings, deeper weekly rituals, private journaling prompts, live check-ins, and spiritual tools designed to help you go further into your integration process with support and structure. Whether you're on a path of healing, personal development, or spiritual awakening, the course offers guidance for every stage.

You're also warmly welcome to join our **private Discord community**, where fellow travellers share reflections, ask questions, and support each other in real time. Membership gives you access to exclusive Q&As, community rituals, and direct contact with others doing this work. Healing doesn't have to happen in isolation—you'll find kindred souls here, walking the same path with openness and compassion.

As you move forward, remember: your shadow is not your enemy. It is a part of you that longs to be seen, healed, and loved. You now carry the tools to continue this sacred work—day by day, breath by breath.

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