

# Enneagram: A Tool For Self Awareness

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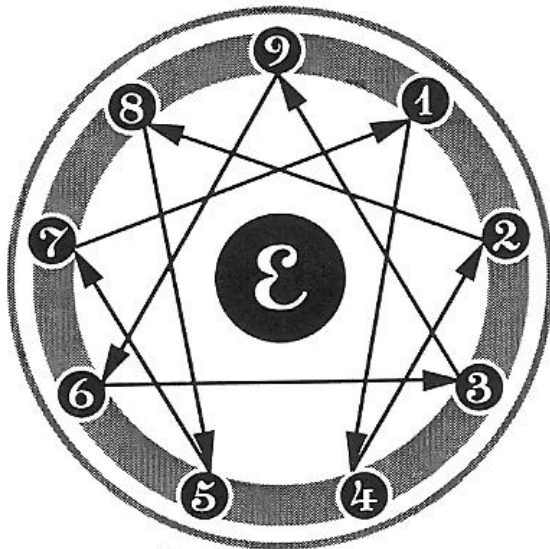


- “Understanding the Enneagram is like having a pair of special glasses that allows us to see beneath the surface of ourselves and other people with special clarity”
- (Riso and Hudson, 3).

# Exploring the Enneagram: Origins

## The WORD--*Greek*

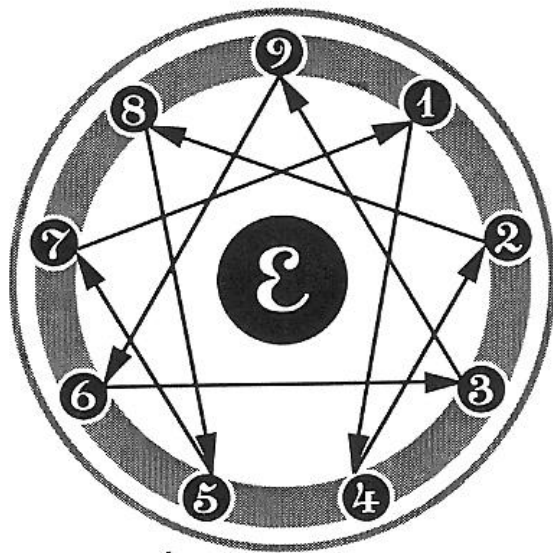
- *Ennea*--Nine
- *Gram*--Something written or drawn
- It is a nine-points model.



The Enneagram is a geometric figure that originally represented natural processes within creation, and later came to delineate nine basic personality types of human nature and their complex interrelationships.



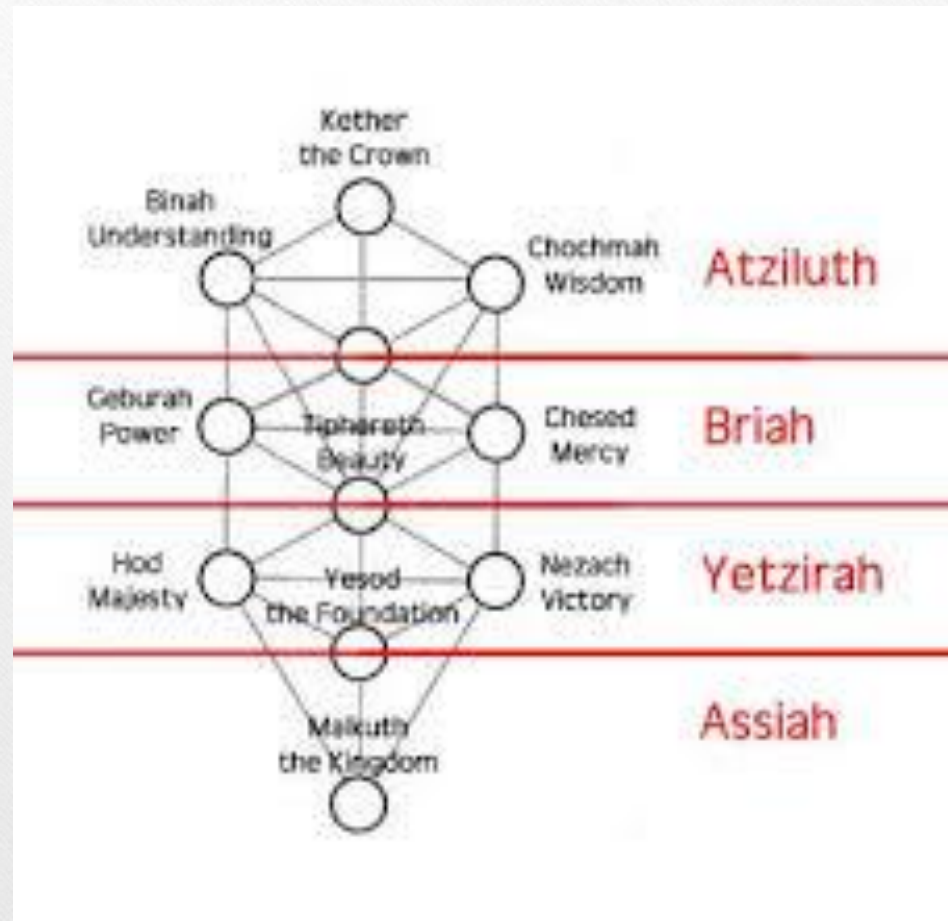
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The *symbol* may have ancient origins; it's underlying theory is found in Greek philosophy

Links have been made to ancient teachings of Kabbalah, Christianity, Islam and other traditions

## KABBALISTIC TREE OF LIFE: 10 Sephirot



# Exploring the Enneagram: Contemporary Development

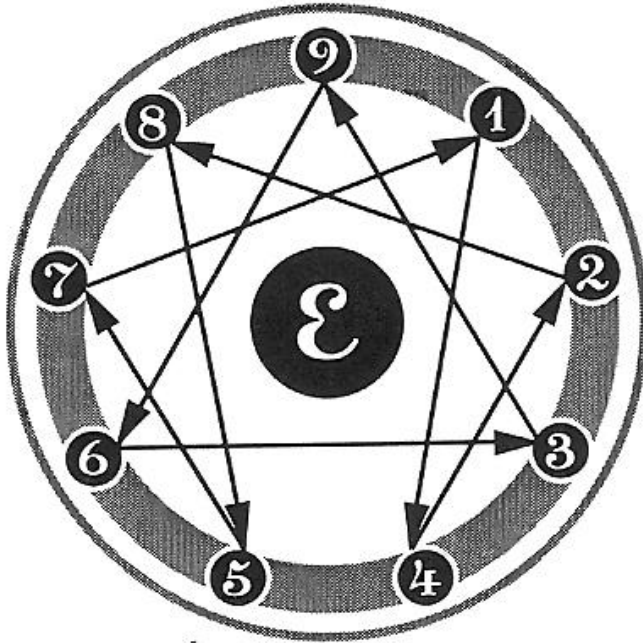
1910's: George Gurdjieff

1950's: Oschar Ichazo

1970's: Claudio Naranjo

1980's: Helen Palmer AND Stanford psychiatrist David Daniels developed Narrative Enneagram and founded International Enneagram Association

1990's: Don Riso and Russ Hudson developed RHETI questionnaire. Founded Enneagram Institute.





# Exploring the Enneagram: Contemporary Development

Transformation Work Image  
church Cast  
Personality Art  
books Path Sacred  
Enneagram  
groups panels coaches  
retreats Love Discovering  
Essential  
Soul Types  
God's  
Therapists  
Typing  
papers

# Exploring the Enneagram: How It Works

**So  
How  
Do I  
Know  
My  
Type?**



Typing oneself is a process that comes quickly for some, and takes much time and reflection for others

Read/Listen/Talk to others

Witnessing/Self Observation

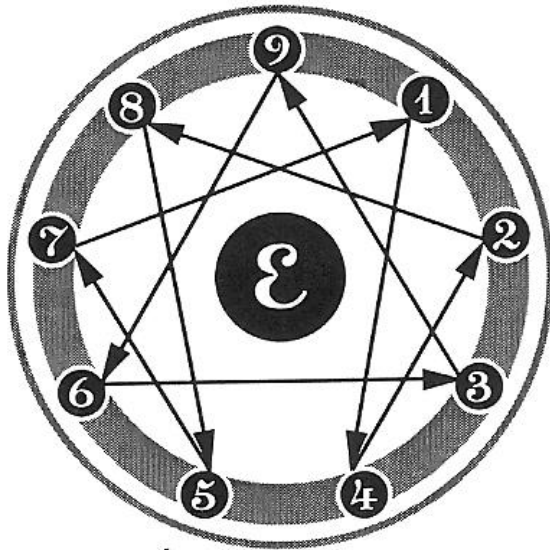
The motivations of the types are more important than the behaviors associated with it

Take Enneagram test

No one should type another person



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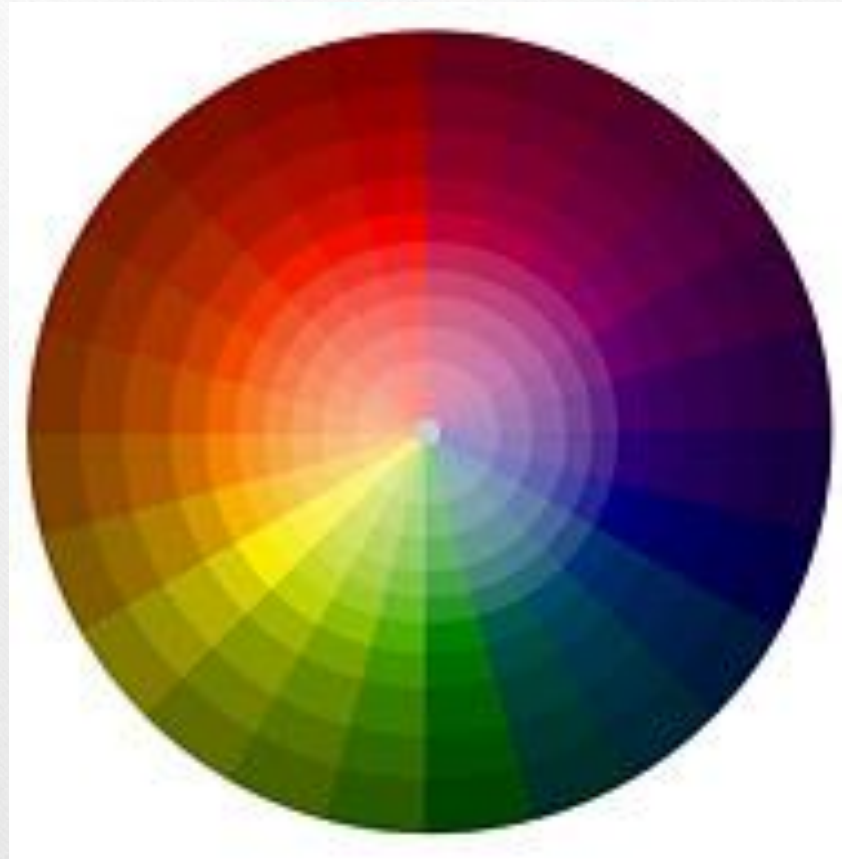


We can find ourselves reflected in the *whole* of it. The *whole* Enneagram is within us, yet one type will be our core personality.

People do not change from one basic type to another, though we grow to include more of the other types within us.

Not everything in a type's description will apply.

We are all **SHADES** and **VARIATIONS**  
of our personality type





The intention is to gain clarity about the internal patterns, triggers, and motivations that drive us, to learn to observe them as they arise, to detach from them, and eventually set them aside when they do not serve us.

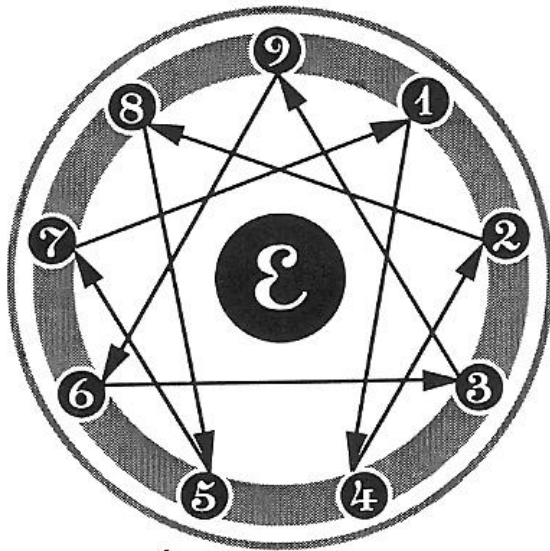


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The system is a tool combining spirituality and psychology

Each type reveals the psychological mechanism by which we lose sight of our true nature – our Divine Essence

Personality is formed by a combination of our innate temperament, and the self images, strategies and behaviors that allowed us to cope with our environment



# Exploring the Enneagram: How It Works



Your Type Offers Insight Into:

External behaviors

Underlying attitudes

One's characteristic sense of self

Conscious and unconscious motivations

Emotional reactions

Defense mechanisms

What we pay attention to

Our spiritual barriers and potentials

## MEDIATOR

Attention goes to: conflict and discomfort.  
Energy goes into other people and avoiding/  
preventing conflicts.

## PROTECTOR

Attention goes to: those who need  
protection and to power and control.  
Energy goes into being powerful, pro-  
tecting and fighting.

## PERFECTIONIST

Attention goes to: what is right and  
wrong, being good. Energy goes into  
trying to improve.

## EPICURE 7

Attention goes to: what limits  
and constraints. Energy goes into  
interesting ideas and pleasurable  
experiences.

## 2 GIVER

Attention goes to: the wants and  
needs of others, being appreciated.  
Energy goes in to giving & helping.

## LOYAL SKEPTIC

Attention goes to: hazards and  
potential worst-case scenarios.  
Energy goes into becoming vigilant,  
questioning or doubting.

## PERFORMER

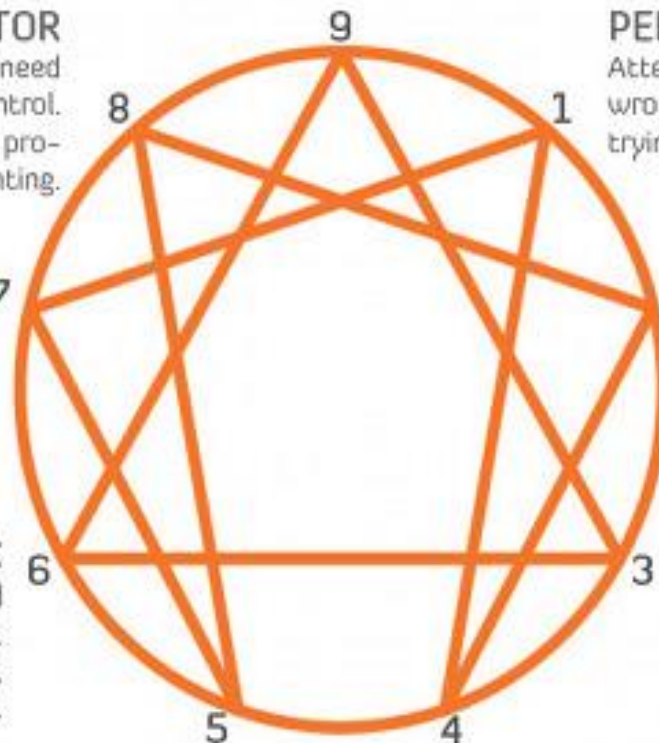
Attention goes to: what brings  
success & gaining approval. Energy  
goes into achieving goals, tasks and  
prestige.

## OBSERVER

Attention goes to: the expectations of  
others. Energy goes into becoming private  
and self-sufficient and acquiring knowledge.

## ROMANTIC

Attention goes to: what is missing. Energy  
goes into searching for the most unique,  
special and fulfilling.





# RUSS HUDSON DESCRIBES...

TYPE 1:

The Perfectionist

TYPE 4:

The

Romantic/Individualist

TYPE 7:

The Epicure/Enthusiast

# SILLY CARTOON DESCRIBES...

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The Perfectionist

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**And now....**

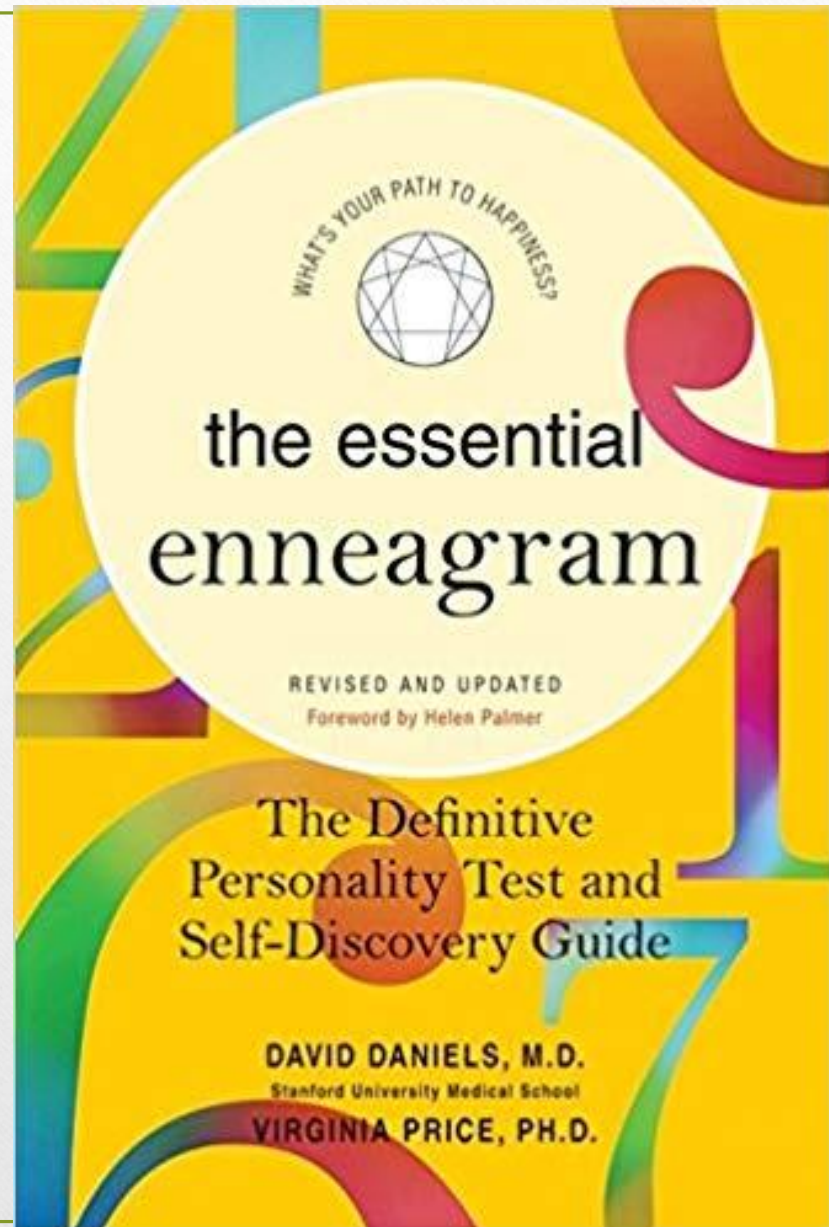
**The moment you've been waiting for!**

Complete the Essential Enneagram Test

Review the Type Description of your first choice

Turn to someone else to discuss whether the type you chose seems to describe you. Why or why not?

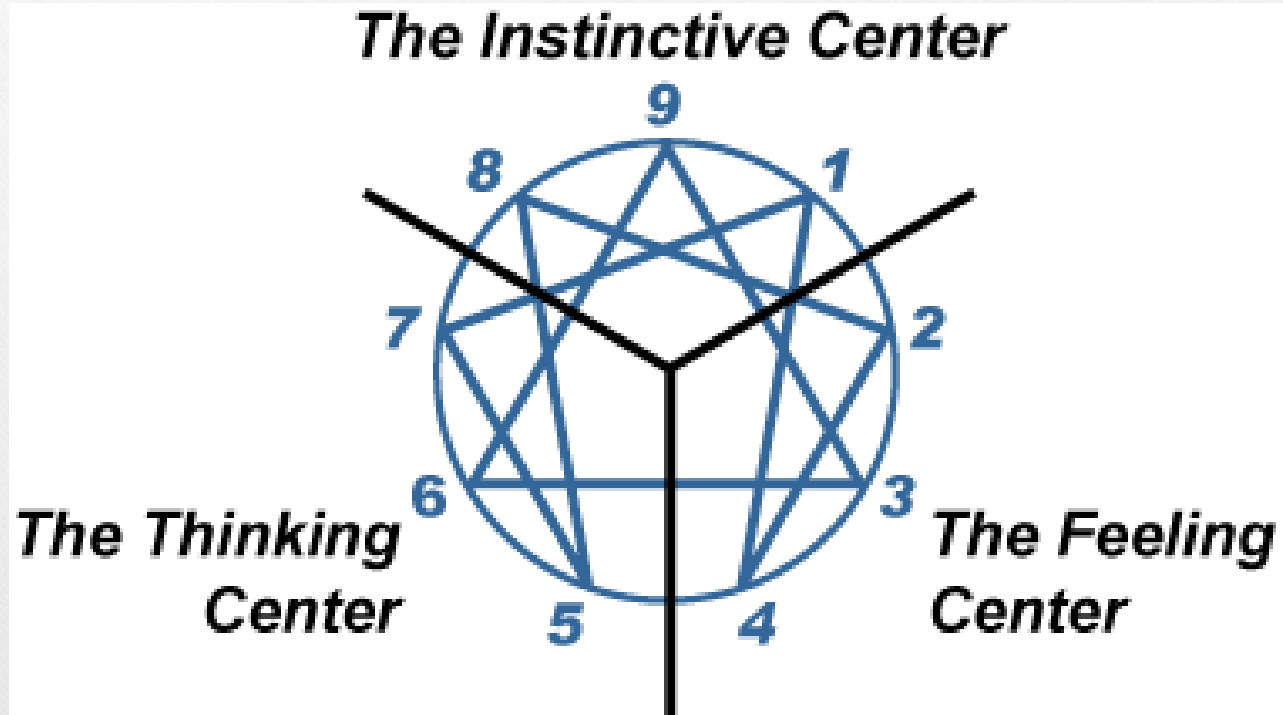
Remember that finding your type may take time!



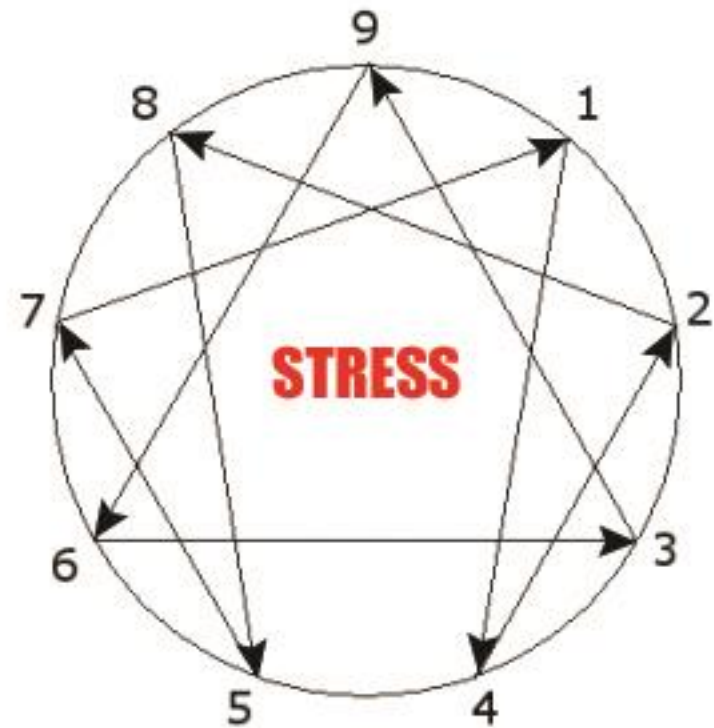
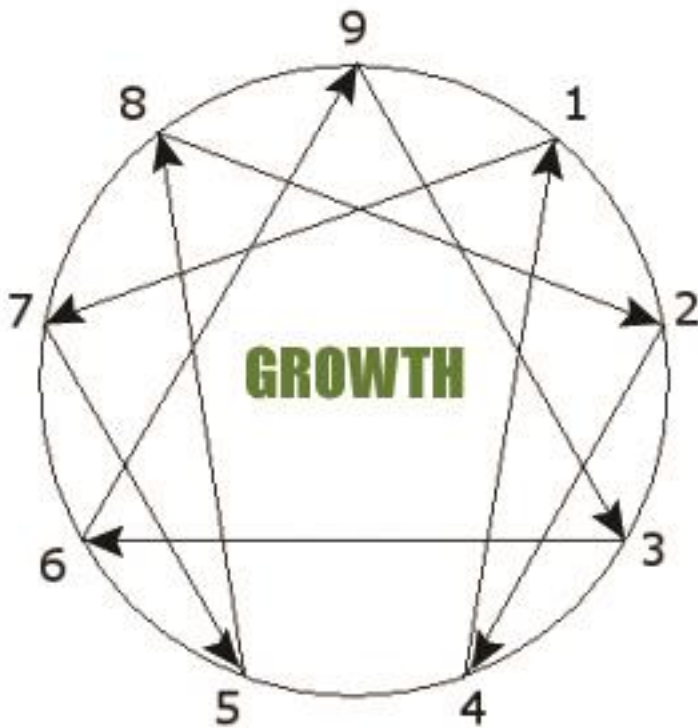


# Exploring the Enneagram: There's Much More

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## THREE INSTINCTS/ DRIVES

- 1.) **Self-Preservation**
- 2.) **Social**
- 3.) **Sexual/Bonding/Intimacy**

SOOOOO...

3 main instincts x 9 types, = 27 subtypes



# Why Enneagram as a Tool for Chaplains?

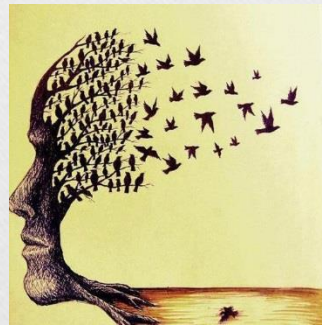


Potential for both Spiritual  
and Psychological Growth

Psychological growth =  
Ability to Function more  
effectively

Spiritual growth =  
Acceptance of self,  
compassion for others

By utilizing the Enneagram  
one can begin to transform  
patterns of emotional and  
psychological rigidity and  
become more present to self  
and others, whether as a  
caregiver or in personal  
relationships





- The Key to Transformation...
  - Lies in our ability to be *present*
  - To abide in the here and now, with our minds, hearts, bodies, and spirits fully engaged
  - Our personality is *not at all interested in the here and now.*
  - Personality constantly draws us *somewhere else*--habitual thoughts, emotional reactions, fantasies about the future, and old stories about who we are and what others have done to us cloud our awareness.
    - Don Riso and Russ Hudson



# SNAP!



S = Stop

N = Notice

A = Ask

P = Pivot

A PRACTICE TO HELP  
PAY ATTENTION TO  
OUR TYPE'S  
PATTERNS, AND TO  
LOOSEN THEM

## CAUTION:

- Exploring the Enneagram is not about “fixing” ourselves but gaining access to our higher essential qualities.
  - Acceptance
  - Love
  - Authenticity
  - Forgiveness
  - Compassion
  - Courage
  - Joy
  - Strength
  - Presence
  - Gratitude



**COMMENTS**

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**QUESTIONS ???**

**DISCUSSION**



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**THANK YOU!**