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Self-Defeating Beliefs

- 1. <u>Conflict Phobia:</u> A belief that disagreeing or fighting makes us bad People or that people who love each other don't fight.
- 2. <u>Emotional Perfectionism</u>: The belief that we should be in control of our emotions all the time. Believing the one should always feel happy.
- 3. <u>Performance Perfectionism</u>: Believing that we should never fail or make mistakes in our performance in whatever roles we undertake.
- 4. <u>Perceived Perfectionism:</u> Believing that others will not love us because of our imperfections. Being flawed or vulnerable is unacceptable.
- 5. <u>Fear of Disapproval or Criticism:</u> Believing that we need everyone else's approval to make us okay. Corrections of any kind are devastating.
- 6. <u>Fear of Rejection</u>: Believing that any kind of perceived rejection means we are not loved and therefore life is not worth living.
- 7. <u>Fear of Being Alone:</u> Believing that spending time alone means that we are not wanted, leading to feelings of misery.
- 8. <u>Fear of Failure:</u> Belief that our worthiness is earned by accomplishments, i.e.: achievements, attractiveness, intelligence.
- 9. <u>Emotionally Phobic</u>: Believing that one should never feel anything other than happy. Feelings of anxiety, anger, inadequacy, jealousy or vulnerability are pushed down.
- 10. <u>Entitlement</u>: Believing that we are entitled to have things go our way. For our hurt and pain, we are owed this or that. Often stealing is a symptom of this.