

Outline

The Truth About Anger

- Costs of Un-mindful Anger
- A New, Expansive Approach to Dealing with Anger and Trauma
- Processing Anger: Why Anger In Must Become Anger Out
- Benefits of Mindful Anger: How This Volatile Emotion Heals
- Purposes of Anger

Emotional Mindfulness & Body Awareness Skills

- Leverage the Power of Mindfulness
- Use Emotional Mindfulness to Get in Touch with Our Inner World
- Distinguish Sensations from Emotions
- Transmute Anger into Emotional Wisdom
- Overcome Common Obstacles to Mindfulness

The Anatomy of Anger

- Predominant Anger Styles
- Common Triggers to Anger
- Passive Aggressive Behavior
- The Impulse That Precedes the Emotion
- Physical, Mental and Emotional Anger Cues
- The Antidote to Impulsivity
- Faulty Beliefs and Unrealistic Expectation

Strategies for Handling Anger in the Therapeutic Setting

- The Discomfort of Anger: Help Clients Stay in the Window of Tolerance
- Monitor the Client's Physiology: Tracking the Body
- Facilitate Affect Regulation
- Mobilize Client Resources to Meet the Discomfort of Change
- Stay within Your Own Window of Tolerance
- Beneath Anger: Five Steps to Uncovering and Healing Childhood Wounds**
- How Attachment-Related Issues Lead to Anger
- Step 1: Access Anger through Breath Work
- Step 2: Discover Old Wounds
- Step 3: Mobilize Energy through Telling the "Story"
- Step 4: Provide the Missing Experience
- Step 5: Perform an Emotional Release
- Mindful Anger Strategies to Improve Relationships and Self-Esteem**
- Develop Resilience through Self-Compassion and Gratitude
- Replace Reactivity with Research-Based Empathy

Objectives

1. Explain how the application of mindfulness can create breakthroughs for clients with any anger style.
2. Explore techniques of mindfulness and body awareness that help clients to read their physical, mental, and emotional cues to anger.
3. Discover the secret mechanism within the chain reaction of anger that provides the antidote to impulsivity.
4. Implement 5 powerful steps that can reveal old wounds and move clients toward healing and forgiveness, improved relationships and self-esteem.
5. Recognize the severe challenges of passive-aggressiveness and learn key tools for helping clients to eliminate this unhealthy pattern of coping with anger.
6. Enhance your ability to effectively handle anger—both your clients' and your own—in the therapeutic setting.



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- Assessments and exercises to deepen client self-awareness, accelerate growth, and strengthen relationships and self-esteem

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Both of my parents repressed their anger. They were like two simmering volcanoes ready to blow at any moment. They treated each other, and me with the kind of pervasive abuse that is harder to see than hitting. I too, eventually developed this unhealthy, passive-aggressive way of getting my feelings out.

By the time I got married, I was totally cut off from my feelings. I intellectualized my experiences. One day in group therapy, a man made a remark that triggered my repressed anger. I stood up, started screaming, and began swinging my purse around in the air. I had become the erupting volcano. I totally lost control.

After this event I felt noticeably lighter, freer. I sensed that there was value for me, and for others, in tapping into anger, getting it moving through us, and then releasing it.

I discovered that anger, it turned out, wasn't a bad thing. Rather, it was **the key** to emotional freedom!

When I first became a therapist, there was very little information about dealing with anger—either the client's or our own. Then, as strategies did begin to emerge—I found that they didn't really work. Frustrated and wanting more for my clients, I set out to discover what was missing. I wanted to know what more needed to be done to help people **truly** heal.

**After years of trial and error working with thousands of clients, I finally found the answer. I call it Mindful Anger.**

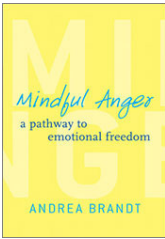
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Hope to see you there!

Andrea Brandt, PhD

# Mindful Anger

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## Mindful Anger

A Pathway to Emotional Freedom

By Andrea Brandt, PhD, MFT

Buried anger is expressed in a continuum, with rage and aggression at the top, and frustration, annoyance, irritation at the bottom, and everything in between. Unless this anger is addressed, it is impossible to overcome. This book urges readers to practice mindfulness-deliberately allowing physical sensations and emotions to surface so they can be examined and released. This sort of processing of anger-fully felt in the body as it happens, moved out through appropriate expression, and let go-will allow readers to process anger before it becomes unhealthy. Whether for you or your clients, this book offers simple tools of mindfulness to strengthen your connection with your inner world and learn to explore your anger, paying heed to the important messages it is sending.

## 8 Keys to Eliminating Passive-Aggressiveness

By Andrea Brandt, PhD, MFT

This book offers effective methods for transforming passive-aggression into healthy assertiveness to communicate in constructive ways through eight keys: Recognize Your Hidden Anger; Reconnect Your Emotions to Your Thoughts; Listen to Your Body; Set Healthy Boundaries; Communicate Assertively; Interact Using Mindfulness; Disable the Enabler; and Problem-Solve for Better Outcomes. Hands-on exercises are featured, enabling readers to better understand themselves.

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## Speaker



Andrea Brandt, PhD, MFT is a marriage and family therapist located in Santa Monica California. Andrea brings over 35 years of clinical experience to the role of individual family therapist, couples counseling, group therapy and anger management classes.

Dr. Brandt is a recognized expert in treating a full range of emotional issues, including anger & aggression, anxiety & trauma, aging, relationships, work-life balance, workplace, and women's issues.

In her workshops, patient sessions and presentations, Dr. Brandt reveals positive paths to emotional health that teach you how to reinvent and empower yourself. She emphasizes the mind-body-heart connection as a key

to mental, physical and emotional wellness.

Upon pioneering a new approach to emotional healing, Dr. Brandt directed her attention to the study of anger management and conflict resolution. In her book *8 Keys to Eliminating Passive-Aggressiveness* (W.W. Norton, 2013), Dr. Brandt examines strategies for overcoming a common yet debilitating response mechanism. In her second book, *Mindful Anger: A Pathway to Emotional Freedom* (W.W. Norton, 2014), Dr. Brandt explores methods to better understand and manage the powerful emotion of anger.

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