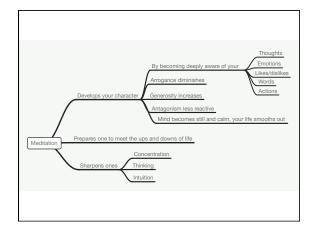
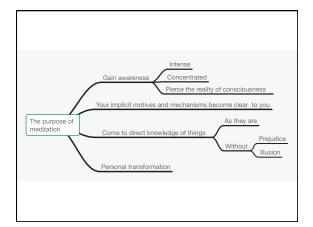
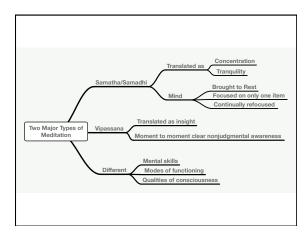


Ancient Buddhist	
What you are now is the result of what you were.	
What you will be tomorrow is the result of what your are today  The Dhammapada	
No one can do more for you than your own purified mind	
A well-disciplined mind brings happiness	
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Suffering (Dukkha) is Real The Problem	
Mind fall into clinging or grasping because of wanting  The Cause  The Cause  Four Noble Truths  The cessation of suffering  A different possible result	
The Eight Fold Path The Solution	
We seek to end suffering  Correct/right view	
Correct/right intention Correct/right speech	-
Correct/right livelihood  Correct/right livelihood	
Correct/right mindfulness	
Correct/right concentration	
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Essence of our experience	
Gradual transition, Incessant	
Moment by moment life flows by it is never the same Change	
Everything changes; without change there is no hope.	
Civilization changes man on the outside Meditation softens him within through and through.	









## What Meditation Isn't

Mindfulness in Plane English, Chapter 2 by Bhante Gunaratnan

Meditation is just a relaxation technique.

Meditation means going into a trance.

Meditation is a mysterious practice that can not be understood. The purpose of meditation is to become a psychic.

Meditation is dangerous, and a prudent person should avoid it. Meditation is for saint an sadhus, not for regular people.

Meditation is running away from reality.

Meditation is selfish.

When you meditate, you sit around thinking lofty thoughts. A couple of weeks of mediation and all of your troubles will go away.

## Mindful Meditation is not what you think.

Rumination, being lost in thought or fantasy

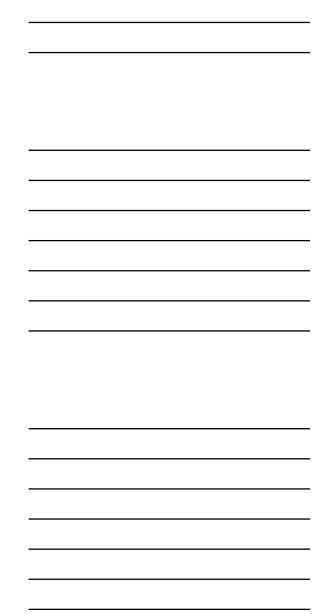
Suppression of emotion experience or behavior

Not necessarily relaxing

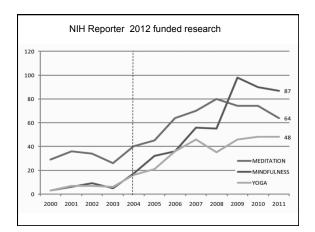


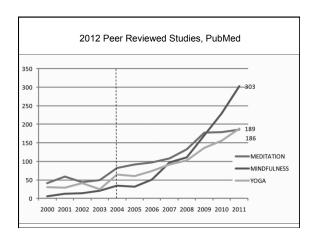
Not some some altered state

Cognitive reappraisal/restructuring of emotion











A little over an hour of meditation training can dramatically reduce both the experience of pain and pain-related brain activation. (Zeidan, *Journal of Neuroscience*)

Increases in mindfulness correlated with reductions in burnout and total mood disturbance, as well as increased stress resilience. (Krasner, *JAMA*).

Participants who received mindfulness training showed a 42% decrease in the frequency and severity of primary IBS symptoms. (G. Anderson, *Behavior Research and Therapy*)

Mindfulness meditation is affecting brain activity. Brain waves associated with integration increase during compassion meditation. When meditating, brain scans found increased activity in the following areas of the brain: insula, temporal pole/superior temporal gyrus, anterior cingulate, while the amygdale is less active. Overall, this is consistent with decreased arousal and an increased sense of well-being. (S. Lazar)

Meditation improves attention. (Jha et al., 2007), (Slagter 2007), (Pagnoni & Cekic 2007), (Valentine & Sweet, 1999)

You don't have to be a seasoned mediator to see positive changes to your brain. New mediators who went through an 8-week meditation program saw changes in gray matter concentration in brain regions involved with learning and memory processes, emotion regulation, self-referential processing, and perspective taking. (Lazar, *Psychiatry Research*, 2011)

