

THE RETURN TO YOU

A New Kind of New Year

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THIS IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL RESOLUTION GUIDE.

IT'S A REALIGNMENT.

A REMEMBERING.

A RETURN.

WHY WE'RE DOING IT DIFFERENTLY

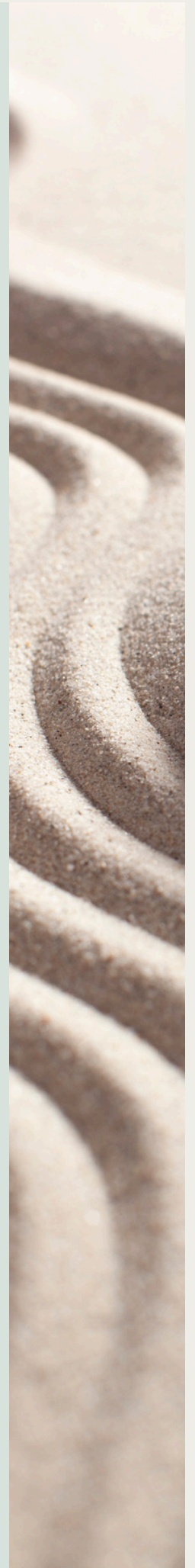
January is... ambitious

and might actually not be the best time for a full life overhaul. Especially in Canada, where it's cold, dark, and your body is far more in hibernation mode than full reset mode. If your energy feels low, that's part of how this season affects the nervous system. Slowing down is part of the design.

At the beginning of the year, things are still in a quieter phase. Energy pulls inward, momentum is lower, and humans are not exempt from that rhythm. January, however, tends to ignore this context and continues to demand clarity, discipline, and a full personal rebrand anyway. When that doesn't stick, we often look inward instead of questioning the timing.

What if instead of forcing clarity and hustle, we paused, reflected, and planned more intentionally, saving the bigger moves for when the light returns and energy naturally lifts. The desire for change is natural, but timing matters. And your body usually knows that long before your resolution list does.

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5 Things We're Not Doing in 2026

(AND WHAT WE'RE DOING INSTEAD)

- 1 We're not outsourcing our worth to productivity.**
Instead, we're measuring success by how present we feel, not how much we get done.
Think about this: What actually helps you feel present, not just productive? Where do you feel that in your body?

- 2 We're not setting rigid goals we dread.**
Instead, we're choosing intentions that feel aligned, flexible, and actually supportive.
Think about this: What would it look like to move through this season with more ease, not more pressure?

- 3 We're not hustling for approval.**
Instead, we're practicing self-trust and letting our own voice be the loudest.
Think about this: Whose voice is the loudest in your head right now and what would shift if yours came first?

- 4 We're not doing 30-day resets or detoxes.**
Instead, we're feeding our bodies what they need and resting without guilt.
Think about this: What is your body actually asking for, and what gets in the way of honouring that?

- 5 We're not confusing achievement with identity.**
Instead, we're remembering we were worthy before we ever did a thing.
Think about this: If nothing changed about what you accomplished this year, what would still make you proud?

REFLECTIVE PROMPTS FOR REALIGNMENT

You don't have to know all the answers.
These prompts are a place to begin.

What am I ready to let go of that was never really mine?
What have I been doing on autopilot that no longer fits?
What does "enough" look and feel like to me this year?
What would it feel like to be guided by ease instead of fear?
What parts of myself have I been hiding or dimming?
How can I honour who I already am, instead of chasing who I think I should be?



DARE TO DREAM BIG

What does the year ahead of you look like?
Why will it be great?
What would happen in an ideal world?
Let go of your expectations and dare to dream.

A PLACE TO PAUSE

Sometimes reflection stays internal, and sometimes it needs a bit more space, not to fix anything or turn it into a plan, but to slow things down enough to notice what's already there. That pause matters because it creates some distance from pressure and expectation, making it easier to understand what's shaping your thoughts and energy before deciding what comes next.

“Change doesn't always begin with intention. Sometimes it begins with attention.”

NEXT, IF IT FEELS RIGHT

If this brings up things you'd like to understand more clearly, having space to talk them through can help. We're here whenever you're ready.

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