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Now that I am preparing for my trip back to the past to my homeland Mozambique in Africa that I left more than forty years ago it is inevitable to look back and think of the first years of my life but also of the years in between. My own circle of life. The memories of those years inevitably bring back the people whose life paths have been linked with mine. Family First of all I remember my family, who welcomed me as I arrived in this world. My mother and father and my maternal grandparents who were there for me from the first moment, guiding my first steps and showering me with love, and then giving me precious guidance and advice. Helping me to discern good from bad. As I grew up it was inevitable that I would not agree one hundred per cent with them but then this was also part of the legacy they would leave me: They raised me to be autonomous and gave me an education so that I might be an independent human being even if that meant that I would be the one to make my own choices, not them. And for that, and for all they have given me, I am eternally grateful. I was lucky to have them for many years in my life, and to know they were not disappointed in me. Friends The circle of life moved forward and from child to teenager friends became more and more important. New lives came across mine: Many would simply fade away when the circumstances that had brought us together ceased, such as school, holidays or university; but some of them have remained throughout my life, our friendship steady and strong, to last a lifetime and beyond, for who knows how many lives and times we may have crossed together. Some friends made later in life too, not many, but still good friends, born out of shared ideas and views of the world as well as common tastes. Love Love also came my way: And last but certainly not least, my children and the greatest love of all: As your children grow you get to know more of this new generation: The circle unfolds As the circle inexorably unfolds some of the people in your life begin departing. Suddenly your anchors are being taken away from you. And that awareness is hard to accept. At this point I stop and think I have been so incredibly blessed. I have had sad and unhappy days no one can expect a life without them but fortunately so many more happy and fulfilling moments. The circle of life has taken away some of my loved ones but at a time when they had fulfilled their lives, and it has given me new precious lives to love; it has brought me true friends who are unconditional; I have lived great loves and some disappointments too; I have been blessed with people with such generosity towards me that I will always be grateful to them no matter what; I have learned important lessons and keep learning them every day. Closing a chapter So as I prepare to go and make the most emotional journey of all so far I know it will somehow close a chapter in my life. With all the memories and loved ones of the past inside my heart, but with the present and future beside me: Nuno and my sons. And when we stand before the house of my childhood, of my past, and they help me dry the tears that will inevitably once again- pour down my cheeks, the wheel of life will have turned again once more. We will walk away together.

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A belief system is a deeply built construct of our thoughts, emotions, and behavior which affects every aspect of our lives. People with social anxiety have irrational and negatively skewed belief systems from years of negative experiences, thoughts, and expectations. Our brains will believe what we say over and over again. This may not be rational, but you already said it: The brain hears and takes that thought in. After all, it does require time and persistence to get over anxiety disorders. But, it may not be true -- if you stick to your therapy -- in a few months. You actually CAN do it, meaning you are just as capable as anyone else. But, right now, some situations cause too much anxiety. As we work with the therapy methods and strategies, our anxiety will begin to subside, especially if we can work on this in a group setting. These words will be believed by the brain and will come back to haunt us later on. We must break out of the negative self-fulfilling prophecies we are in. We must stop telling ourselves lies and begin to go neutral and let common sense and rationality do the talking. We must talk rationally to our brains ourselves: Go conditional or neutral. Opening our mind up to all possibilities is crucial in this process. Stay away from absolutist thinking and believing. What we believe about ourselves today We may be stuck in a very negative self-fulfilling prophecy. Social anxiety begins to be reduced as we gently get ourselves out of the negative self-fulfilling prophecy maze. As a result, our beliefs and emotions both change.

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Previous Next Self-Fulfilling Prophecies Even if the past may have been disappointing, your future might be better than you could ever imagine. The self-fulfilling prophecy is a statement that alters actions and therefore comes true. This may be an unconscious gesture. One such person is "Beth", who has been married four times, none of which worked out well for her. She admits to feeling like a failure herself because of the failures of her marriages. She often falsely believes that others in her life are having affairs, with no proof to back up her claim, and the mere mention by a person whom she is in a relationship with about her male friends causes her to believe that she is being accused of infidelity. However, Beth continues to seek a relationship with someone, as she has no desire to live alone. Obviously, Beth is continuing to set herself up for failure. Beth readily admits that she has issues, the biggest of which is jealousy, but also including other important issues, such as, a fear of opening up to others, suspicions about the commitment of another, the need to deceive, all out of a fear of rejection. And, of course these actions, once realized by a partner will certainly lead to a failure in the relationship. What Beth suffers from is little more than a behavioral confirmation effect, which is also referred to as "self-fulfilling prophecy" or the Pygmalion Effect. This occurs because she is allowing her behavior, influenced by expectations, to cause those expectations to be fulfilled. Put another way, Beth falsely believes that her relationships will fail and her fears of failure actually cause the relationship to fail. Her own negative prophecy, held together by her own delusional and strongly held beliefs, will in most instances, influence others so that their reactions ultimately fulfill the prophecy. Individuals have experienced similar prophecies since ancient times. There are many stories in ancient Greece and India that tell of how a prediction that directly or indirectly causes itself to become true, by the very terms of the prophecy itself, due to positive feedback between belief and behavior. The best known example from Greek legend is that of Oedipus. Warned that his child would one day kill him, Laius abandoned his newborn son Oedipus to die, but Oedipus was found and raised by others, and thus in ignorance of his true origins. When he grew up, Oedipus was warned that he would kill his father and marry his mother. Believing his foster parents were his real parents, he left his home and traveled to Greece, eventually reaching the city where his biological parents lived. In ancient India, self-fulfilling prophecies appear in classical Sanskrit literature. In the story of Krishna in the Indian epic Mahabharata, the ruler of the Mathura kingdom, Kamsa, afraid of a prophecy that predicted his death at the hands of a male son that would be born to his sister, the princess Devaki and her husband Vasudeva. Kamsa had her cast into prison where he planned to kill any children she would bear. Devaki bore eight male children during her years of incarceration, six of whom were killed. The eighth son, Krishna, was smuggled out of the prison by Vasudeva to be raised by his foster parents Yashoda and Nanda in the village of Gokula. The demons were defeated at the hands of Krishna and his brother Balarama. Krishna as a young man returned to Mathura to overthrow his uncle, and Kamsa was eventually killed by his nephew Krishna. As recent as the turn of the last century, sociologists suggested the "Attraction Factor", created by a focus on positive or negative thoughts, could bring about positive or negative results. There have been many cases where positive or negative attitudes produced corresponding results principally the placebo and nocebo effects, in which individuals who were given a placebo showed signs of improvement due to their own pronounced focus on the positive. Yes, the mind is an extremely powerful tool. Explaining Prophecies While, the concept of the self-fulfilling prophecy has been around for centuries the term was coined by Robert K. Merton, who formalized its structures and consequence in his book, Social Theory and Social Structure, first published in 1936, but revised in 1938. The book has been translated into 20 languages and is one of the most frequently cited texts in social sciences. In the International Sociological Association listed this work as the third most important sociological book of the 20th century. Explaining the causes of self-fulfilling prophecies is challenging, but several theories have been developed by psychiatrists. One is the genetic or biological theory, which states that

those with close relatives that suffer from self-fulfilling prophecies are at an increased risk of the trait. Another theory is related to poor cognitive processing thinking, which states that problems often arise in people that hold onto a distorted manner of explaining life to themselves. A third theory is called motivated of defensive method, in which some are predisposed to suffer when coping with life and attempting to handle self-esteem becomes challenging. In this instance, the person views others as the cause of their personal difficulties in order to preserve their own positive self-view. Click to Enlarge The problem of self-fulfilling prophecies is that they can be construed as a vicious circle as seen in the Self Fulfilling Prophecy illustration above. Our beliefs about us influence our actions toward others. Our actions toward others impact others beliefs about us. What others believe about us cause others actions toward us. Others actions towards us reinforce our beliefs about us. And, on it goes in a perpetual state, until a change is made. Obviously, we will have little control over what others believe about us or the actions that they take until they see the change in us. However, it only requires that we alter our beliefs about ourselves and our actions toward others to create a huge difference in what others believe and the actions they take toward us. A self-fulfilling prophecy is a belief that comes true because we are acting as if it is already true. Our expectation that we will see a particular outcome changes our behavior, which shapes the way others see us. As an example, Beth wants someone that will trust her implicitly and she wants to trust others, but that has not always been the case in her past. She worries that the other person in her life is not being totally honest with her. Trust is a product of intimacy, a closeness, connectedness and a bonding between two people. The intimacy between two people grows first by spending time with another person. Then it grows deeper when the two people find that they can trust each other and begin sharing every aspect of their lives. Trust is the very foundation of intimacy. By creating a change in her own beliefs that she is always honest and can be trusted it will influence her actions toward others. Once she believes that she is an honest person, she will be able to treat others with trust. That in turn will impact how others think of her, causing them to treat Beth with trust, which only serves to reinforce the change she made. It is basically the old "carrot on a stick" as their will be in most cases positive reinforcement of the changes she made. This may be slow in coming if the other person has the same tendencies as Beth has, but the cycle has to be broken by someone in order to have the relationship move forward. Thus the cycle is broken and broken and the relationship has a chance of success. What are some ways you see self-fulfilling prophecies operating in your life? Where are they holding you back? Using Self-Fulfilling Prophecies to Your Advantage While, a proper solution to any problem is difficult to define in individual circumstances, there are ways in which the process of finding a solution can begin. One such method is The Inquiry Wheel, which I use in my consulting practice. We begin with a question and work to resolve an answer in a defined manner. Click to Enlarge Observation - In order to solve any problem, you first have to accept that there is a problem and accept responsibility for solving the problem. Define Problem - What is the problem specifically? Write it down and expound greatly upon on it. The better you define the problem in depth be more chance for success. What do you need to know? Investigate Known - What is known and what do you need to know? What are you feelings and how are they likely to change during the process? Articulate Expectation - What are your expectations of a proper solution? Study - What kinds of resources are there that might help? Where do you find them? Is the information valid? Interpret Results - After taking action, what results were seen? Reflect on Findings - Think about what you have learned and how it might be used to find solutions for other problems. Communicate Findings - Social interaction gives positive feedback for positive solutions. It also helps to tell others what you are working on or how you solved a problem. Once you have committed your attempts or success to others you will be better able to continue moving forward in your quest. Observation - Yes, we are back to observation, but this time our actions are altered. We must keep a constant watch over our change to be sure that we do not falter. I wish you the success that you are working toward. I know it is hard work, but it will pay off in the end. Please follow and like us: Bill Hood Related Posts.

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