## Guide

to Transformational

## Living



## MODEL OF TRANSFORMATION <br> Challenging Current Assumptions

## Core Issues

Hungers
Yearnings

- to matter
- to belong
- to love \& be loved
- to make a difference


## Feelings

Sad
Angry
Scared
Hurt
Нарру
Excited
Tender

## Defenses

## Perceived Threats

## Defense <br> Mechanisms

- Conscious/Unconscious
- Affective/Cognitive

Transference

## Distortions

Judgments
Mistaken Beliefs

Projections

## RELATING TO OTHER Process vs. Content Communication

In the natural occurrence of interacting with others, there is an often missed application of contexts in which the exchange of information can be considerably more impactful.

Content-based communication is that which is made up of knowledge, ideas, concepts, facts, beliefs, and doctrines-all that is associated with thoughts in your head.

Process-based communication is based on what you are feeling at the moment-the truth of your heart through your feelings.

We think of content as the thoughts we are communicating head to head, and process as the feelings we are expressing heart to heart. Both are essential and vital to clear, effective communication. However, many of us are much more comfortable expressing our thoughts at the expense of our feelings.

## CONTENT: HEAD

 Facts, Opinions, Concepts, Ideas, Thoughts, etc.

PROCESS: HEART
Feelings in the Moment


## GETTING TO TRUTH IN RELATIONSHIP Funnel of Truth

The Blue Funnel of Truth illustrates the principle that we often use truths to avoid deeper truths. There are layers of truth. Most relationships focus on the surface content of a fight and get caught up in defending the details of their argument, which leads nowhere. Friction tells us that a hunger or yearning is not being met. At CLE we coach individuals and couples to go beneath the topic they are fighting about to see what feelings are not being expressed. When those in a relationship honestly get to their hurt, or anger or fear or pain the air clears and the opportunity to draw closer is a common outcome.

## BLUE FUNNEL OF TRUTH



## LEADING EMOTIONS AND THEIR CORRESPONDING HUNGERS

SAD
Affirmation
Recognition
Love
Affection
Hope

ANGRY
To be Understood
Validation
Respect
Appreciation
Attention

SCARED
Security/Safety
Connection
Assurance
Comfort
Community

HURT
Comfort
Assurance
Companionship Encouragement Hope

## TRUTH \& FEELINGS In the Moment

PROCESS VS. CONTENT in the FUNNEL OF TRUTH


## FEELINGS IN THE MOMENT



## DRAMA TRIANGLE Social Model of Human Interaction

We all find ourselves at various times playing each of the roles in the Drama Triangle. ${ }^{1}$ Victims attract both Prosecutors as well as Rescuers. All the roles of the Drama Triangle refuse to operate from the principle[s) of responsibility.

Choosing to move out of the Drama Triangle to operate from the principle of responsibility means:

- Victims shift to feelings and expressing them responsibly,
- Persecutors use truth to confront in love and,
- Rescuers offer support from the position of holding the other person as whole and complete.


## Drama Triangle



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## PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION MODEL Engaging in Critical Reflection

# Mild <br> TRIGGER 

 [AmygdalaHijack]CORE WOUNDS
and EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES


## Feelings Recognition Journal

| EMOTION <br> What am I feeling? | SENSATION <br> How do I physically recognize what I am feeling? | FEELINGS <br> SASHHET |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SAD <br> Grieved, Dejected, Heartbroken, Mopey, Mournful, Distressed, Melancholy, Blue, Depressed | Tightness in throat, behind eyes, and down the center of the chest |  |
| ANGRY <br> Violent, Upset, Inflamed, Furious, Rage-filled, Resentful, Irritated, Frustrated, Irate, Disgusted, Mad | Tight jaw, clenched fists, pain in pit of stomach, tension in neck, arms want to hit |  |
| SCARED <br> Panic-stricken, Afraid, Anxious, Tense, Terrified, Stress-filled, Jittery, Frightened, Nervous | Tight down the back of the neck and shoulders, tight across chest, constricted in breathing |  |
| HURT <br> Upset, Bothered, Disturbed, Distressed, Pained, Outraged, Offended, Traumatized | Blow to the gut, abdomen; broken heart |  |
| HAPPY <br> Joyous, Content, Satisfied, Pleased, Optimistic, Complete, Relaxed, Peaceful, Glad, Fulfilled | Relaxed muscles |  |
| EXCITED <br> Ecstatic, Perky, Energetic, Jittery, Sexual, Aroused, Antsy, Effusive, Nervous, Bouncy | Jumpy and shivery all over, fast pulse |  |
| TENDER <br> Intimate, Loving, Touched, Soft, Kind, Gentle, Empathetic, Warm-hearted, Sympathetic | Soft tears around eyes, full sensations around heart, arms want to hug |  |


| CIRCUMSTANCE <br> Where/When/Why | SENSATION <br> Body | RESPONSE |
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have meaningful relationships,
satisfying careers, and
deep, fulfilling faith.



[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Thanks to Stephen C. Karpman, M.D., www.karpmandramatriangle.com

