

STUCKNESS PATTERNS

- : **PARALYSIS**
Your body is most likely to experience stuckness in the form of *Emotional Tension*. This tension can escalate in intensity, forming tight internal knots that lock you into a pattern of emotional *Paralysis*.
- : **MELANCHOLY**
Your body is also very likely to experience stuckness in the form of *Self-Blame*. This blame is a reactionary attempt to explain a biological feeling that you have no control over, locking you into a pattern of *Melancholy*.
- : **COMPROMISE**
Your body is also likely to experience stuckness in the form of *Shame*. This feeling leads to an identity-level uncertainty that habitually conforms to the needs + expectations of others, thereby locking you into a pattern of personal *Compromise*.
- : **CRITICISM**
Your body is also likely to experience stuckness in the form of *Self-Blame*. This blame obsesses over behavior in an attempt to make logical sense of a biological feeling, locking you into a pattern of *Self-Criticism*.
- : **DISCORD**
Your body is also likely to experience stuckness in the form of *Relational Threat*. This causes you to feel defensive + unsafe, locking you into a pattern of *Discord*.
- : **OVERWHELM**
Your body is also likely to experience stuckness in the form of *Mental Tension*. This tension can escalate in intensity, forming tight internal knots that lock you into a pattern of mental *Overwhelm*.

EXPRESSION

: **ETHER**

A special emphasis on *Tonal Quality* serves to ground your body in *Feeling* through vibration of the throat, relaxing tension + supporting good health.

BODY KEYS, EXPANDED

: **ACTIVITY**

This key proactively addresses the pattern of Emotional Paralysis by immersing itself in physical activities that release nervous energy + restore a sense of flexibility. It maps to the sense of *Feeling-Sight* + attunes to the underlying *Quality* of experience.

This key moves. It spends energy. It busies itself. It applies a meditative quality of focus, becoming utterly absorbed in physical activity. It delights in sensory nuance. It circulates the blood. It lives inside the muscles + the spine.

Some examples in application:

- Washing dishes, making a bed, or vacuuming the house
- Going for a run, a brisk walk, a bike ride, or a swim
- Shaking the body, moving the body, dancing
- Baking, cooking, or preparing food
- Practicing yoga or Tai chi

: **SOUNDSCAPE**

This key addresses the pattern of Melancholy through the quality of its acoustic setting by preparing a highly specific soundscape that is a match its current mood. It maps to the senses of *Hearing* + *Feeling*, and naturally attunes to *Sound* + *Inner Silence*.

This key treasures music + feeling + silence. It creates blankets of music + silence. It doesn't just listen with the ears; it listens with the whole entire body. This reminds the body how to *feel* without the mental need to reason or explain.

Some examples in application:

- Putting on noise-canceling headphones or wearing ear plugs
- Retreating to the quiet of a bedroom, or a forest, or a car
- Preparing music playlists matched to certain moods
- Surrounding the body in music like a blanket
- Playing a musical instrument

: **PRIVACY**

This key addresses the pattern of Compromise through temporary detachment, providing intentional distance from the pressures of outside expectation. It maps to the sense of *Feeling*, and inherently values *Personal Space*.

This key gets sucked into a vortex of exhaustion whenever it compromises itself on behalf of others. Because of this, it retreats often into solitude. It spends much of its time alone, prioritizing privacy as a means of self-recovery.

Some examples in application:

- Retreating to a bedroom, office, or favorite personal space
- Hiding out in the restroom at a restaurant or at work
- Withdrawing into a personal project or a book
- Putting on noise-canceling headphones
- Going for a long drive alone

: **PRIVACY + SOUNDSCAPE**

This key addresses the pattern of Self-Criticism through quiet retreat + music, soothing the body + providing space from outside pressures. It maps to the senses of *Feeling* + *Hearing*, naturally attuning to *Sound* + the feeling of *Personal Space*.

This key withdraws to privacy + defines a mood-specific sound setting in order to soften the sharper edges of its inside world. It creates a personal haven of music + silence + space. It relaxes into solitude + feeling.

Some examples in application:

- Sitting in complete silence + listening in to the body's feeling
- Retreating to a forest + savoring the sounds of nature
- Submerging ears beneath the water of a hot bath
- Reading poetry while playing soft music
- Meditating with ear plugs in

: **NURTURE**

This key passively addresses the pattern of Relational Discord through self-nurturing actions that serve to balance + comfort your physical body. It maps to the senses of *Touch* + *Smell*, and naturally attunes to *Texture* + *Scent*.

This key retreats into a nest of creature comforts to support a sense of safety. It creates a shelter of familiarity + warmth. It cocoons. It benefits from the feeling of closeness + is soothed by sensory contact with the skin.

Some examples in application:

- Fashioning a refuge of comfort items (blankets, pillows, candles, etc.)
- Retreating to a favorite corner, room, or personal sanctuary
- Enjoying a hot bath with Epsom salts or essential oils
- Curling up with a favorite book or movie
- Relaxing into a fragrant tea

: **ORGANIZATION**

This key proactively addresses the pattern of Mental Overwhelm through simple actions that help to bring order to your physical environment + mental processes. It maps to the sense of *Sight* + is naturally attuned to *Aesthetics*.

This key declutters, cleanses, lists. It simplifies + it opens. It creates visual space between objects. It straightens + tidies + puts things in their place. Organizing the outside world in this way allows the inside world to soften + expand.

Some examples in application:

- Organizing or purging unwanted clutter
- Reorganizing a room or workspace
- Putting thoughts down on paper
- Focusing on a jigsaw puzzle
- Cleaning the house

YOUR KEYS, SIMPLIFIED

: **ACTIVITY**

Address the tension of emotional *Paralysis* with the key of *Activity* to relax the body + unlock the gift of *Vibrancy*.

: **SOUNDSCAPE**

Address the inner discomfort of *Melancholy* with the key of *Soundscape* to relax the body + unlock the gift of *Originality*.

: **PRIVACY**

Address the exhaustion of *Compromise* with the key of *Privacy* to relax the body + unlock the gift of *Sovereignty*.

: **PRIVACY + SOUNDSCAPE**

Address the harshness of *Self-Criticism* with the keys of *Privacy* + *Soundscape* to relax the body + unlock the gift of *Gentleness*.

: **NURTURE**

Address the threat of relational *Discord* with the key of *Self-Nurture* to relax the body + unlock the gift of *Harmony*.

: **ORGANIZATION**

Address the tension of mental *Overwhelm* with the key of *Organization* to relax the body + unlock the gift of *Clarity*.

YOUR FORMULA

ACTIVITY + SOUNDSCAPE + PRIVACY + NURTURE + ORGANIZATION + ETHER

Your Formula indicates that, for you, moments of stuckness or inner tension are met most effectively through *Activity, Soundscape, Privacy, Self-Nurture, and Organization*, with a special emphasis on *Tonal Quality*. For you, the kindest way out of stuckness involves coming down into the body through your senses of *Feeling-Sight, Hearing, Feeling, Touch, Smell, and Sight*.

To apply:

1. Notice the knottedness + discomfort of inner tension, and then press pause on whatever you may be doing at the time.
2. Turn your attention toward the body + consider how you might retreat to a quiet personal space with a self-defined sound setting that releases you to some form of relieving organizational activity.
3. Prioritize a sense of energetic release, inner silence, spaciousness, balance, and order through focused activity, good-feeling sounds, alone time, calming temperatures + textures, pleasant aromas, and clean aesthetics.

NEXT STEPS

- : **AUDIO COMPANION**
Review the audio contemplation included with your purchase to consider how these Body Keys might express themselves most naturally through you.
- : **PERSONAL APPLICATION**
Begin by looking back to recall examples of times where you have used these very keys before. Then reflect on how you might like to apply them moving forward. Keep in mind that the descriptions presented here are just a beginning point. In the end, your way of applying these Body Keys will be different from anyone else's.
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