**Dopamine Detox**

**Action Guide**

Part I. Dopamine and the role it plays

## What are you addicted to? What are your main sources of stimulation and do they really make you happy?

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Part II. The problem

**1. The neurotransmitter of more.**

Write down a past situation when you couldn’t stop doing something. Were there any activities you couldn’t stay away from for one whole day? Write it down as well.

**2. Your dopamine neurotransmitters are being hijacked.**

Complete the prompt below by being as specific as possible:

*My brain is being hijacked when…*

**3. You**’**re overstimulated.**

Write down a specific distraction pattern you often fall into and that leads you to be in a state of overstimulation. For instance, it could be checking Facebook, then watching videos on your newsfeed before checking your emails and reading the news.

**4. Tricks your mind plays on you to keep you overstimulated.**

Now, rate yourself for each of the following tricks on a scale from 1 to 10 (one meaning you don’t fall for that trap, ten meaning it describes your situation perfectly).

Trick #1—My mind convinces me going back to work is easy

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Trick #2—My mind tells me I can do it later

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Trick #3—My mind makes me believe that excitement is similar to fulfillment

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Trick #4—My mind tells me opportunities are limited

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Part III. The benefits

**The different types of dopamine detox**

Which type of Dopamine Detox do you want to implement right now?

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Part IV. A three-step method to a successful detox

**Now, create the simple daily routine you'll follow during your dopamine detox (and beyond).**

## Identify your biggest temptations and/or distractions and write them down on the sheet of paper. Then, make sure you put the sheet in a prominent position.

## Make unwanted behaviors harder to engage in by adding friction.

## Make desired behaviors easier to engage in by reducing friction.

## Implement a simple morning routine to calm your mind and start your day with a low level of stimulation.

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| **MY DAILY ROUTINE** |
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## Part V. Doing the work

**Write down your daily and weekly goals:**

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| **Daily Goals** | **Weekly Goals** |
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**Schedule one major task to work on each morning.**

Identify your key task and tackle it first thing in the morning—and do this consistently.

**Remember to follow the step below to develop laser-sharp focus:**

1. Decide a time to focus on your key tasks. Then, make sure you’re at the same place at the same time each day.
2. Choose a specific trigger to signal the start of your morning routine.
3. Just get started. When you work on your tasks for a few minutes, you’ll be more likely to enter the flow and keep working longer.
4. Eliminate any distraction (phone notifications, internet etc.), and
5. Finally, work without interruption. Aim to complete (?) forty-five minutes of uninterrupted work.

**Beware of open systems**

Write down a few examples of open systems that lead to you becoming distracted. Then, write down one close system you could implement to help you increase your productivity.

Open Systems:

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Close System:

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Part VI. Avoiding “dopamine relapse”

Write down at least one activity you could engage in every day in order to stay calm and focused.

**Commit to a thirty-day challenge.**

To benefit from your dopamine detox, I encourage you to implement a simple daily routine to adhere to for the next thirty days. See it as a 30-day challenge. This will help you avoid reverting to your old habits as soon as you finish your dopamine detox.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I hope you’ll make a meaningful use of your time and achieve all your goals and dreams in the coming years.

Let me wish you all the best with your new endeavors. I’m very much looking forward to hearing from you.

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