

1: Miguel Ruiz (Author of The Four Agreements)

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The inward journey he experienced while suspended between this world and the next forms the heart of *The Toltec Art of Life and Death*, a profound and mystical tale of spiritual discovery. As his body lies unconscious, Ruiz dreams about the people, ideas, and events that shaped him, and shares his remarkable insights into the nature of life and death – or energy and matter. *The Toltec Art of Life and Death* invites readers into the mind of a spiritual master, offering an unparalleled and intimate glimpse into his own evolution.

A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom In this powerful book that has remained on The New York Times Bestseller List for over eight years, don Miguel reveals the source of self-limiting beliefs that rob us of joy and create needless suffering. When we are ready to change these agreements, there are four deceptively simple, yet powerful agreements that we can adopt as guiding principles. Now author and renowned spiritual teacher don Miguel Ruiz has collaborated with his son, don Jose Ruiz, on its long-awaited sequel *The Fifth Agreement: A Practical Guide to Self Mastery*. This captivating book expands upon *The Four Agreements* with fresh insights and empowers us to recover faith and authenticity with a powerful new agreement: Be skeptical, but learn to listen. *The Fifth Agreement* uses doubt as a tool to discern the truth.. Doubt takes us behind the words we hear to the intent behind them. According to the Ruizes, *The Fifth Agreement* prepares us to return to our innate wisdom, and live our lives based on truth.. As messengers of truth we are free to express ourselves and can live a life without fear, regret, or shame. The result of practicing this agreement is the complete acceptance of ourselves just the way we are, and the complete acceptance of everybody else just the way they are. Now, in this compelling new book, we are reminded to commune with our divine nature, enabling us to create our personal heaven on earth and a life of personal freedom and ease. But the most important agreements are the ones we make with ourselves. In these agreements we tell ourselves who we are, how to behave, what is possible, what is impossible. One single agreement is not such a problem, but we have many agreements that come from fear, deplete our energy, and diminish our self-worth.

Four Agreements Companion Book: Based on ancient Toltec wisdom, this companion guide to the book will help fans increase their understanding and practice of the Four Agreements: The Voice of Knowledge In this audio version of the fourth book in the popular series, don Miguel Ruiz reminds readers of a profound yet simple truth: The only way to end emotional suffering and restore joy in living is to stop believing in lies – mainly about ourselves. Ruiz refers to the forbidden tree of knowledge, likening the abandonment of the true self to the fall from heaven. Knowledge then becomes an ally, and life becomes an expression of the authentic self.

The Circle of Fire In *The Circle of Fire*, bestselling author, don Miguel Ruiz, inspires us to enter into a new and loving relationship with ourselves, with our fellow humans, and with all of creation. Through a selection of beautiful essays, prayers, and guided meditations, Ruiz prepares our minds for a new way of seeing life, and opens our hearts to find our way back to our birthright: The result is a life lived in joy, harmony, and contentment.

2: Book Summary: "The Four Agreements", Don Miguel Ruiz

Don Miguel is also the author of The Mastery of Love, The Voice of Knowledge, Prayers, and the New York Times bestseller, The Fifth Agreement, a collaboration with his son, don Jos   Ruiz. Each of his books are international bestsellers.

Photo by Kristopher Roller on Unsplash There are some books I picture sitting on my future bookshelf I plan to build in my future home. I imagine this shelf to have influential books that I would like to keep revisiting in my life. These are books that have timeless messages. I consider the Four Agreements to be one of them. Although The Four Agreements has this overlay of spiritual language, the core messages are actually good reminders on how to live and navigate our lives. Ruiz use of imagery is beautiful and effective. Which is why I would suggest you read the book to fully internalize his message. However, for the purposes of these notes I will distill it down to its bare bones without the parables and analogies. This conditioning leads to unrealistic expectations we set for ourselves and others; that in turn leads to insecurities and judgement, respectively. These agreements have built up a symbolic house of cards that needs to be brought down. Ruiz implores us to expunge ourselves of these agreements and start from scratch more on this later. These principles have stemmed from ancient Toltec wisdom but has proliferated into other cultures and religions. The Four Agreements are: Be impeccable with your word. Always do your best. Mitote The Mitote is what is essentially what Maya is in Buddhism. This Mitote is like a fog that prevents you from seeing the truth, from seeing who you really are. This tank gets replenished overnight and expires at the end of the day. Hence, we have to choose how to best spend this energy. For example, the personal judge in our head judging each and every one of our moves preventing us from being present is a load on our mental bandwidth. You can choose to aimlessly shoot, i. What we say and what we put out into the world should align with what we stand for, what we truly believe and what we truly feel. Your word should be tied to our intentions. Clear Lens Our opinions and beliefs are partially built on seeds planted by things we hear, or something a friend mentioned to us. A complete waste of time! The goal should be to try to avoid biases and keep a blank slate. Gossip, according to Ruiz, leads to biases which end up tainting the lens through which we view the world. This gossip then spreads like virus tainting the lenses of many people thereby creating an epidemic that prevents them from living their truth. The part where Ruiz draws an analogy of skin disease with people not living their truth is fascinating has many levels to it. If someone is angry at you, yelling at you or trying to cause you harm it has almost nothing to with you. Some days you can run, some days you can walk and some days all you can do is just walk one step. Take that one step. As humans we hugely overestimate what we can do in the short term and greatly underestimate what we can do in the long term. There are 3 ways Ruiz suggests you can do this: Face each of your fears one by one. Battle with them and break each one of your old agreements individually. Stop giving it oxygen and eventually it will die. If you kill the host, the virus dies. Not control over others but control over yourself Warrior: Instead of letting your emotions run wild, a warrior harnesses them and channels them where necessary. Mortality We need to realize that death is inevitable and might even come sooner than expected. So live the present to the fullest. The fact that this ideology has stood the test of time and still persists today is a sign of its effectiveness. Death is not the biggest fear we have. But the agreements that come from love, help us to conserve energy.

3: Don Miguel Ruiz - Wikipedia

Miguel Ángel Ruiz Macías (born August 27,), better known by his pseudonym as Don Miguel Ruiz, is a Mexican author of Toltec spiritualist and neoshamanistic texts.

Self Mastery As you practice living these four practices your life will dramatically change. In the beginning these new habits will be challenging and you will lapse countless times. With practice these agreements become integrated into your being and every area of your life and become easy habits to keep. The Four Agreements are: Be Impeccable with your Word: Say only what you mean. Avoid using the Word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your Word in the direction of truth and love. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life. Always Do Your Best Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret. They get excited when they see the potential for happiness, love, and respect with themselves and their relationships. What they fail to see is the challenges and resistance the mind will have to living just one of the agreements. Don Miguel briefly mentions these challenges in his book, but people fixate on the four chapters with the agreements and seem to miss these other important points. This is often the set up for expectations that lead to disappointment and frustration. Domestication During our early life we began making agreements. We also learned behaviors and habits in school, church, and from other adults and children on the playground. The tools of reward and punishment were often emotional and sometimes physical. Over time we learned to live our life based on the agreements in our own mind. We learned to live according to the agreements that came from the opinion of others. In this process of domestication it turns out that the choices we make and the life we live is more driven by the opinions we learned from others than one we would choose on our own. The responses that come out of our mouth are often automatic. They were learned from years of habit living by the agreements we learned. We do not consciously choose our words, or the emotion, tone, and attitude that we express. Over years our mind has filled with beliefs that generate incessant thinking. In all that thinking we have many assumptions that we are not aware of. We even make the assumption that what we think is true. We imagine and assume what others think of us and how they will react. We also assume that the judgments and self criticisms we have are true. These assumptions are not the truth. These assumptions and the faith we express in them is just one way that we are not impeccable with our word. Through our domestication we have also learned to take things personally. We assume that when someone has an opinion about us that their opinion is valid. Their opinion becomes our belief about our self. We can also take personally our own opinions. We take personally our own self judgments. These self judgments are nothing more than an assumption. Over years the mind has developed many habits of making assumptions and taking them personally. When you decide to change your life and adopt the Four Agreements you are challenging the beliefs you learned and the habits you practiced since your childhood domestication. Adopting the Four Agreements creates a conflict in the mind between expressing your self Impeccably with love and your existing fear based beliefs. Avoiding Double Jeopardy One of the hidden assumptions that people often make when adopting the Four Agreements is about time. The mind completely ignores that there are already existing agreements and habits of taking things personally that have been in place for years. With the expectation of the new agreement that we will not break any of the Four Agreements we are set up for failure. We have an emotional reaction and take something personally which feels bad. Now we feel twice as bad. The inner judge tells us that we failed and the voice of the victim in the mind accepts this proposal. The result is that we are not only upset, but we also feel like a failure. If you just look at your emotional state at this point it will seem like things are getting worse instead of better. It can seem like attempting to keep the Four Agreements is causing more problems and making you feel worse. If you are aware that you are judging your self for taking something personally, you can feel even worse. Your inner judge might use that awareness to judge and reject your self for judging your self for taking something

personally. In the beginning the myriad of voices in your head are likely to use your new found awareness as material for self judgment. This is when the fourth agreement, Always Do Your Best, is most important. It gives you immunity from self judgment. Awakening In actuality the problem is not that you adopted the Four Agreements. Nor is the problem that you are a failure. What is really happening is that you are having an awakening. You are waking up to how your mind makes assumptions, has emotional reactions, and is so quick to make self judgments. These realizations about the belief system in your mind are not usually pleasant but are part of an awakening. It is usually uncomfortable realization, but through it your awareness is growing. With some more awareness and practice you can move beyond this uncomfortable awakening about the mind. You will come to see that it is not You that is judging your self for failing. It is the inner judge. With practice you will see the ridiculous expectations and assumptions for what they are and not feel like a failure when you lapse in your journey to impeccability. This comes as you gain more awareness and gain more personal power over your agreements. The Challenge of a Spiritual Warrior Don Miguel refers to some of these challenges throughout the book. However, in the excitement of the Truth in what don Miguel writes, people often overlook where he points out that this endeavor is not easy. The agreements may be simple, but he never says they are easy to keep. At the same time living the Four Agreements has taken me on the most rewarding and profound journey of happiness and fulfillment beyond anything I could have imagined. The hard work in the beginning is rewarded to me in every interaction every day of my life. This is a very big return for a small investment of time and effort. Don Miguel refers to people who decide to adopt the Four Agreements and create love and happiness in their life as Spiritual Warriors. It is Spiritual because it is about living your Life. It is also referred to as a war because you are challenging the old fear based beliefs in your mind. It will take more than a week and a half to break free of fear, the tyranny of the inner judge, and old emotional habits. There will be some battles lost along the way, but that is of minor concern in the longer term strategy of creating happiness in your life. Personal Freedom means freedom from fear, illusions, and the fear based beliefs in the mind. In essence it means to win the war over the beliefs in the mind. It is with Personal Freedom that we are free of the human condition of emotional suffering. Spiritual traditions around the world have their own names for this state of awareness including nirvana and heaven. It is a state that is simply described as living your life with unconditional love, gratitude, and respect, for your self, and for others. After my life and relationships were completely transformed I asked him if there was anything that I could do for him in return. I am also working on a book about my experiences. There are many practical actions you can take to speed up changing your life and live more impeccably. In my years of study with don Miguel what he has written in his books is a small fraction of his teachings.

4: Toltec Spirit | Common Sense Wisdom for the Spiritual Warrior's Journey

The tools shared by don Miguel are based on common sense and shared with such simplicity, that the universal message underlying his teaching is recognized by many. don Miguel's message is simple, practical and when implemented, even incrementally, changes lives.

You need a good reminder that being human is complicated. The Four Agreements is a book that lays out an alternative, indigenous Mexican take on the nature of reality and existence. In any case, the mythology he introduces is page-turning, his writing is powerful and his treatment of the illusory nature of reality is lucid and compelling. Your world is made up of labels, concepts and beliefs. But these labels, concepts and beliefs are illusions. You are living in a dream. This dream has been programmed into you using words; through a training process that began the day you were born. Words that came from your parents, your teachers, your communities and your peers. Words that grew into the labels, concepts and beliefs that define the rules and the boundaries of your reality. They are the rules that tell you about yourself and the people around you. They help you find order in chaos. And some of them are useful. But many of them are also inaccurate, unrealistic or unattainable. They trap you like a fly behind glass – unable to see past the fabric of the dream that constrains you. The most harmful of these agreements reinforce that you are never enough ; that you are constantly falling short of some whimsical ideal. The agreements you have made, knowingly and unknowingly, are the fundamental source of suffering and striving in your life. Worse, they make you a vector of suffering in the world around you. And yet you hold on to them. Mostly because they make you feel safe. And safety, even if it brings suffering, feels better than throwing your world into chaos. But it is possible to wake up from this dream. It is possible to re-engineer your reality without the endless striving, without the suffering. To do so, you must master three skills: Awareness – Seeing the dream and its illusions for what they are; Forgiveness – Accepting the consequences of the dream, in you and in others; and Action – Dissolving and shaping your dream, and the dreams of others, into forms of your choosing. Simply reading and understanding the truths above is a first step to freedom. But any awareness you now feel will fade, fast. Instead of rising above the dream and working on it, you will soon sink back and be sucked into it. Perhaps as soon as you stop reading this article. Improving your ability to maintain a heightened state of awareness is the only true gateway to enlightenment. Many paths lead to such states of elevated consciousness. Prayer and fasting are common paths in most religions. The Buddha laid a clear path of meditation and mindfulness. It is a fundamental prerequisite to all that follows. With awareness and understanding comes forgiveness. Forgiveness for causing ourselves and those around us to suffer based on those illusions. Forgiveness for the suffering others cause as a result of their illusions. This forgiveness, this unconditional acceptance, is at the heart of true, universal love. The delivery of this one idea alone, through a carefully kindled window of awareness, is perhaps the greatest triumph of The Four Agreements. Grasping it, even for a moment, will lift a crushing weight from your shoulders. A weight you may have long since forgotten you carry. You will fail to live up to your expectations; and so will others. You will make mistakes; as others will too. But being human is complicated. We are all the products of the illusions that make up our realities. Forgiveness unlocks the space, energy and strength needed to reshape your reality by: Preventing new, unwanted agreements from taking root; Eliminating old, damaging agreements already in place; and Programming new agreements that slowly eliminate suffering. To this end, Ruiz proposes four new agreements to make with yourself today: Words are more powerful than we realise, they are the building blocks of labels, concepts and beliefs. Get in the habit of saying only what you mean and meaning only what you say. When in doubt, say nothing at all. Acknowledge that if you shared the same reality you would know no better than to act and speak in exactly the same way. Armed with this knowledge: It will defuse the power of the words and actions of others to impact you. The violation of one-sided expectations is a major source of misunderstanding and suffering at all levels of life. Be aware and wary of your natural tendency to assume things about yourself, others and the world around you. Instead, look and listen without labels or judgement. Have the courage to ask questions and clarify. Instead, accept that your best will change from moment to moment – depending on the conditions

within and around you. Now, do what you can, with what you have, from where you are — you can ask nothing more of yourself. Ruiz lays out three pathways to freedom: Awareness; Discipline; and Death. His contributions under the first two can be loosely summed up as: Though it should form the crux of his contribution — Ruiz is equally weak on point three, death. It would have been exciting to find here a carefully crafted discourse both risks and rewards on the rich tradition of shamanistic ceremony and plant use to reach the altered states of consciousness said to accelerate enlightenment. Instead, we are treated to a half-hearted exhortation to: But in all three cases, those looking for more would probably do best to find a good teacher of indigenous American spirituality or explore other paths like meditation with large and easily accessible bodies of practical literature. This is especially true for crunches like this one that are more synthesis than summary. At only sides, it packs plenty of impact per page.

5: The Four Agreements Wisdom Book: Don Miguel, Jr. Ruiz: www.enganchecubano.com: Books

Miguel Ruiz has 70 books on Goodreads with ratings. Miguel Ruiz's most popular book is The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom.

Based on ancient Toltec wisdom, the The Four Agreements offer a powerful code of conduct that can rapidly transform our lives to a new experience of freedom, true happiness, and love. Don Miguel Ruiz has dedicated his life to sharing the wisdom of the ancient Toltec. For more than two decades, he has guided others toward their personal freedom. Today, he continues to combine his unique blend of ancient wisdom and modern-day awareness through journeys to sacred sites around the world. Customer Reviews by The Real Volk The two stars is not for the content of the book, or the presentation of it. However, in this audiobook, there are no chapter markers. This makes it really difficult to access specific parts of the book for easy reference. Big limitation, and totally takes the reference value out of this purchase. Not sure who the culprit is on this issue. My recommendation is to go out and buy the physical audiobook, which will most likely have chapter markers. A true domesticated human. A prisoner of my own beliefs and convictions. Thank you for opening my eyes to a different perspective. And I tell all my friends and family about The Four Agreements-- that it will change their view of life as much as it changed mine. Buy it, you will not regret it Here it is years later and this time I listened to it very carefully. I was extremely stressed and intensely unhappy. It changed my life, especially at work. Oh yes, love the narrator too. I have listened to different segments of it from time to time. I supposed I have listed to it a least a dozen times. I wanted to make sure I understood I am much happier. One of my absolutely favorite books.

6: don Miguel Ruiz

Don Miguel Ruiz don Miguel Ruiz was born into a family of healers, and raised in rural Mexico by a curandera (healer) mother and a nagual (shaman) grandfather. The family anticipated that Miguel would embrace their centuries-old legacy of healing and teaching, and carry forward the esoteric Toltec knowledge.

Biography[edit] Don Miguel Ruiz was born in rural Mexico, the youngest of 13 children. He attended medical school, and became a surgeon. For several years he practiced medicine with his brothers. He promptly returned to his mother to acquire greater moral understanding. He then apprenticed himself to a shaman, and eventually moved to the United States. After exploring the human mind from an indigenous as well as scientific perspective, Ruiz combines traditional wisdom with modern insights. Other books have followed: All of his books are international bestsellers. Fluent in Spanish and English, he often lectures and leads retreats in the United States. On October 9, , Ruiz underwent a heart transplant at a hospital in Los Angeles. He was at a retreat at the Lotus Ranch in Wimberley, Texas when he was notified that a heart was available, and had chartered a plane to get back to Los Angeles. The book advocates personal freedom from beliefs and agreements that we have made with ourselves and others that are creating limitation and unhappiness in our lives. Be impeccable with your word. Always do your best. Be skeptical, but learn to listen. Quotes[edit] "Life is like dancing. If we have a big floor, many people will dance. Some will get angry when the rhythm changes. But life is changing all the time. The dream of your life is to make beautiful art. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse and regret

7: The Four Agreements (Unabridged) by Don Miguel Ruiz on iTunes

The Four Agreements is a book that lays out an alternative, indigenous Mexican take on the nature of reality and existence. And though the author, Don Miguel Ruiz, identifies as "Toltec", a broader label of neoshamanistic is probably more realistic.

8: Book Notes: The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz â€“ Heem's Life

Naomi Salvarezza, English 4/11/00 The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz is a very special book. Don Miguel puts forth many teachings which are very enlightening. These agreements in the book are a guide to personal freedom and happiness.

9: Mastery of Self Excerpt - Hierophant Publishing

don Miguel Ruiz is a renowned spiritual teacher and internationally bestselling author. He has spent the past three decades guiding students to personal freedom through his profound insights regarding the nature of human reality.

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