As you completed each of the previous exercises you probably noticed that you felt better about yourself, and you had more energy with which to tackle each subsequent exercise. After doing the first two exercises for a couple of days your self-esteem and motivational energy should be pretty high. If you continue to do all of the exercises for a few weeks, you will be so full of energy you will feel unstoppable on your new path to finding meaningful work.

When you reach this point, you can take one of your first positive steps toward building your own Good Business. With all that newfound energy it is now possible to offer your lizard brain some new podcasts to listen to. These new 'casts are called "Positive Affirmations" and they can help to create a new focus on values for your good business and your future life.

They can be thought of as subroutine programs for the human biocomputer. They are a way to add positive self-talk to replace some or all of your negative self-talk, help raise your self-esteem, and aid in building your confidence.

After you have mastered the "Negative Self-Talk," "Acknowledgment List," and "Confidence Building" exercises, begin using affirmations on a regular basis.

You may find your own starting affirmation or choose one from the affirmations at the end of this chapter. Use it. Make its intention your intention.

Make notes in your journal as you proceed day by day.

While the affirmations presented here have a particular structure, it is OK to modify them or create new ones of your own as long as you follow this structure.

To get the best results, choose one affirmation to repeat at least once per day for at least 20 days. First thing in the morning or last thing at night are the two best times to do this.

A word of caution: avoid bouncing around from affirmation to affirmation looking for one you like better. It works best to pick one and stick with it until at least 20 days have passed.

**Warning:** It is usually not a good idea to attempt positive affirmations prior to taming your negative self-talk, working with an acknowledgements list, and building a bit of confidence. The reason for this is that without the extra energy those exercises bring, without the new clarity about the power you have to overcome your existing assumptions and mental models, the old programs that the lizard brain uses to keep you safe will tend to win out. So, wait, if you can, until you've done the preceding exercises for a short while.

# Exercise 13. Positive Affirmations (Biocomputer Subroutines)

1. Relax. (See the exercise entitled "Creating a Container for the Work" above.) 2. Reflect. Pick one of the affirmations below. Read the affirmation you have chosen to start with. It is not necessary to memorize the affirmation to make it work. In fact, it is better if you don't. After the first few days, you need no longer read the affirmation, but instead simply recall its nature and intention to the best of your ability. At some point in each day, make some notes in your journal about what you see happening. - Are your attitudes changing?

- Are the affirmations becoming a part of your new character?

- When you have completed at least 20 days of work with an affirmation, you may move on to the next one.

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## Affirmations To Strengthen and Support. . .

#### ...Positive Thinking

- . . .Humor
- ...Memory
- ...Work
- ... Physical Health
- ...Sexual Sublimation
- ...Reinforcement
- ...Overall

## **Positive Thinking**

From today onward . . .

I shall become more and more conscious of all that is happy, positive, and cheerful.

The thoughts which enter my mind will be strong and healthful ones.

Daily I shall gain self-confidence.

I shall believe in my own powers.

And they shall manifest themselves in greater strength.

My life is growing smoother, easier, and brighter.

These changes become daily more profound.

I rise easily to higher planes of life, as, day by day, all the troubles which have perplexed me drop away, never to return.

#### Humor

Day by day. . .

I grow more good humored.

Equanimity and cheerfulness are my normal states of mind.

All the little happenings of life are received by me in this spirit.

I am a center of cheer and helpfulness to those around me, infecting them with my own good humor.

This cheerful mood has become so habitual that nothing can rob me of it.

#### Memory

Day by day my memory improves in every way.

The impressions I receive are clearer and more definite.

I retain them automatically and without any effort on my part.

When I wish to recall them they immediately present themselves in their correct form to my mind.

My memory is better than it has ever been before and continues to grow increasingly better.

### Work

My work is easy, quite easy.

Since it is easy, I can do it, and I shall do it efficiently and successfully.

And I enjoy doing it; it gives me pleasure. . . my whole self joins harmoniously in the task, and the results are beyond even my expectations.

## **Physical Health**

As each day passes, it is easy for me to prepare and eat good food in sufficient but not excessive quantity.

I find exercising my body to be easier and easier.

Day by day I become healthier and healthier.

### Sexual Sublimation

Day by day I temper my outgoing sexuality, cultivating an inner softness... a softness with the strength of a stream that can easily shape stone, or wind that can wear away a mountain.

I turn this energy inward creating a positive power that is immensely attractive to others.

At the same time. . .

I accept responsibility for my obligations as a custodian of the outward, creative energy of the world.

Through these energies, I act as protector and provider, powerful in myself, but not harmful or belittling to others.

I am not just my body...

I am the limitless, eternal energy within. . .

# Reprogramming the Human Biocomputer

Reinforcement	My ideas flow freely, my plans construct themselves
Day by day	in the clearness of my center.
I live with these ideas	I come to all my work
repeating them tranquilly and effortlessly.	with a creative vigor and singleness of purpose.
My mind is serene.	I move through life in a powerful, centered way.
I am filled with hope and confidence.	Overall
My way becomes clear as my unconscious dwells on	Day by day
the best means for me to reach my goals.	In every way
All fear and anxiety are gone.	I am getting better and better.

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#### I'd love to 'follow my bliss,' if I could just figure out what it was!

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