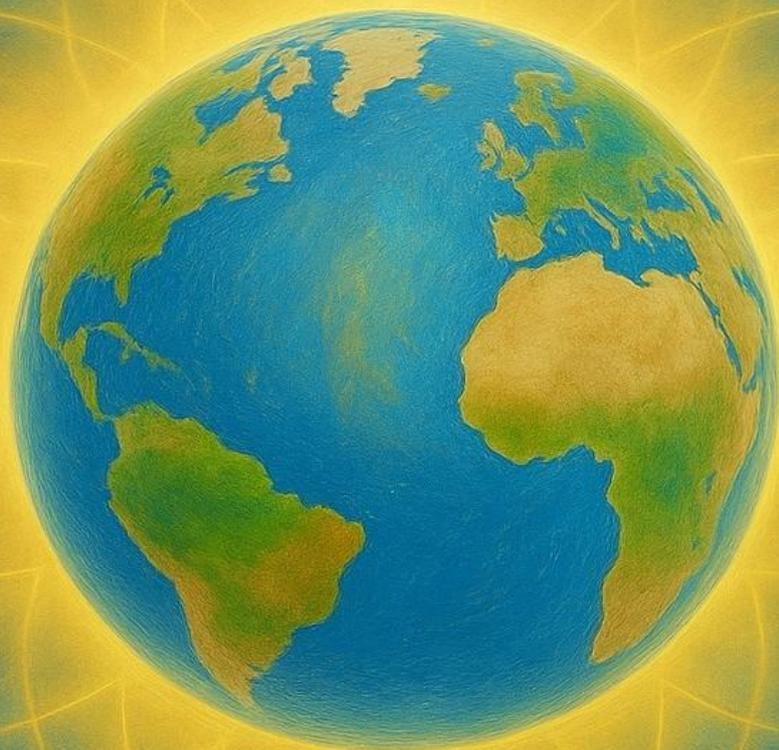


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Authenticity, The Courage to be Real

What is Authenticity?

Authenticity is when our thoughts, feelings, values and actions move in the same direction, so no inner role-playing is required. It's not about saying everything we think, nor about being different from others. It's about **being coherent with ourselves** while relating constructively with life around us.

When our thoughts, emotions and actions move in the same direction, **our inner energy becomes stable**. From this stability arise clarity, gratitude and inspiration, because nothing inside us is divided. When we are coherent with ourselves, we don't need to perform in life, we respectfully participate in it.

Effects of Living-in-Sync

Authenticity leads to **increased resilience** due to a better functioning **Autonomous Nervous System**. **ANS** is the part of our nervous system that controls involuntary body functions, such as heart rate, digestion, blood pressure and body temperature. It keeps our body in homeostasis — a healthy internal balance — by constantly adjusting bodily processes based on our needs and environment.

The Body relaxes and a coherent Mind signals safety to the nervous system, allowing the organism to regulate itself naturally. Balance replaces internal conflict. Stability then produces wisdom: **we respond** instead of reacting.

Our:

- 🌀 decisions become simpler
- 🌀 relationships become honest
- 🌀 goals become realistic
- 🌀 creativity increases
- 🌀 resilience strengthens

Living Out-of-Sync

Whenever we move away from our true inner compass, our system compensates in **2 opposite ways**:

1. Expansion Mode

We over-prove, over-explain, over-achieve or exaggerate.
This is not confidence. It is **protection**.

2. Contraction Mode

We hide, minimize, postpone or doubt ourselves.
This is not humility. It is **withdrawal**.

Both states consume energy because they require maintaining an 'image'. The result is a subtle feeling of being an actor in one's own life. Authenticity dissolves this effort.

The Path toward Authenticity

Authenticity unfolds in 2 complementary movements:

1. Releasing borrowed identities

Throughout life we internalize expectations: roles to fit in, behaviors to avoid rejection and opinions we never truly questioned. Authenticity begins when we notice things we might have learned, but that may not be 'us'. Every false layer we remove, restores energy. We do not become someone new. We simply stop upholding what we are not.

2. Inner self-guidance

After recognizing what is not ours, we must learn to act from within. This requires developing our inner compass: becoming aware of our feelings and needs, developing the capacity to pause before reacting, choosing rather than complying and keeping our values and behavior consistent. With that inner guidance, life becomes self-guided.

Living according to Inner Priorities

We are naturally drawn toward what genuinely matters to us. We notice this in daily life: some activities require constant effort to start, while we begin others without being pushed. When our actions match what we truly care about, motivation appears on its own. We don't need reminders, pressure or rewards. Attention stays there easily. This is *living from resonance*.

In that state, Authenticity is not a matter of discipline. We simply choose a direction where effort feels natural and life 'flows' instead of being pushed.

The Influence of the Outside World

We internalize rules from family, culture and authority. They form an inner voice that tells us what we *should* be. We can hear it in our language: "I must", "I have to" or "I am supposed to". Authenticity speaks differently: "I choose", "I care" or "This matters to me". One comes from adaptation, the other from **awareness**.

Living as a Coherent Being

When we act from inner truth, our self-worth rises naturally, action becomes easier and connections deepen. We begin attracting experiences that match our inner state, because our behavior becomes coherent.

Authenticity is not just about showing or saying whatever is inside us. A person can express themselves loudly and still not be authentic. It is about **energetic honesty**. That means we are not only truthful in words, but also in tone, behavior and presence. There is no hidden resistance behind a smile, no agreement behind a silent 'no' and no kindness covering resentment.

Key Takeaway

To live authentically is to stop negotiating with our own being, align with what is deeply meaningful, accept learning from challenges and act from inner wisdom rather than imitation. Then life is no longer something we 'manage'. It becomes something we consciously participate in.



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