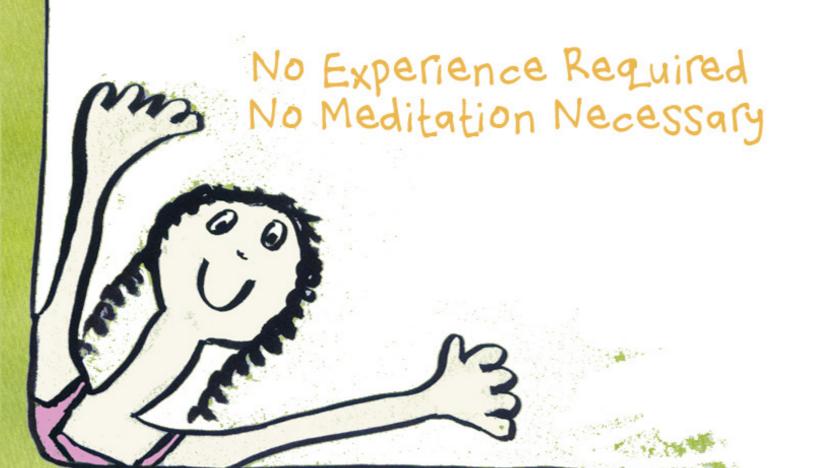
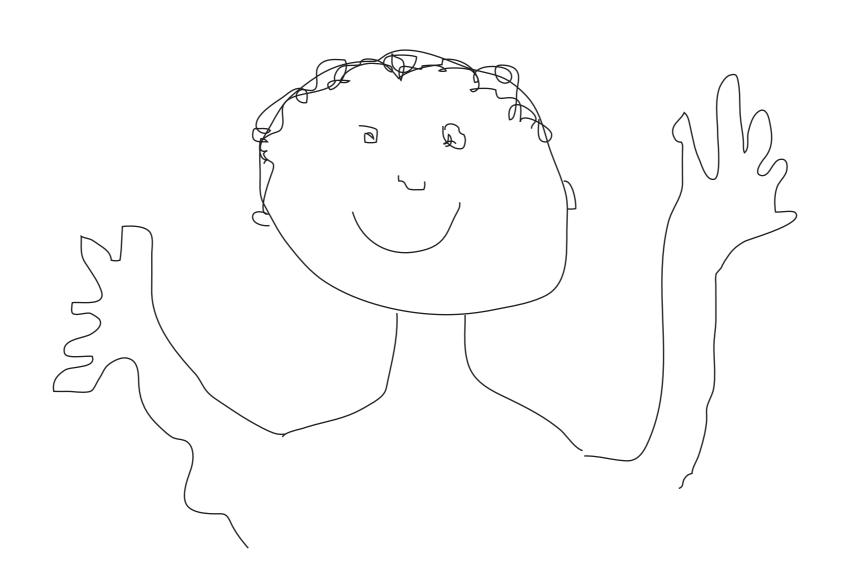


The SMART but LAZY
Person's Guide to Feeling
Awesome and Ultimate
ALL the time



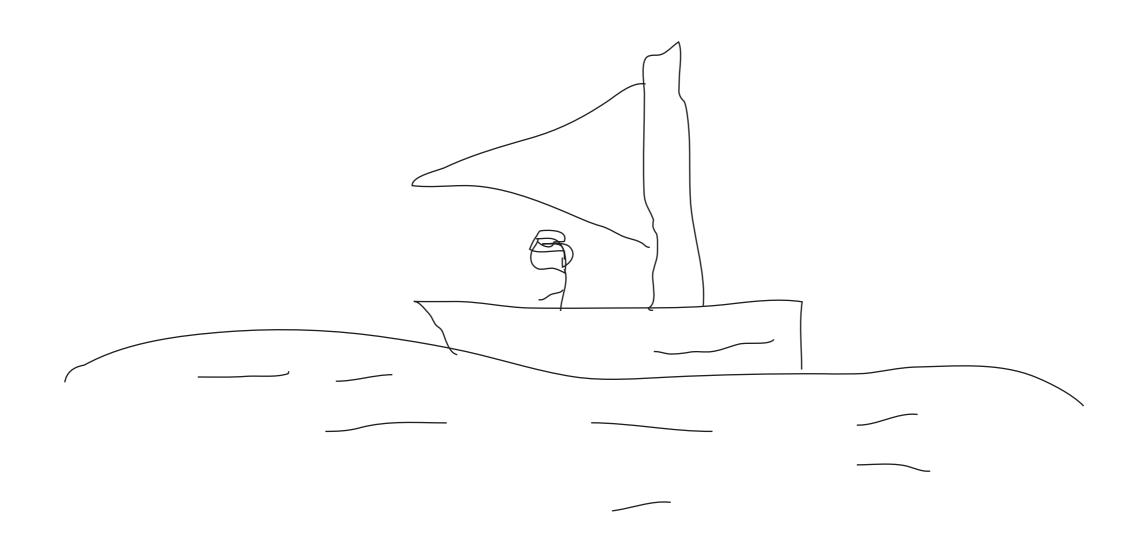
You know how sometimes you feel AWESOME and relaxed and on top of things?





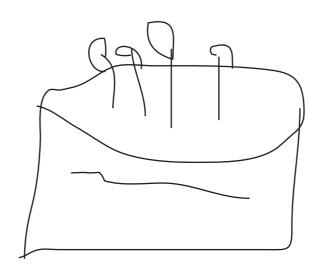
Like after you read a book about how to feel AWESOME & ULTIMATE

or you've been out on your imaginary boat?



But then other times you don't feel AWESOME or ULTIMATE.

Like when everyone forgets your birthday ...



Or when you remember how mean you were to a kid in highschool and you can't believe what a bad person you are & your BAD PERSON FEELINGS get in the way of your CALM FEELINGS until there are no more calm feelings left. And even if you read 73 "How to Be Calm" articles you still can't find them and then you try & meditate but your silly bad guilty feelings keep poking their silly pokey nose in so that doesn't work either and when you go out on your imaginary boat the Slap slap of the imaginary water is more annoying than comforting?

Or maybe you suddenly feel less awesome.

And you're left wondering

Where are you, CALM feelings??

It's pretty upsetting.

Not just because you feel non-AWESOME, but because you know HOW to feel AWESOME -you've done it before, you're just sucking at being AWESOME and ULTIMATE now.

The thing about feeling Awesome and ULTIMATE

ALL THE TIME...

(I'm watching Breaking Bad while I write this. This is why this page isn't as funny as the other pages.)

It can seem like everyone else knows how to do this . . .

Or at least people who write about how to feel calm and be AWESOME

- they know how to do this, right?

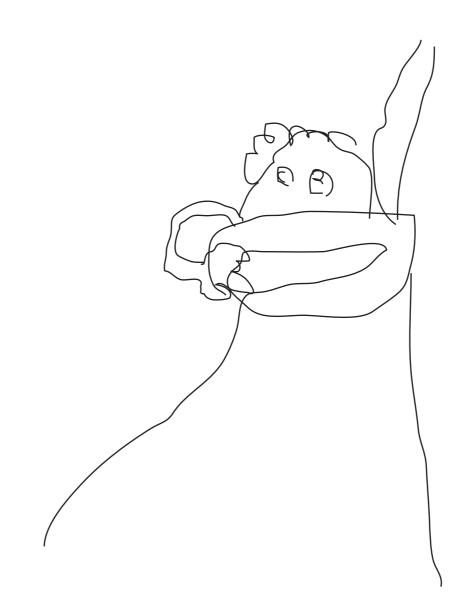
I've turned off the telly. So I can be clear. And SERIOUS. Don't believe anyone who says they do

Here's Why . . .

Feeling Non-Awesome is normal & perfectly healthy.

It's like food poisoning.

Poohing and puking up a rotten chicken giblet feels horrible.



Horubble (New Zealand) Haw-rible (U.S) But it doesn't make you think you're FAILING at being non-pukey ...

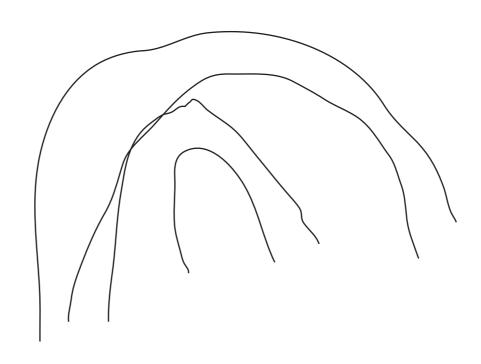
you just think oh well, I'm having a pukey time right now.

The most common QUESTION I hear is:

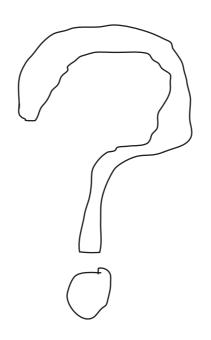
"I feel good sometimes but how do I maintain it?"

ANSWER: Stop trying to.

You're chasing after the wrong rainbow.



The QUESTION is faulty.
BUT within it lies the answer.



It's a clever question.

The question implies

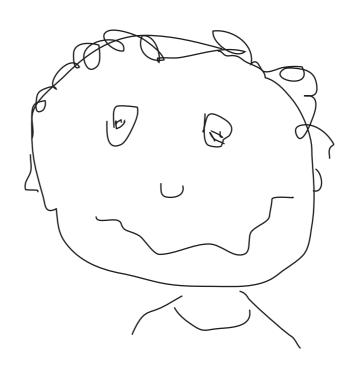
- 1. Feeling AWESOME is good and right.
- 2. Feeling non AWESOME is bad and wrong. As if we're doing something wrong.

Try this, next time you feel non-ULTIMATE

Rather than think - OMG how can I change this, I'm doing something wrong.

Think -

ah, look at that, I'm feeling non-ultimate.

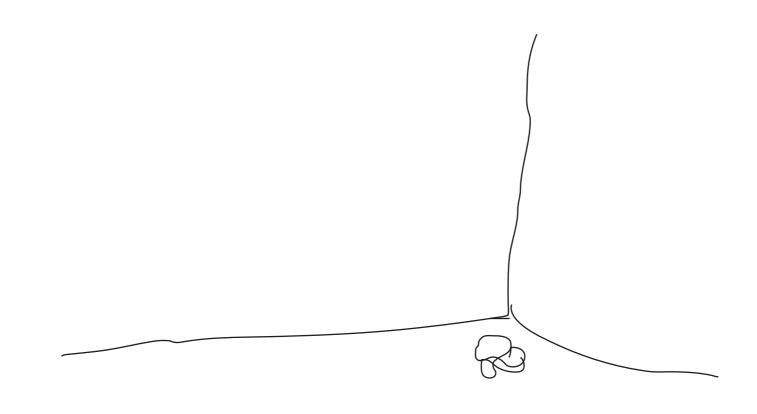


You are ALWAYS AWESOME and ULTIMATE

The only reason you don't feel it at the moment is because of chatter TEMPORARILY happening in your mind.

You'll feel the awesomeness again soon. Very soon.

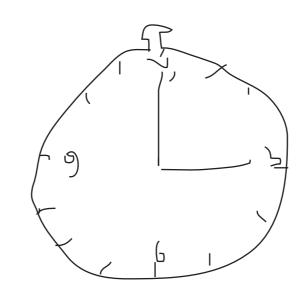
Put your pukey mind in the corner. Let it be pukey. Remember, all the mean things it's saying aren't true.



& be gentle with yourself.

It's very healing.

ANd the more you "go with it" the quicker the spewing will stop.



I learned this during my mostly silent year when I let my PUKEY thoughts SPEW all over me.

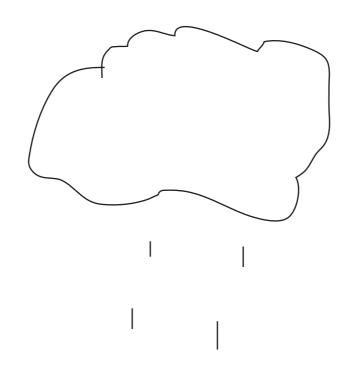
It shifted something deep within me.

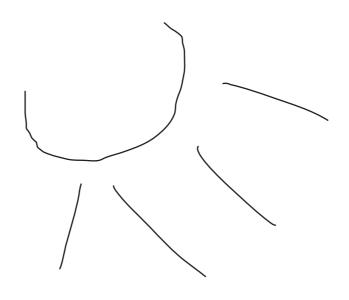
But you don't need a "YEAR of SILenCE" to practice this, you can do it anytime you have thoughts you don't like.

And slowly & gently something will shift within you too.

Cereal.

Enjoy the Sun. And when it rains, which it will, let the rain be rain.

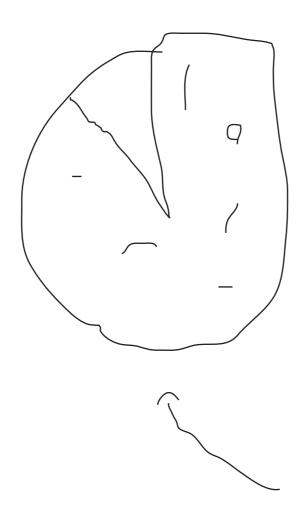




You can go back outside after the rain. The sun will still be there.

PS: Last weekend my husband Franco and I went to the VEnice Street Fair.

It was a very busy fair and the AMAZING PIZZA shop had a queue to the street.



Gluten Free Mushroom Delicious Pizza, Half Vegan Half Dairy Lover.

The woman at the counter said she was too busy to make the kind of pizza we wanted.

But when we went outside we bumped into the owner.

He heard our sad pizza story and went into the back of the shop and made our pizza.



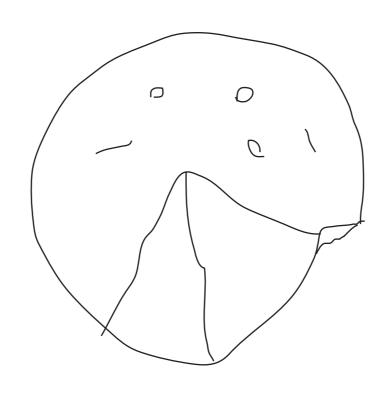
And it's like this with beliefs. You gotta take the back door.

No matter how hard you try using the same beliefs, you keep coming up against the young woman who's just doing what she's told and won't make you a Gluten Free pizza.

(Which I totally understand on busy fair day.)

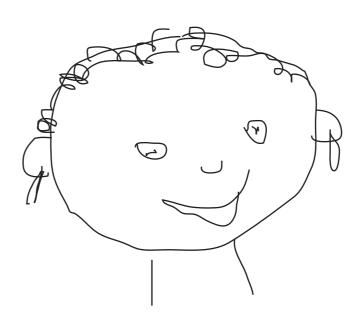
The BACKDOOR to feeling good is understanding, you won't always feel good.

Let the pukeyness happen when it happens. You're not doing anything wrong. It's just what's happening.



Happy Delicious Life Pizza

THE End.

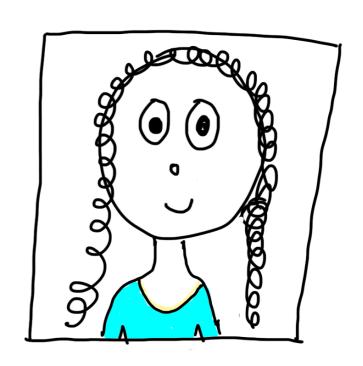


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