

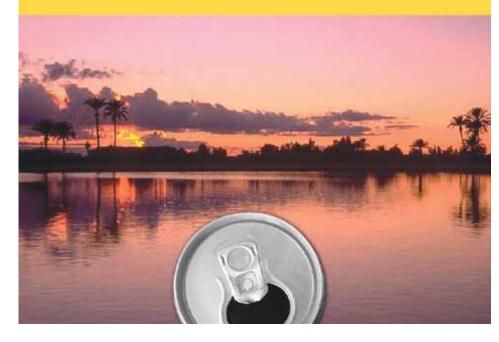
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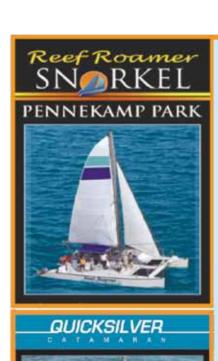
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Chronic Lateness Unconscious Communication

When people are chronically late, they are in essence saying that their time is more important than yours.

ment or a date can seem like a small thing that really doesn't matter, but it communicates volumes, whether we mean it to or not. Being kept waiting is an experience that almost no one enjoys, because at best, it wastes their time, and at worst it indicates a lack of regard.

It's as if we're saying that our time is more important than their time, so we don't need to honor them by showing up when we said we would. When we are running late, it means a lot if we call and let the person know, especially if it's going to be more than ten minutes.

Being late for an appoint- However, if we are chronically late, it may take more than a phone call to properly address the issue.

If it's become a habit of ours not to be on time, we may want to look inside ourselves and see what's going on. It's easy enough to make excuses about our behavior. or to project responsibility on the other person, perceiving them to be uptight if they are irritated by our tardiness.

What's more difficult. and more meaningful, is looking at ourselves and asking why it is that we always, or often, show up late.

Sometimes this happens out of a lack of self-regard, as if we aren't really important anyway, so why will

anyone care if we're late, or don't show up at all. Chronic latecan also stem from being orga-

or simply trying to do too much in one day.

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Another possible reason appointment, or date, is that we don't really want to be there. We communicate our

not showing up on time. Whatever our

reasons, if we raise them to the conscious level, we have an opportunity to live a more conscious life. As we begin to understand the

deeper reasons behind our inability to show up on time, we have the option to commufor being late to a particular nicate clearly and consciously about how we really feel, rather than communicating unconsciously by being late.

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