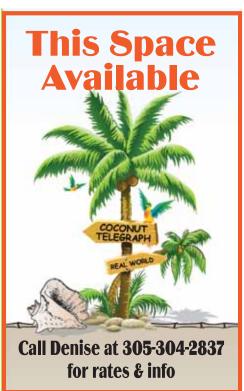
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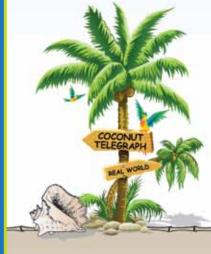
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Which is It?

Do you have confidence or self-worth?

Let's get some clarity so you can answer this question honestly. If I had a dollar for every time someone told me "I don't have low selfesteem" I could've retired years ago.

Here's the deal: being good at something gives you confidence.

That's vastly different than self-worth. Confidence develops over time as you master a skill set. Every time you learn something new, your confidence grows. The longer you do something well, the more confident you feel.

Self-worth is an entirely different animal. Self-worth is a sense of worthiness regardless of how confident you are.

For instance,

— if you lost everything that gave you confidence, would you still feel good enough?

— if you couldn't do your job or parent or walk or talk, would you still feel worthy?

Humans rely heavily on the good feeling of confidence and undervalue the importance of innate worthiness.

When we judge ourselves or others based primarily on performance, we are judging unfairly.

Remember, life is a messy, risky thing that rarely goes the way we plan.

Living in a performancebased culture undercuts selfcare, relationships, and the importance of vulnerability. I judge my car based on performance. I loathe judging people in that way. Meaning, if

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my car breaks down, it needs to be fixed so that it can do its job. But...

PEOPLE ARE NOT OBJECTS

We are not meant to be used or expected to perform flawlessly. We are beings. With a deep abiding awareness of our meaning. But, we forget. We forget that even in our sorrow or sickness we are worthy. Even when we can't perform, we are still worthy. When we make mistakes while learning, we are still worthy.

YOU ARE WORTHY! xoxo

To the divorced, you are worthy. To the aging and decrepit, you are worthy. To the new parent who can't get their shit together, you are worthy. To the addict, you are worthy. To those of you who are terrified to be judged or honestly seen, you are worthy. To the anxious, depressed and hopeless, you are worthy.

Don't get me wrong, the world may tell you otherwise. But you don't have to believe them.

Friendship between women: A woman doesn't come home one night The next day she tells her husband she had slept over at a girl-friend's house. The husband calls his wife's 10 best friends. None of them know anything about it.

Friendship between men: A man doesn't come home I one night. The next day he tells his wife he had slept over at a friend's house. The wife calls her husband's 10 best friends. Eight of them confirm he had slept over, and two claim that he is still there.



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You don't have to live by the judgy standards of others. Instead, you can choose to value your existence regardless of the critical parent, relentless boss or bougie social media influences.

So what's your answer?

Do you have confidence, self-worth, both or neither? I'd love to know! If you want to know more about tapping into self-worth; I've got you. Give me a jingle or drop me a line.

Not one drop of my selfworth depends on your acceptance of me. It depends on my acceptance of myself.

WE SHOULD START
REFERRING TO AGE AS
LEVELS, BECAUSE "I'M AT
LEVEL 88" SOUNDS WAY
MORE BADASS THAN JUST
BEING AN OLD PERSON.

Autocorrect makes me say things I didn't Nintendo.

YOU KNOW IT'S 2018 WHEN:

- 1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
- 2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
- 3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
- 4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
- 5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
- 6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries...
- 7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen
- 8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
- 10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee
- 11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
- 12. You're reading this and recognize yourself.