

THE 9 STEPS OF NONJUSTICE

WELCOME TO THE NONJUSTICE SYSTEM.

Your case against the person who wronged you will be processed in the following nine steps:

1. The Indictment
2. The Arraignment
3. The Trial
4. The Summation
5. The Verdict
6. The Sentence
7. The Appeal
8. The Punishment
9. The Final Judgment

I will be your guide, but in the Nonjustice System *you* will play the roles of prosecutor, defendant, witness, defense attorney, jury, judge, appellate court, jailer and executioner, and, finally, even God. I will ask you to provide information or answer questions. It is recommended that you keep your eyes closed as much as possible to maintain the role you are playing. Only two things are required for your disputes to be resolved and your happiness to be guaranteed. First, you must be honest about the information and answers you provide. Second, you must follow the system through to completion. Remember, you are the person who has been wronged, and you are the person who is suffering. If you mislead The Nonjustice System, you mislead yourself.

If you're ready, please close your eyes and let's begin...

STEP ONE

THE INDICTMENT—*YOU ARE THE PROSECUTOR*

*You are now the **PROSECUTOR** in The Nonjustice System. Wrongs have been committed against you. Your role as prosecutor is to charge the defendant with these wrongs:*

- a. Identify the defendant by name.
- b. Recall the circumstances that gave rise to the offense.
- c. Recall the specific conduct of the defendant that harmed you.
- d. Recall the injury, pain, or damages you suffered.
- e. Name the specific wrong(s) the defendant committed against you.

STEP TWO

THE ARRAIGNMENT—*YOU ARE THE DEFENDANT*

*You are now the **DEFENDANT** in The Nonjustice System. You have been formally charged. Your role as the defendant is to enter your plea to the charge:*

Do you plead GUILTY and accept responsibility for committing these wrongs, or do you plead INNOCENT and demand a trial?

If you plead GUILTY, advance to Step 6.

If you plead INNOCENT, continue on to Step 3.

STEP THREE

THE TRIAL—*YOU ARE THE WITNESS*

The defendant has pleaded innocent to the crimes as charged and demanded a trial.

*You are now a **WITNESS** testifying at the trial of the defendant in *The Nonjustice System*. You are under oath. Your role as a witness is to tell the jury what happened:*

- a. Recall again the circumstances that gave rise to the offense.
- b. Recall again the specific conduct of the defendant that hurt you.
- c. Recall again the injury, pain, or damages you suffered.
- d. What, if any, additional facts would the defendant raise in his or her defense?
- e. What, if any, mitigating circumstances would the defendant raise in his or her defense?

STEP FOUR

THE SUMMATION—YOU ARE THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY

The evidence has been submitted and the prosecution and defense have rested the factual presentations of their cases.

*You are now the **DEFENSE ATTORNEY** representing the defendant in *The Nonjustice System*. Your role as the defense attorney is to summarize the defendant's case and convince the jury that the defendant is innocent:*

- a. What, if any, arguments would the defendant raise in his or her defense?
- b. What, if any, excuses would the defendant raise in his or her defense?

STEP FIVE

THE VERDICT—*YOU ARE THE JURY*

All evidence and arguments for the prosecution and defense have been presented. The trial is over.

*You are now the **JURY** in *The Nonjustice System*. Your role as the jury is to decide whether the defendant is guilty or innocent:*

Based upon all the facts, circumstances, arguments, and excuses presented, do you find the defendant: GUILTY or INNOCENT as charged?

If you find the defendant GUILTY, proceed on to Step Six.

If you find the defendant INNOCENT, your dispute has been resolved and you may exit The Nonjustice System.

STEP SIX

THE SENTENCE—*YOU ARE THE JUDGE*

The defendant has been found guilty (or has pleaded guilty) of the wrongs as charged.

*You are now the **JUDGE** in *The Nonjustice System*. Your role as the judge is to sentence the defendant for the crimes he or she has committed:*

State the sentence as specifically as possible:

- a. How exactly should the defendant be punished for these wrongs?
- b. What exactly must the defendant do?
- c. What specific forms of suffering must be inflicted upon the defendant?
- d. How much suffering must the defendant endure? For how long?

STEP SEVEN

THE APPEAL—YOU ARE THE APPELLATE COURT

Congratulations. You have successfully convicted and sentenced the person who wronged you. But the defendant has filed an appeal, asking that your verdict and sentence be overturned before the punishment is administered.

*You are now the **APPELLATE COURT** in *The Nonjustice System*. Your role as the appellate court is to review the verdict and sentence against the defendant:*

- a. Consider again the verdict and sentence you rendered.
- b. Are you certain your verdict is correct, based upon all the arguments and evidence?
- c. Are you certain your sentence fits the crime?
- d. Based upon your answers to the above two questions, how do you rule? Should your verdict be **AFFIRMED** and your sentence carried out, or should your verdict and sentence be **OVERTURNED** and the defendant set free?
- e. If you have affirmed your verdict and sentence, proceed on to Step 8.
- f. If you have overturned your sentence, repeat Step 6 and then proceed.
- g. If you have overturned both the verdict and the sentence, your dispute has been resolved and you may exit The Nonjustice System.

STEP EIGHT

THE PUNISHMENT—*YOU ARE THE SHERIFF, JAILER, TORTURER, AND EXECUTIONER*

The verdict and sentence against the defendant have been affirmed. The defendant's appellate rights have been exhausted. The punishment must be administered without further delay.

*You are now the **SHERIFF, JAILER, TORTURER, AND EXECUTIONER** in The Nonjustice System. Your role is to carry out the sentence:*

- a. Imagine every detail of carrying out the sentence.
- b. Imagine what the place where you are punishing the defendant looks and smells like.
- c. Imagine the temperature and sounds.
- d. Imagine exactly what the person who wronged you looks like as the punishment begins.
- e. Imagine inflicting the punishment and how you feel doing this.
- f. Imagine seeing the person who wronged you suffer in great agony, or imagine them struggling to hide the pain.
- g. Imagine hearing the person who wronged you beg for mercy, or imagine them remaining stubborn and unrepentant.
- h. Imagine continuing with the punishment despite the defendant's pleas, or imagine increasing the intensity of the punishment when the defendant shows no sign of remorse.
- i. Imagine what the person who wronged you is feeling and thinking as the punishment continues.
- j. How do *you* feel as you administer the punishment?

- k. Does punishing the defendant relieve your suffering?
- l. Does punishing the defendant make you happy?
- m. Does punishing the defendant heal your pain?
- n. Does punishing the defendant make you feel loved again?
- o. Does punishing the defendant bring you inner peace?
- p. Does punishing the defendant bring you joy?
- q. Does punishing the defendant cause you to suffer in any new ways?
- r. Have you shown mercy to the defendant?
- s. Is there any room in your heart for mercy?

STEP NINE

THE FINAL JUDGMENT—*YOU ARE “GOD”*

Your wish has been granted in full. You have brought the person who wronged you to justice. You have proven that you have been hurt deeply, and now you have hurt back. Your craving for justice has been satisfied. Yet even still does your suffering continue. Justice has not brought you happiness. It has brought you only misery.

Do you wish for it to end? Do you wish to feel free, happy, loved and joyful again?

*It is in your power to do this, at this very moment, for you now have the opportunity to be as **GOD**, and God can do all things.*

*Even though you have found your brother or sister guilty, and even though you believe your punishment is just, you alone have the power to end your suffering. You can do this by ending your pursuit of justice. It is your pursuit of justice that is causing your suffering, and it is by ending your pursuit of justice that your happiness will be restored. You alone have the power to do this. **Your role as GOD in The Nonjustice System is to set yourself free:***

- a. Imagine how you would feel if you exercised God’s power and stopped pursuing justice against the person who wronged you.

Would you feel relieved?

Would you feel joyful?

Would you feel happiness?

Would you feel loved?

Would your suffering be ended?

Would your pain be healed?

Would you feel free to live your life again?

- b. Imagine how the person who wronged you would feel if you exercised God's power and ended your pursuit of justice?

Would he or she feel relieved?

Would he or she feel joyful?

Would he or she feel happiness?

Would he or she feel loved?

Would his or her suffering be ended?

Would his or her pain be healed?

Would he or she feel free to live their life again?

- c. Look again upon the person whom you would condemn.

Do you not see, now, that this person is a human being like you?

Look more closely upon this person whom you would condemn. Do you not see, now, that this person is *YOU*?

Do you not see that it is *YOUR* freedom, *YOUR* happiness, and *YOUR* soul that has been on trial here, not theirs?

Do you not see that by pursuing justice against your brother or sister, you have been pursuing justice against *YOURSELF*?

- d. You know now that there is only one way to relieve yourself of the pain you feel. You know now that there is only one sure course, one sure alternative, one sure act, that can release you from your suffering.
- e. Only by ending your pursuit of justice can you end your own suffering.
- f. Only by ending your pursuit of justice for the past can you free yourself in the present and future.
- g. Only by ending your pursuit of justice can you experience true happiness and joy.

- h. Only by ending your pursuit of justice can you find true peace, love, and security.
- i. Only by practicing nonjustice can you offer forgiveness.
Only by offering forgiveness can you receive forgiveness.
Only by receiving forgiveness can you experience freedom and salvation.
- j. The belief that you have been harmed is just that, a belief.
Like any other belief, you can choose to accept or reject it.
- k. You are as *God* now. You alone have the ability to relieve your own suffering and demonstrate the power of nonjustice to yourself and the world. You alone, in this simple act of nonjustice, have the power to experience peace and love.
- l. Will you accept the gift of nonjustice and live in the light, or will you reject it and return to the darkness of your pain and the lie that pursuing justice against your brother or sister can bring about anything but more suffering for YOURSELF?

What is your Final Judgment?

Is your pursuit of justice ENDED or will it CONTINUE?

Are you FORGIVEN or UNFORGIVEN?