Maintaining a Healthy Spiritual Immune System Joy Carey, Ph.D.

Symptoms of spiritual health include

Desirable states such as these cannot be maintained in modern times without a strong spiritual immune system. This requires that we fill our lives with spiritual nutrients such as those listed below. Striving for the optimal balance of these essential nutrients helps reduce unwanted stress and self-defeating habit patterns. Common complaints such as anxiety and depression, resentment, jealousy, envy, and fear are often associated with an absence or excess of one or more of these spiritual nutrients. There is some evidence that people addicted to poverty or affluence, dominance or victimization, or electronic representations of reality may respond positively to the administration of appropriate dosages of missing nutrients.

Maintaining a Healthy Spiritual Immune System: Essential Nutrients

Intra-Personal Awareness Confidence Commitment Courage Creativity Detachment Determination Discernment* Enthusiasm Excellence Flexibility Gratitude Hopefulness Humility Idealism Joyfulness Moderation Obedience Patience Perseverance

Purposefulness Reliability Responsibility Self discipline Self respect Simplicity Sincerity Trustworthiness Inter-Personal Assertiveness Commitment Compassion Consideration Courtesv Empathy Fairness Friendliness Generosity Helpfulness

Honesty Humor Kindness Loyalty Mercy Obedience Respect* Service Tact Tolerance Trust

<u>Trans-Personal</u> Faith Forgiveness Love* Peacefulness Reverence Wisdom*

(*Core indicators of a mature, healthy spiritual immune system.)

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