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**Fasting is the
greatest remedy,
the physician
within.**

-Paracelsus
*15th century physician
father of body chemistry*



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Miraculous Testimonials for *The Miracle of Fasting*

These are just a few of the thousands of testimonials we receive yearly, praising fasting for the rejuvenation benefits they reap – physically, mentally and spiritually. We hope in time to also receive one from you.

What a wonderful difference I have felt physically, mentally and, most important to me, spiritually.

– Tully Strong, Coos Bay, OR

For over 20 years I have been reading the Bragg Books. In fact, *The Miracle of Fasting* saved my life. Your father was a God-sent humanitarian.

– Raymond M. Webster, S.T.D.M., Chicago, Illinois

A fast with distilled water can help you heal with greater speed; cleanse your liver, kidneys and colon; purify your blood; help you lose excess weight and bloating; flush out toxins; clear the eyes, tongue, and cleanse the breath. Thanks to the Bragg Books for my conversion to the healthy way.

– James F. Balch, M.D., Prescription for Nutritional Healing

Thank you Patricia for our first meeting in London, in 1968, when you gave me your fasting book – it got me exercising, walking and eating more wisely. You were a blessing God-sent!

– Reverend Billy Graham

Fasting has helped me clean out my sick body and brain. I feel like a new person. I'm reborn!

– Joe Scavens, SC

I've known the wonderful Bragg Health Books for over 25 years. They are a blessing to me and my family and to all who read them to help make this a healthier world.

– Pastor Mike Macintosh, Horizon Christian Fellowship

Our lives have completely turned around! Our family is feeling so healthy and good, we must tell you about it.

– Gene & Joan Zollner, Parents of 11, Bellingham, WA





Praises for *The Miracle of Fasting*

Paul Bragg saved my life at age 15 when I attended the Bragg Health Crusade in Oakland. I thank Bragg Healthy Lifestyle for my long, happy life sharing health with everyone!

– Jack LaLanne, Bragg Follower for 74 years

When I was a young gymnastics coach at Stanford University, Paul Bragg's words and example inspired me to live a healthy lifestyle. I was twenty-three then; now I'm nearly sixty, and my own health and fitness serves as a living testimonial to Bragg's wisdom, carried on by Patricia, his dedicated health crusading daughter.

– Dan Millman, Author “Way of the Peaceful Warrior”,
www.danmillman.com

I am truly thrilled by what I've read, and am excited, enthused and confident of my now newer ways to health.

– Ken Cooper, D.C., Narrabi, NSW, Australia

I found your Vinegar book in a health food store. I bought it, read it, gave copies to several friends including my doctor and I have also followed The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle since. I can honestly say that out of all the books I have read, the Bragg Books have benefited me the most!

– Reiner Rothe, Vancouver, Canada

I am eternally grateful for your book. It's made a great difference in my life. I'm sharing it with my friends.

– Carolyn Orfel, Washinton, D.C.

I love the Bragg Books and The Miracle of Fasting. They are so popular and loved in Russia and the Ukraine. I give thanks for my health and energy. I just won the Honolulu Marathon with the all-time women's record!

– Lyubov Morgunova, Moscow, Russia

Paul and Patricia Bragg were my early inspiration to my health education.

– Jeffery Bland, Ph.D., Famous Food Scientist

I am a champion weight lifter at Muscle Beach for over 50 years and we are all Bragg health and fitness fans.

– Chris Baioa, Santa Monica, California.



Praises for *The Miracle of Fasting*

The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle with Fasting has changed my life! I lost weight and my energy levels went through the roof. I look forward to “Fasting” days. I think better and am a better husband and father. Thank you Patricia, this has been a great blessing in my life. Also, we enjoyed your sharing The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle at our “AOL” Conference.

– Byron H. Elton, VP Entertainment, Time Warner AOL



I am grateful to you and your father’s work in writing *The Miracle of Fasting*. I give a copy to each of my patients.

– John M. Leigl, D.C., Racine, Wisconsin

I could hardly put it down. *The Miracle of Fasting* has thoroughly stirred me physically, mentally and spiritually.

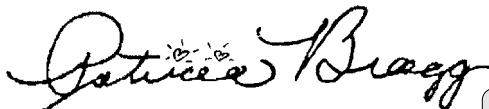
– Evangelist Richard Sego, Macon, GA

I give thanks to Health Crusaders Paul Bragg and daughter Patricia for their dedicated years of service spreading health. It’s made a difference in my life and millions of others worldwide. – Pat Robertson, Host CBN “700 Club”

 read more testimonials pages 247 – 249 

We get letters daily at our Santa Barbara headquarters. We would love to receive testimonials from you on any blessings and healings you experienced after following The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle with Fasting. It’s all within your grasp to be in top health. By following this book, you can reap Super Health and a happy, long, vital life! It’s never too late to begin – see (page 185) the study they did with people in their 80s and 90s and the amazing results that were obtained! You can receive miracles with nutrition, exercise and fasting! Start now!

Daily our prayers & love go out to you, your heart, mind & soul.



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Genesis 6:3

Miracles can happen every day through guidance and prayer! – Patricia Bragg





Do You Show Signs of PREMATURE AGEING?

Is everything you do a big effort?

Have you started to lose your skin tone?
Your muscle tone? Your energy? Your hair?

Do small things irritate you?
Are you forgetful? Confused?

Is your elimination sluggish?

Do you have allergies? Joint pains

Do you have aches and pains?

Do you get out of breath
when you run or climb stairs?

How limber is your back and body?

How well do you adjust to cold and heat?

Ask yourself these important questions:

Am I healthy and happy?

Do I seem to be slipping and
not quite like myself anymore?

If the answer to these questions are "Yes,"

START TODAY
Living The
Bragg Healthy
Lifestyle!



He who understands Mother Nature walks with God.



DEDICATION



We dedicate this Book to 8 Great
Pioneers of Health and Longevity
and to You – Our Readers and Friends

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Father of Heliotherapy (Sunshine Therapy)

Bernarr Macfadden –

Father and Founder of the Physical Culture Movement

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return to Natural Methods of Treatment

Dr. John T. Tilden, M.D. –

Great Natural Healer and Health Pioneer

Patricia Bragg and Paul C. Bragg



Fasting Helps Keep You Healthy & Youthful

Fasting is an effective and safe method of detoxifying the body – a technique that wise men have used for centuries to heal the sick. Fast regularly and help the body heal itself and stay well. Give all of your organs a rest. Fasting can help reverse the ageing process, and if we use it correctly, we will live longer, happier lives. Just three days a month will do it. Each time you complete a fast, you will feel better. Your body will have a chance to heal and rebuild its immune system by regular fasting. You can fight off illness and the degenerative diseases so common in this chemically polluted environment we live in. When you feel a cold or any illness coming on, or are just depressed – it's best to fast!

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– James Balch, M.D., *Prescription for Nutritional Healing*

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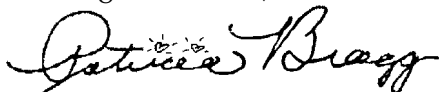
We love sharing, teaching and giving world-wide, and you can share this love by being a partner by sharing The Bragg Health Crusades message. We are dedicated with a passion to help others! We feel blessed when you and your family's lives improve through following our teachings from the Bragg Health Books and The Bragg Crusades. It makes our years of faithful service so worthwhile! We will keep sharing, and please do write us how our teachings have helped you.

The Miracle of Fasting book has been the #1 Health book for over 15 years in Russia, the Ukraine and now Bulgaria! Why? Because we show them how to live a healthy, wholesome life for less money, and it's so easy to understand and follow. Most healthful lifestyle habits are free (good posture, clean thoughts, plain natural food, exercise and deep breathing, all of which promotes energy and health into the body). We continue to reach the multitudes worldwide with our health books and teachings, lectures, crusades, radio and TV outreaches.

My joy and priorities come from God, Mother Nature and healthy living. I love being a health crusader and spreading health worldwide, for now it's needed more than ever! My father and I also pioneered Health TV with our program "Health and Happiness" from Hollywood. Yes – it's thrilling to be a Health Crusader and you will enjoy it also. See back pages to list names (yourself, family and friends) who you feel would benefit from receiving our free Health Bulletins!

By reading Bragg Self-Health Books you gain a new confidence that you can help yourself, family and friends to The Bragg Healthy Principles of Living! Please call your local book stores and health stores and ask for the Bragg Health Books. Prayerfully, we hope to have all stores stock the Bragg Books. We do keep prices as low as possible so they will be affordable and available for everyone to learn to live and enjoy a healthier, happier and longer life!

With Blessings of Health, Peace and Love,



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Paul C. Bragg's daughter Patricia and their wonderful, healthy members of the *Bragg Longer Life, Health and Happiness Club* exercise daily on the beautiful Fort DeRussy lawn, at famous Waikiki Beach in Honolulu, Hawaii. View club exercising www.bragg.com. Membership is free and open to everyone to attend any morning – Monday through Saturday, from 9 to 10:30 am – for Bragg Super Power Breathing and Health and Fitness Exercises. On Saturday there are often health lectures on how to live a long, healthy life! The group averages 75 to 125 per day, depending on the season. From December to March it can go up to 150. Its dedicated leaders have been carrying on the class for over 30 years. Thousands have visited the club from around the world and carried the Bragg Health and Fitness Crusade to friends and relatives back home. When you visit Honolulu, Hawaii, Patricia invites you and your friends to join her and the club for wholesome, healthy fellowship. She also recommends visiting the outer Islands (Kauai, Hawaii, Maui, Molokai) for a fulfilling, healthy vacation.



To maintain good health, normal weight and increase the good life of radiant health, joy and happiness, the body must be exercised properly (stretching, walking, jogging, running, biking, swimming, deep breathing, good posture, etc.) and nourished wisely with healthy foods. – Paul C. Bragg

Fasting Cleanses, Renews and Rejuvenates

Our bodies have a natural self-cleansing for maintaining a clean, healthy body and our "river of life" – our blood. It's essential we keep our entire bodily machinery from head to toes healthy and in good working order so nothing breaks down!

Fasting is the best detoxifying method. It's also the most effective and safest way to increase elimination of waste buildups and enhance the body's miraculous self-healing and self-repairing process that keeps you healthy and youthful.

If you prepare for a fast by eating a cleansing diet for 1 to 2 days, this can greatly facilitate the cleansing process. Fresh variety salads and organic vegetables, fruits and their juices, as well as fruit pep drinks and green drinks (alfalfa, barley green, chlorella, spirulina, wheatgrass, etc.) stimulates waste elimination. Fresh foods and juices can literally pick up dead matter from your body and dispose of it. After pre-cleansing period start your fast.

Daily, even on most fast days, we take from 1,000 to 3,000 mg. of mixed vitamin C powder (C concentrate, acerola, rosehips and bioflavonoids) in liquids. It's a potent antioxidant and flushes out deadly free radicals. It also promotes collagen production for new healthy tissues and it's also important if you are detoxifying from prescription drugs or alcohol overload.

A moderate, well planned distilled water fast is our favorite or the introductory fast of diluted fresh juice (35% distilled water). Both can cleanse your body of excess mucus, old fecal matter, trapped cellular, non-food wastes and help remove inorganic mineral deposits and sludge from your pipes and joints.

Fasting works by self-digestion. During a fast your body intuitively will decompose and burn only the substances and tissues that are damaged, diseased or unneeded, such as abscesses, tumors, excess fat deposits, excess water and congestive wastes. Even a short fast (1 to 3 days) will accelerate elimination from your liver, kidneys, lungs, bloodstream and skin. Sometimes you will experience dramatic changes (cleansing and healing crisis) as accumulated wastes are expelled. With your first fasts you may temporarily have cleansing headaches, fatigue, body odor, bad breath, coated tongue, mouth sores and even diarrhea as your body is cleaning house. Please be patient with your body!

After a fast your body begins to healthfully rebalance when you faithfully follow The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle. Your weekly 24 hour fast removes toxins on a regular basis, so they don't accumulate. Your energy levels will rise and shine – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Your creativity expands. You will feel like a "new you" – which you are – you are being cleansed, purified and reborn. Fasting is a miracle!

You are what you eat, drink, breathe, think, say and do! – Patricia Bragg
Bob Schuller's famous Hour of Power Sermon on Worldwide TV featured Patricia's wise health motto. Listen to powerful message on www.bragg.com.

THE MIRACLE OF FASTING

To preserve health is a moral and religious duty, for health is the basis for all social virtues. We can no longer be as useful when not well.

– Dr. Samuel Johnson,
Father of Dictionaries

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When you sell a man a book you don't just sell him paper, ink and glue, you sell him a whole new life! There's heaven and earth in a real book. The real purpose of books is to inspire the mind into its own thinking. – Christopher Morley





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It is never too late to be what you might have been. – George Elliot



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It's magnificent to live long if one keeps healthy and youthful. – H. Fosdick
Knowledge is love, light and vision. – Helen Keller, blind/deaf author



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Kindness should be a frame of mind in which we are alert to every opportunity: to do, to give, to share and to cheer. – Patricia Bragg

On a fast day you shall read the words of the Lord. – Jeremiah 36:6

Nature cannot be hastened. The bloom of a flower opens in its own proper time. – Paul Bruton

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*Living in harmony with God and Mother Nature is living totally alive,
full of vitality, health, joy, power, love, and abundance on every level.*

Nature never makes any fuss, and yet it does everything. – Lao-tzu

*If I were to name the three most precious resources of life, I would
say books (Bible, etc.), friends and nature; and the greatest, the most
constant and always at hand is nature. – John Burroughs*



Fasting Brings Great Health Miracles!



Patricia Bragg is a 100% dedicated Health Crusader with a passion, like her father and a living example of The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle. She speaks on radio, TV and at conventions, prisons, schools, colleges, churches and seminars around the world.

Throughout history and in the Bible, fasting has long been promoted as a spiritual means for intensifying prayer and your faith. You can reap great spiritual blessings with your fasting and prayer. Those who knew the secrets and the great benefits of fasting as a vital dimension in God include Jesus, Apostle Paul, early church leaders, Daniel, Elijah, Ezra, Esther, Job, David, Hannah, Isaiah, Zachariah and many others.

Prominent fasters in Christian history include John Calvin, Martin Luther, John Knox, John Wesley, David Brainard, George Muller, and hundreds of church pioneers. They discovered abstaining from food not only freed them to focus upon God with fresh intensity, but also opened avenues of spiritual perception and understanding that were not available during routine living. They found as they focused upon God with deliberate discipline and prayer, God focused upon them with clarity of direction and quickening of spirit. They could partake of God more easily when all else was set aside. Fasting Brings Great Spiritual, Mental, Emotional and Physical Health Miracles!



A teacher for the day can be a guiding light for a lifetime!
Bragg Books are silent health teachers – never tiring, ready night or day to help you help yourself to health! Our books are written with love and a deep desire to guide you to healthy lifestyle living. – Patricia Bragg

The freedom and ease you experience during fasting enables you to discover new undreamed of depths to the meaning of life. – Herbert Shelton

With fasting the head is clearer, the health is better, the heart is lighter, the purse is heavier and the soul is renewed.
– Scottish clergyman on fasting, circa 1800.

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World Wide Web Site: www.bragg.com



TEN HEALTH COMMANDMENTS

- Thou shall respect and protect thy body as the highest manifestation of thy life.
- Thou shall abstain from all unnatural, devitalized foods and stimulating beverages.
- Thou shall nourish thy body with only natural unprocessed, live foods, that . . .
- Thou shall extend thy years in health for loving, sharing with others and charitable service.
- Thou shall regenerate thy body by the right balance of activity and rest.
- Thou shall purify thy cells, tissue and blood with healthy foods, pure water, clean air and sunshine.
- Thou shall abstain from all food when out of sorts in mind or body.
- Thou shall keep all thoughts, words and emotions pure, calm, good, loving and uplifting.
- Thou shall increase thy knowledge of Nature's Laws, follow them, and enjoy the fruits of thy life's labor.
- Thou shall lift up thyself, friends and family by obedience to Mother Nature's and God's Healthy, Natural Laws of Living.



Bragg Healthy Lifestyle Plan

- Read, plan, plot, and follow through for supreme health and longevity.
- Underline, highlight or dog-ear pages as you read important passages.
- Organizing your lifestyle helps you identify what's important in your life.
- Be faithful to your health goals everyday for a healthy, long, happy life.
- Where space allows we include "words of wisdom" from great minds to motivate and inspire you. Please share your favorite sayings with us.
- Do write us about your successes following *The Miracle of Fasting*.

Patricia Bragg and Paul C. Bragg

Open your eyes so you may behold wondrous things out of thy law. – Psalm 119:18

The Miracle of Fasting

Helps You Enjoy a Super Charged, Healthy, Happy Long Life

Every thinking person must at one time or another say to himself, "Am I getting the most out of life?" The great comedian, Ed Wynn said, "Without your health, riches, possessions and fame are all mud." What is a man without health, even though endowed with riches and fame? Riches cannot buy health and happiness. Just because a person has achieved fame, it does not follow that he is healthy and happy!

I do not discredit success and riches! I think money and possessions have a place in our lives. Physical comforts and luxuries are important to most people. Take away a man's wealth and give him only health and his first desire will be the return of his riches.

However with both achieved, a word remains which we hate to utter; a thought we dread to contemplate; a thing which gives sorrow, pain and grief. That word, that thought, that thing, is death! Even in cases where life appears a burden, how tenaciously does man cling to it! How the spirit recoils from a struggle with death! How fondly it retains its grasp on life! Man's great desire is for health and long life on earth; "Man clings to the world as his home, and would want to live here forever, if he had health and long-lasting youthfulness."



Note: *My father and I wrote this book together. However, because my father is both my mentor and the American Pioneer of Fasting – with long years of experience overseeing the fasting of thousands of students with miraculous results – this text is mostly presented in his voice. – Patricia Bragg*

I have found a perfect health, a new state of existence, a feeling of purity and happiness, something unknown to humans!
– Novelist Upton Sinclair, a frequent faster

"Yet even now", says the Lord, "return to me

Bragg Motto – I Love Life and I Want to Live!

At our Bragg Health Crusade lectures, I often sing my favorite song – called “I Love Life, and I Want to Live”– for my students. These strong words express the inner desires of each one of us. Life in itself is a miracle! And you and I who have precious life are holding this miracle in the palms of our hands to treasure and protect.

Life is Precious – It’s the Treasure of Treasures

Since Adam and Eve lived in that historic Garden of Eden, the prolongation of human life has been and still is mankind’s biggest challenge! The Persian and Greek sages, in the centuries before Christ, summoned their intellectual forces to solve it in vain. The scholars of the Medieval Ages pursued it zealously, but again were stymied. Today, in this fast-paced space age, every intelligent person deep in their heart and soul wants to live a healthy, long life. Most lack the proper health knowledge – the true key to a long, active, healthy life!

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By following my mentors – Mother Nature’s and God’s Natural Laws, I invented the Bragg Healthy Lifestyle. Follow it and you can live to a healthy, active, advanced age! Every person owes it to himself, his relatives, his friends and his country to take care of his health! This will make him a valued, active citizen, not a financial burden! I believe that every one is entitled to active lives of 120 years or more as the Bible states,

“Man’s days shall be 120 years.” – Genesis 6:3

Longevity may be defined as the maximum duration of life that a healthy person can attain under the most healthy, favorable conditions by living a healthy lifestyle.

Unhealthy Lifestyle Killing Millions Worldwide!

Most people – because of their unwise habits in diet, drink and excesses – die prematurely, long before fulfilling their potential. Wild animals, undisturbed, live out their full term. Man is the only exception. Sadly, not more than one in a million lives out his natural life.



If you would imitate Nature, you should take her simplicity for your model.
– M. Sendibogius

Sickness is a Crime Against Your Body – Don't Be a Health Criminal!

Animals in their wild habitat know by instinct how to live, and what to eat and drink. They know how to fast instinctively when they get hurt or sick. Naturally, animals are led to eat what is good for them. But man eats and drinks anything and everything – consuming the most indigestible concoctions, washing it down with poisonous slops – and then wonders why he is sickly and does not live to be a centenarian!

In theory, humans desire long life! Many shorten their lives to the minimum. Does this make sense? Why this marvelous mechanism of man – perfect in its minutest organism, combining a Godlike intelligence with a body which sculptors have imitated but never equalled – should be ruthlessly destroyed by its owner's unhealthy lifestyle is one of the inexplicable disgraces of our culture!

The world famous marble statue of Apollo that Patricia and I saw in the Vatican at Rome is not greater in the perfection of manly beauty than that possessed by thousands of young men in our midst today. This inanimate marble of Apollo is as tenderly cared for as a rare, priceless jewel. Meanwhile, living man – noble, intellectual, refined, with a miraculous physical structure and an eternal soul – gives his wonderful body less attention than he gives to his car, cat or dog.

All people of sound mentality naturally desire a long, healthy, pain-free, happy and useful life. With our natural intelligence – super health, happiness and longevity should be the rule instead of the exception.

In my early career, I was associated with the great Bernarr Macfadden, the Father and Founder of the Physical Culture movement. I was the associate Editor of the pioneer health magazine *Physical Culture*. These lines always appeared on the front cover of every issue:

“Sickness is a crime – Don't be a criminal.”

*Old age is a highly toxic condition caused by
nutritional deficiencies and an unhealthy lifestyle.*

Men do not die, they kill themselves. – Seneca, Roman Philosopher

Physical weakness, flabbiness and sickness have always seemed criminal to me – a sacrilegious abuse of that miracle instrument, the human body. I regained my health after being a hopeless tuberculosis victim years ago, and since then I've made a religion of keeping in perfect health through conscientious care of my body. Adhering to a high ideal of stamina, vitality, health and endurance has paid me great dividends – so priceless that I call myself "A Health Billionaire!"

To Be a Health Billionaire and Enjoy the Glow of Ageless Health and Happiness, You Must Work and Earn It!

The "secret" of the glow of ageless health lies in maintaining internal cleanliness and regeneration. This requires eating natural, organically grown live foods, combined with other healthy practices such as fasting, drinking distilled water, exercising and deep breathing.

When you purify your body with systematic fasting and live foods, you crave daily exercise, and by exercising you sculpt your body to become the person you want to be. Just think, from this minute on you can mold your body to physical perfection. With the knowledge found in these pages you will find out how you can reap the most out of life, physically, mentally and spiritually!

The human race is a miracle unique study, and an intriguing one! But the natural laws which govern man are simple and understandable if one takes the time to learn and observe how he functions from day to day!

Life Can Be a Happy and Joyous Adventure

To know one's self seems like an endless task, but with crystal clear observation and the daily application of these simple but precise laws, life becomes not only a most exciting adventure, but a tremendous joy! Study and follow The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle throughout your life, and you will start to experience the day-by-day joys, happiness and truly great pleasures of a healthy body, mind and soul for a happy, long and vigorous life!



Exercise, along with healthy foods and some fasting helps maintain or restore a healthy physical balance and normal weight for a long, happy, vital life.

What is *The Miracle of Fasting*?

What is the Most Significant Discovery of this Modern Age?

- The finding of Dinosaur eggs on the plains of Mongolia, which scientists assert were laid some 10,000,000 years ago?
- The unearthing of ancient tombs and cities, with their confirmations of the Scriptural stories, and their matchless specimens of bygone civilizations?
- The radioactive time clock by which Professor Lane of Tufts University estimates the age of the earth as 1,250,000,000 years?
- Jet airplanes? Space travel? Lasers? Television? Radio? Computers? Telephones? Cell phones? Automobiles?

None of the above compare with fasting . . .

The Greatest Discovery of Modern Times

In our opinion, the greatest discovery by modern man is the method to rejuvenate himself physically, mentally and spiritually by fasting. Man can create a quality of agelessness and with fasting it's possible to prevent premature ageing and a premature death!

The dread of “growing old” and becoming a burden to himself and others is one of man's greatest fears! The fear of becoming sick, senile, helpless and unable to care for one's self is rooted deep in every thinking person's mind. With the complete knowledge of fasting and The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle, as outlined in this book, you can banish all your fears of premature ageing! With a 24 hour complete water fast weekly – setting aside 52 days and four 7 to 10 day fasts a year for body purification – you can keep the toxins removed and flush the rust and crystals from your moveable joints and muscles.

Don't procrastinate and keep waiting for “the right moment.” Today – take action and plan, plot and follow through with your goals, dreams and healthy lifestyle living! You will be a winner in life when you Captain your life to success!

– Patricia Bragg

Instead of medicine, fast for a day. – Plutarch, Greek Philosopher

You must bear in mind it's the toxic debris and wastes of metabolism (from the biological process of converting food into living matter and that matter into energy) that brings on many physical ailments and premature ageing!

When the Vital Force of your body drops below normal, then all your physical problems – as well as your mental ones – begin! Read the Bragg *Build Powerful Nerve Force* Book. (See back pages for booklist.) It details how to reduce stress, fear, anger and worry – these negative factors can destroy your precious Vital Force and life!

Fasting Conserves Energy – Your Vital Force

Let me explain. We eat food and as it passes through the body, it must be masticated, digested, assimilated and then the waste is eliminated. We have four great organs of elimination: the bowels, the kidneys, the lungs, and the skin. In order for these eliminative organs to work perfectly, the body must build a high Vital Force of body energy reserves.

6 It takes a tremendous amount of Vital Force to pass a large meal through the gastrointestinal tract and also eliminate the waste via the 30 foot tube that runs from the mouth to the rectum. It takes the great power of Vital Force to pass liquids through the 2 million filters of the human kidneys. It takes Vital Force for the chemical power of the liver and the gallbladder to do their work in preparing food for the billions of body cells. It takes great Vital Force for the lungs to deeply inhale up to 2 quarts of oxygen with each breath, to purify the entire bloodstream in your body and expel the toxins and the carbon dioxide. It takes great Vital Force for the skin (often called your third kidney) with its 96 million pores, to throw off body toxins in the form of skin rashes, pimples, sweat and foul body odors.

The Endless Quest

Freedom and progress rest in man's continual search for truth.

Truth is the summit of being. – Emerson

Who is strong? He that can conquer his bad habits. – Ben Franklin

Healing takes time – but it's sometimes a matter of opportunity. – Hippocrates

We Live in a Poisoned World

It is the duty of your Vital Force to supply the energy used to rid the body of any toxins created during the processing of food consumed. The Vital Force must also keep the body temperature at 98.6 degrees. When sick the body will often create a fever to burn up the toxins to flush them out! If it falls below this figure you are enervated and sick. In our modern civilization, the Vital Force is becoming so overburdened with toxic filth, pollution and toxins in foods that man keeps creating.

The Big, Filthy Sewer in the Sky Above Us

We are bombarded with noxious and harmful filth and dirt from our skies. Take New York City as an example. Roughly 60 tons of airborne dust particles fall monthly on each square mile. Think of all the airborne dirt the body must battle with to keep a person in New York alive! No wonder there are so many hospitals and sick people in that poisoned, toxic city.

Scientists estimate that an inhabitant of an industrial city such as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania or Birmingham, Alabama stands a higher than average chance of contracting a deadly lung disease or suffering from heart trouble, just because of breathing polluted air. That special form of poisoned air known as “smog” regularly affects not only Los Angeles, but Phoenix, St. Louis, Kansas City, Washington, D.C., New York City and most big cities across America as well as around the world.

A grim mixture of soot and smoke from factories, incinerators and power plants; the gaseous by-products of industry; and the toxic exhaust from cars and trucks are making an ugly, unhealthy mess out of the air most Americans breathe. Air pollution is a real menace to our health and lives. Fasting is our best solution in helping to keep moving these filthy poisons out of our body!

Later in this book, we will explain how to examine your urine. After a few days of fasting, you will actually be able to see some of the poisons your body contained.



*Medicine is only palliative. For behind disease lies the cause,
and this cause no drug can reach. – Dr. Weir Mitchell*

Rivers, Lakes, Oceans Becoming Polluted

Not only does the air we breathe fill our bodies with poisons, but our water is so filthy that more strong toxic chemicals are used to make it “fit?” to drink. An inorganic mineral called chlorine is used to supposedly help purify our drinking water . . . along with alum and many other inorganic minerals. Remember, your body can only absorb organic minerals from living plant matter. Any inorganic minerals must be eliminated from the body by the Vital Force. If it’s below normal and can’t keep up the cleansing, then these inorganic chemicals become lodged in tissues and joints to cause future problems!

Lake Erie is critically ill, and the symptoms are there for all to see. Beaches that once were gleaming with white sand are covered with odorous green slime. The lake’s prize fish – walleye, blue pike, yellow perch, and whitefish – have all but disappeared. One Cleveland health student wrote to tell us that “Our lake is a wastebasket for factories. It is unfit for fish to live in, and for people to drink and use, because it’s loaded with toxic, deadly chemicals.” The major reason for the lake’s terrible pollution is that most of its larger tributaries have been turned into little more than open sewers. Detroit alone pours 1.5 million gallons of waste a day into the Detroit River, which flows directly into Lake Erie.

The Cuyahoga River, which runs through the middle of Akron and Cleveland before spilling into the lake, is so clogged with logs, rotted pilings, chemicals, oil slicks and old tires that it has been labeled the filthiest water in America. Added to the scum and stench are thousands of dead fish that were smothered by the nasty pollution.

On a cruise up the Buffalo River last summer, Buffalo’s mayor glided past islands of detergents, pools of grain dust and a general rainbow of dirty industrial discharge. “The odor was overpowering. Unbelievable! Disgusting!” he concluded. Hopefully, the Buffalo and Cuyahoga River environmental problems have now been corrected!

We are citing only one water supply among the many that are completely contaminated. All across America we find water supplies polluted. We use lots of water and it’s so heavily chemicalized that it isn’t fit to use.

Fasting – The Key to Internal Purification

Remember that all those inorganic chemicals must be passed out of your body or they can cause great damage. If the body's Vital Force drops too low then it can't force these inorganic chemicals through your eliminative systems. Then they remain in the body and can cause grave health damage in the future!

If we are to get these poisons out of our bodies we must fast! By fasting we give our bodies a physiological rest. This rest builds Vital Force. The more Vital Force we have, the more toxins are going to be eliminated from the body to help keep it clean, pure and healthy.

Poisons from Chemical Pesticides & Sprays

Tons upon tons of all varieties of deadly chemicals are not only sprayed in the air to kill insects, but many more tons are sprayed on commercially grown fruits and vegetables. Salads are healthy and appetizing, but often are made deadly because of the use of insecticide sprays. This year's crops have been exposed to more poisonous pesticide chemicals than ever before. You must be on guard and buy and eat organic produce for your health!

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Beware of that salad! It may fill your body with deadly poisons! A convention group of women were having lunch at a Miami hotel and shortly afterwards, they were all seized with an attack of cramps. Nausea and dizziness soon followed. Sick, pale and shaken from vomiting, the women required medical aid. It didn't take a physician long to trace the source of this outbreak of acute poisoning. The villain proved to be an appetizing salad bar, consisting of vegetables, dressings, etc. Stating the reasons for the illness, the doctor said, "The poisoning was caused by chemicals, 'stay fresh' stabilizer spray and pesticides on the restaurant's salads and vegetables."

Dangerous chemical pesticides, insecticides and fertilizers are used on crops. Recently the FDA reported the seizure of endive and lettuce contaminated with excessive residues of toxic pesticide chemicals and parathion (a highly poisonous agricultural insecticide).

Food Crops Often Exposed to Toxic Poisons

Food shipments are often found exceeding the legal limits of toxic chemical pesticides and are seized. But this isn't the whole sad story of food poisoning. First of all, only shipments destined for interstate commerce are checked, and only a small fraction of the country's total produce ever comes under the scrutiny of an inspector. Many tons and truckloads of lettuce containing pesticide residues "in excess of legal tolerance" will stay within the state or community where they are grown and not be checked at all! As far as shipments across state lines, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration will be the first to admit that, because of limited manpower, only a fraction of the fruit and vegetable shipments in interstate commerce are checked.

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The frightening truth is that a high percentage of the field crops you are eating have been sprayed with a wide variety of deadly poisons! These include chlorinated hydrocarbons, pesticides, toxic fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides, and other phosphorus and toxic compounds that are used in growing. The contamination of salad vegetables doesn't stop with spraying the leafy portion of the plant. Medical researchers have discovered that many chemicals such as fertilizers and weed killers applied to the soil can remain there for a long time and are then absorbed by succeeding crops grown in the fields. The poison finally ends up in the pulp of the vegetable itself. It becomes part of it and cannot be washed off! Please start demanding organic produce!

No doubt it has occurred to you that if the vegetables in your salad are contaminated you should make some effort to get rid of this poisonous residue before you eat too much of it. You might feel that peeling off the skin of a tomato or removing the outer layer of the lettuce will do the job. It won't. Some of the residue will be removed, certainly, but there will be more in lower leaves and in the pulp itself. The chemicals cannot even be broken down by cooking! The poison is part of the plant and is there to stay. So eat organic and don't panic!

Some students drink deeply at the fountain of knowledge – most only gargle.

The Miracle of Fasting Aids in Flushing Deadly Poisons from the Body

When we fast (stop eating) all the Vital Force that has been used to convert food into energy and body tissue is now being used to flush poisons from the body! When Patricia and I travel throughout America and the world lecturing, we are fortunate to know health-minded people everywhere. We are usually well supplied with organically homegrown fruits and vegetables from their health gardens. But sometimes only commercially grown foods are available, which may have been sprayed with poisonous pesticides. So, we fast faithfully to cleanse toxins out, even when traveling, one 24 hour fast weekly.

I do four 7 to 10 day fasting periods yearly. When I go on a 7 to 10 day complete water fast, I take a specimen of my urine each morning upon arising. I put it in a small labeled bottle to let it cool and settle. In a few days, I can see little crystals forming in the urine. I have had my urine examined for chemicals, and the examiner has told me time and time again that traces of DDT and other deadly pesticide residues have appeared in my urine. On one occasion, I took a 21 day complete water fast. On the 19th day, I had terrible pains in my bladder. When I urinated it felt like red hot water passing through me. I had this urine examined and sure enough, it was filled with DDT and other pesticides and poisons!

A great feeling of energy flowed over my body when this poison had passed out of it. The whites of my eyes were as clear as new snow. My body took on a pink glow and my energy surged. Now, remember I had been fasting for 19 days. Yet, I drove from Pasadena, California to Mt. Wilson, which is six thousand feet high, and climbed the trail with absolutely no fatigue! I ran with ease most of the way down the winding trail. I felt that a tremendous burden had been lifted from my body! In my personal opinion, fasting is the only way to rid the body of the many commercial poisons found in foods!



Who's Eating Fast Foods? Americans – 30 Billion Times a Year!

USA Today said 44% of junk food eaters are 35 years or older. Only 23% are youth under 17 years old. – These Shocking Food Facts are Causing Health Problems.

Health Menace – Waxed Fruits & Vegetables!

Top medical experts reveal another menace to the nation's health – a toxic wax on fruits and vegetables. Next time you eat an apple, green pepper or cucumber, etc. take a good look at its surface. Is it bright, smooth and have a glossy look? If so, beware! Chances are it's coated with a wax paraffin solution which is one of America's most serious health threats, according to medical experts! Scratch surface to check for wax. The wax coating seals fruits and vegetables with a protective layer which they claim retains the water and juices, preserving the taste and creating a false appearance of freshness. It leaves a toxic wax residue that clogs the body!

What you are eating is a kind of wax that cannot be handled by your body – a paraffin wax which is a by-product of petroleum. There is no organ in your body, including the liver, that can process petroleum. This deadly wax therefore runs wild in the body. That is one reason doctors are so baffled by the many new diseases that American people are acquiring from eating foods contaminated by commercial food interests. Demand organic produce and unwaxed fruits and vegetables from all your produce markets - this helps get results!

This wax can cause damage if it remains in the body. You must stop eating waxed fruits and vegetables. If you must, then be sure to peel the skin. Your weekly 24 to 36 hour fast combined with longer fasts during the year will help rid your body of this wax, if you do eat some.



Fasting is a Miracle – It Cured My Asthma!

I really haven't had any health problems since I was 17, soon after I started reading about health and nutrition, in the Bragg book The Miracle of Fasting. I then started realizing there was a real connection between what you put in your mouth and your health and how you felt. So I immediately changed everything about my diet. I stopped eating refined white flour and sugar products, and dairy products and anything that was not a whole grain or whole food. What was left was a lot of healthy things: organic vegetables, fruits, beans, legumes, seeds, nuts, etc. After years of asthma, within a month I could breathe almost normally for the first time in my life. Fasting is a miracle and I thank Paul Bragg for saving my life and being my inspiration!

– Paul Wenner, Creator of the Gardenburger, author of Garden Cuisine

Food Supply Poisoned by Greedy Men

Thousands of synthetic food additives, chemicals, fertilizers and pesticides dumped into the nation's food and water supply are responsible for a great deal of sickness. For years our foods have been loaded with so-called "safe" chemicals that now have been discovered harmful to the human body. Sadly, many toxic pesticides are still being used! My friend, Rachel Carson, in her classic book, *Silent Spring*, exposed the harm the chemical industry was causing to the human population, as well as the environment and all wildlife. Please read *Silent Spring*, available at most libraries. It's a must read!

For example: take a loaf of commercially refined, "embalmed" white bread that's been treated, bleached, colored, dyed, enriched, purified, softened, preserved, flavored, and given a fresh odor – all by synthetic toxic chemicals that your body doesn't need or want!!!

In most stores it's almost impossible to get a healthy loaf of 100% whole grain bread that is free of toxic sprays and synthetic food additives. It's best to make your own bread or shop health stores for healthy, organic whole grain products that are the real staff of life and health!

The amazing human body is a miraculous collection of individual cells. When nourished by healthy foods that provide the basic needs for growth and normal function, humans can live to 120 years or more! But when people toy with their body and pollute it with chemicalized, toxic, unhealthy foods, water and air, naturally the body responds adversely! When food is polluted and its entire composition altered by toxic chemicals, the body's cells become sick, function poorly and cannot keep adjusting to the irritating toxins forced on them – causing illness, premature ageing and death!

Man's days shall be 120 years. – Genesis 6:3

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding. – Proverbs 4:7

It's not where we stand in the world, but in what direction we are moving.

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Synthetic, Toxic Food Additives Can Kill!

A vast amount of chemical poisons contaminate our food. Most commercial interests are not concerned with our health and lives. The economic bottom line is their main concern. It's best and safer to eat live, organically grown foods whenever possible. Avoid complicated, chemicalized, preserved foods. Read the labels of all foods you purchase! Ask questions about any special products and foods you like – even write the company and ask for a complete nutritional and chemical analysis.

Fast faithfully 24 – 36 hours weekly to rid yourself of toxins and help your body stay healthy and clean. When you don't feel up to par (colds, flus, mucus, pains, aches, etc.), then it's time to take a 3, 5 or 7 day complete fast and give your body a thorough body detox cleansing!

When you fast, your Vital Force is doing the cleansing.

- If you are going to keep your body clean, pure and healthy – you must faithfully fast regularly!
- When you fast, wonderful miracles will happen in your body!
- The body is cleansing, repairing and healing itself!
- Following a fasting regime of one day a week you will feel greater than you have ever felt. Internal cleansing puts you on the road to Super Health.

Beware of Harmful Salt

Would you use sodium, a caustic alkali, to season your food? Or chlorine, a poisonous gas? “Ridiculous questions,” you say. “Nobody would be foolhardy enough to do that.” Of course not. But the shocking truth is that most people do just that because they don't know that these powerful chemicals constitute the inorganic crystalline compound known as salt. For centuries, the expression “salt of the earth” has been used to designate something good and essential. This idea is erroneous! Salt may actually help to bury you!

Happiness is not being pained in body or troubled in mind.
– Thomas Jefferson, 3rd U.S. President, 1801-1809

Salt: Some Startling Facts:

- **Salt is not a food!** There is no more justification for its culinary use than there is for potassium chloride, calcium chloride, barium chloride or any other chemical on the druggist's shelf.
- **Salt cannot be digested, assimilated or utilized by the body.** Salt has no nutritional value! Salt has no vitamins, no organic minerals and no nutrients of any kind! Instead, it is harmful and causes trouble in the kidneys, bladder, heart, arteries, veins and blood vessels. Salt is the main cause of waterlogged tissues that cause swelling and edema (dropsy).
- **Salt causes serious medical problems** and can act as a heart poison. It also irritates the nervous system.
- **Salt acts to rob calcium from the body, bones, etc.** and attacks mucous lining throughout the body.

If salt is so dangerous to health, why is it used so widely? Mainly because it's a habit ingrained over the years. But it's a habit based on a serious misconception that the body needs it. Many people never eat salt and never miss it (*we don't own a salt shaker*)! Your wise body doesn't want it. Once a person is free of the salt habit, salt becomes repulsive to the taste as tobacco is to a nonsmoker! Among certain animal species, salt acts as a poison (particularly in the case of fowl), and pigs have been known to die after ingesting large doses of salt.

How Did the Salt Habit Originate?

Gustav von Bunge, a biochemist, explains that in prehistoric times there was a balance of organic sodium and potassium minerals in the earth. But continued rainfall over centuries washed away the more soluble organic sodium salts. In time, many land-grown foods and soils became deficient in sodium, but high in potassium. The result was that animals and humans developed a craving for something to replace this mineral deficiency. They found an ineffective and highly dangerous substitute in salt (inorganic sodium chloride).



The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle followed daily will help you last a long lifetime!

Salt Causes Edema, Kidney Problems, etc.

Swallowing salt to obtain natural organic sodium is like taking inorganic calcium to get calcium. Both are chemicals and neither can be assimilated. All inorganic chemicals cause all the body harm, digestive organs, etc. That's why the body sends out sudden SOS thirst signals, calls for water, after salt is eaten! The stomach is reacting to salt and demands water to quickly flush the salt out through the kidneys (page 55). Imagine what effect this has on the delicate kidney filters. Millions suffer from serious kidney problems! Of all body organs, kidneys are most affected by salt. What happens when more salt is eaten than kidneys can eliminate? The kidneys break down, the excess salt is deposited in various body parts, especially lower extremities. To protect its tissues against salt, the body automatically seeks to dilute it by pooling water in needed areas to help flush out salt. As tissues become waterlogged, swelling occurs in feet, ankles and legs causing edema and dropsy. Salt (*sodium chloride*) also causes puffy eyelids and water bags below lower eyelids.

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Salt Affects Millions With High Blood Pressure

Salt is harmful to the kidneys and heart. In some heart conditions even small amounts of salt are dangerous! The heart muscle is governed by the balance of natural, organic sodium (found in kelp, celery, fruits, vegetables, etc.) and calcium salts in the blood. Salt upsets this vital action, increasing the heartbeat and causing high blood pressure which affects millions, plus liver and kidney disease! Statistics show Japanese have highest salt intake and high blood pressure problems. What causes this? Medical Science recognizes many causes: salt, diet, stress and toxic substances as smoking, insecticides, drugs, food additives and pollutants. To protect yourself from these caustic agents, exclude all harmful agents possible from your environment. The major cause of high blood pressure you can remedy: don't eat salt, instead use kelp, herbs, garlic and Bragg Aminos Seasoning.

Watermelon and its seeds (chew or grind them) contain cucurbitocitrin that helps reduce swelling (edema) due to excess retained water from salt and the huge variety of salty processed foods Americans eat.

Up to now, we have been talking about causing high blood pressure in the average person. But how about the effects of salt on those millions suffering from our country's most prevalent ailment, obesity? Here is a critical area for research, because excess weight is known to be frequently accompanied by high blood pressure. Is there a link between the overweight individual's high blood pressure and his salt intake? The answer is ahead!

The Myth of the "Salt Lick"

Is a low-salt diet a deficient diet? Don't we need plenty of salt in our diets to keep us in top physical condition? This is a popular notion, but is it true? People will tell you that animals will travel for miles to visit so called "salt licks". I investigated salt licks where wild forest animals congregate from miles around to lick the soil. Although all of these sites were known as "salt licks", the one chemical property they all had in common was a complete absence of sodium chloride. There was absolutely no organic or inorganic sodium at the salt licks. But they all had an abundance of other organic minerals and nutrients which the animals craved.

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Why Cows are Given Large Amounts of Salt

A man who puts his investment in a dairy farm is in it to make all the profit he can. Dairy farmers found by giving cows salt blocks to lick, they drink more water. The more water they drink, the more milk produced. Most cows are sick, mass fed and drugged! [web:nomilk.com](http://web.nomilk.com)

But the result is that the average quart of milk contains the extremely high content of 1½ grams (1,500 mgs) of salt per quart! Go past any American school and look at the children. You will be amazed by how many of them are overweight, lack stamina and the spark of youth. Most are heavy drinkers of commercial milk, and most foods they eat contain high concentrations of salt!



The best way to lengthen life is to avoid shortening it - stop salt!

Are you in Health Bankruptcy? If so, you need a Health Overhaul!

It's strange that some men will drink and eat anything put before them, but check very carefully the oil put in their car.

Americans Are Salt-A-Holics!

Go into supermarkets and look at canned, bottled and frozen foods. All of them are loaded with salt! Plus there's salt in milk, ice cream, prepared vegetables and most commercial foods. Add it all up and you can see why heart disease is the # 1 killer in America! We are a nation of salt-a-holics! Cheese, frozen and canned vegetables, breads, potato and corn chips, and most all popular foods are saturated with salt. Even commercial baby foods contain salt! Read labels! Don't buy salt!

Death Valley Hike Proved Salt Dangerous

Most people have the preconceived idea that salt lost through perspiring must be immediately replaced. Many factories supply salt tablets to their workers. They mistakenly believe these are helpful! But are these salt tablets necessary? In my opinion: "NO!"

18 To prove definitely to myself that I did not need salt during extremely hot weather, I went to Death Valley, California, one of the hottest spots in the entire world during July and August. On my first test I hired 10 husky, strong young college athletes to make the hike in Death Valley from Furnace Creek Ranch to Stovepipe Wells, a distance of approximately 30 miles.

The boys had salt tablets and all the water they could drink . . . and a station wagon filled with plenty of food that contained salty foods like bread, buns, crackers, cheese, luncheon meats and hot dogs. They each ate, drank and took as many salt tablets as they desired. I had no salt, no food, only water during the 30 mile hike. We began the hike on a sweltering July morning. The higher the sun rose, the hotter it became! Up went the heat until at noon it stood at 130 degrees – a dry, hot heat that seemed to want to melt and defeat all of us!



Pure water is the essential fluid of life . . . the solvent of our ills and the deliverer of a radiant long life.

Use your willpower and better judgement to select and eat only the foods which are best for you, regardless of the ridicule or gibes of your friends or acquaintances. – Dr. Richard T. Field

The college boys gobbled the salt tablets and guzzled quarts of cool water. For lunch they drank cola drinks with ham and cheese sandwiches. We rested a half hour after lunch and then continued our rugged hike across the red hot blazing sands. Soon things were beginning to happen to those strong, husky college boys.

First, 3 of them got violently ill and threw up all they had eaten and drunk for lunch. They got dizzy and turned deathly pale and great weakness overcame them. They quit the hike immediately! They were driven back to the Furnace Creek Ranch in poor condition. The hike went on with 7 college athletes continuing. As we hiked, they drank large amounts of cold water, soft drinks and took more salt tablets. Then suddenly 5 of them got stomach cramps and became deathly ill. Up came the drinks and their lunch. These 5 had to be driven back to the ranch.

That left but 2 out of 10 hikers. It was now about 4 pm and the merciless sun beat down on us with great fury. Almost on the hour, the last remaining salt tablet-eating athlete collapsed under that hot, burning sun and had to be rushed back to the ranch for medical care.

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Only the Non-Salt User Finishes Hike

That left me alone on the test . . . and I felt as fresh as a daisy! I was not full of salt tablets and I was not full of food because I was on a complete fast. The college boys wanted cold drinks, but I drank only pure distilled water, not chilled. I finished the 30 mile hike in around 10½ hours and I had no ill effects whatsoever! I camped out for the night. The next day I arose early and hiked another 30 miles back to the ranch without food or salt tablets.

The doctors gave me a thorough examination and found me in perfect condition! I am ready and willing to repeat this hike across Death Valley, California for any scientific group that wants to do research on man's mythical "need" for salt. (*I get organic sodium from my food.*)

Mother Nature is man's teacher. She unfolds her treasures to his search, unseals his eyes, illuminates his mind and purifies his heart. – Alfred B. Street

Change your mind and change to a healthy lifestyle and your life and body will sparkle with health and joy! – Patricia Bragg

Historical Proof That Salt is Not Needed

Rommel's German-Afrikan Corps swept across the gates of Egypt, fought and lost a hard battle at El Alamein. Then they retreated over miles of blazing desert. Yet, when the war was over, the English found the captured troops in good physical condition, even though the German soldiers were not supplied with salt tablets. This story – just as my own Death Valley hike, which was also performed in the blazing desert sun – supports the findings of many experiments performed on humans with a non-salt diet under hot desert conditions.

What happens, according to the scientific studies, is that: after the first few days of becoming acclimatized, the subjects stop losing salt through perspiration. Apparently there is a normalizing mechanism at work that conserves the sodium in the body. The comfortable endurance during all weather conditions of people on rigid, salt-poor diets shows that the “need” for added salt in hot weather has been greatly exaggerated.

20 There is enough naturally occurring sodium in most vegetables, celery, soy beans, seaweeds and other foods that have not been processed or supplemented with common table salt. These natural foods can supply the needed organic sodium required by the body. Proof of this is also found in the past histories of many races throughout the world who have never used salt.

The Native Americans knew nothing about salt when the first explorers landed. Columbus and all the explorers of the American continent found wonderful physical specimens when they arrived. Sad fact – the physical degeneration of people often follows the introduction of salt, alcohol, refined, fast foods and toxic chemicals!

I have made over 13 expeditions to the far corners of the earth and I never found the inhabitants to be salt users. Therefore, none of them suffered from high blood pressure. In fact, regardless of age, they generally had blood pressures of 120 over 70, which is perfect. They did not suffer from kidney or heart diseases, either.

Ruts long traveled can grow comfortable.

How Much Salt Can the Body Tolerate Daily?

There's been a great deal of research on salt tolerance. The American Heart Association recommends that healthy adults reduce their sodium intake to no more than 2400 milligrams per day. But the body's actual physiological sodium requirement is less than 500 mg daily. Unfortunately, the average American salt addict actually consumes daily 2 to 5 times his sodium tolerance!

This extremely high salt figure Americans eat is due to the excessive amount of "hidden salt" in most all commercial and "fast" foods. It's in breads, cheese, prepared meats (ham, bacon, lunch meats, etc.), frozen and canned veggies, soups and hundreds of staple foods.

I was born and reared in Virginia and many of my relatives suffered from high blood pressure. They died early of strokes and kidney diseases because they were heavy salt, pork, ham, sausage and bacon eaters. High concentrations of table salt were used at every meal. By the time these people were 30 years old, they ached all over with what they called the "misery". Their joints were cemented, and they hobbled around stiffly and with great pain! I believe that the heavy salt diet of the average Southerner brought on this "misery".

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The most dramatic wrongful death case against salt occurred in a Binghamton, New York hospital, where a number of babies died when salt was inadvertently used in their formula. An overdose of salt can kill a baby quickly! The body needs natural, organic sodium – not table salt, an inorganic chemical. You can obtain natural sodium which Mother Nature provides in organic form in celery, beets, carrots, potatoes, soybeans, turnips, sea vegetation, seaweed, kelp, watercress, etc. and many other natural, healthy foods. Remember, only organic minerals can be utilized by your body's living cells.



It's magnificent to live long if one keeps healthy and youthful. – Harry Fosdick

I have found that distilled water is a sovereign remedy for my rheumatism. I attribute my almost perfect health largely to distilled water. – Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Telephone Inventor

Fasting De-Salts The Body Cells and Organs

I have had over 70 years experience with the science and use of rational fasting. And I have found that in 4 days of complete fasting we can de-salt the body. The urine will reveal the story of salt. Take a 4 day complete distilled water fast. Nothing must pass through your body for 4 days, except for distilled water and ACV drink. Drink at least 8 to 10 glasses daily to flush the salt out.

Each morning take a sample of the first urine your body passes. Put these urine bottles (labeled) on a shelf to settle for 3 weeks, then look at them in the sunlight. You will see concentrated salt and toxic wastes in the bottom of the bottle. When this salt is passed from your body notice how freely your kidneys will function. Notice how naturally moist your mouth is and how you have no abnormal thirst. Notice your skin and muscle tone. The first thing the body throws off during a fast is salt and the side effects – bloating and edema (dropsy) that goes with salt. Lumpy, waterlogged spots vanish and you become more streamlined. There is a thinner and more youthful look to your body. Water-bloating vanishes and you begin to see your natural figure again!

You can hardly believe your eyes! A wonderful transformation is taking place during your fast. The powerful Vital Force that would otherwise be used to handle your food is now being used exclusively to clean out the debris, waste, and poisons that have been locked in the body cells and vital organs. Rejuvenation is taking place in every one of the billions of cells of the body! After the 4 days of de-salting the body, be sure to keep salt out of your diet. It's a difficult thing to do since there's so much "hidden salt" in so many different foods. That's where your weekly 24–36 hour fast helps continue to de-salt and detox your body to keep you healthy!

We find it difficult in our world travels, lecturing and doing research, to avoid "hidden salt" in foods, even though we always do request, "No salt, please!" in restaurants, on cruise ships, airplanes and trains. However, our weekly cleansing fast of 24 to 36 hours keeps any inorganic salt we ate flowing out of our bodies.

We never add salt to foods in the Bragg household! We use natural seasonings that add zest to foods: herbs, garlic, kelp, onion, lemon and our delicious Bragg Organic Vinegar and Bragg Aminos, a tasty all purpose soy seasoning that contains 16 amino acids. With fasting, you'll soon see how much better you feel and look! And what a sweet taste you will have in your mouth. You will note many changes for the better when you are faithful with your fasting program and banishing salt!

Fasting is the Great Cleanser and Purifier

People are constantly asking and writing me, "Will a fast cure my 'this or that' disease?" I want it clearly and distinctly understood that I am not recommending fasting as a cure for any disease! I don't believe in cures unless Mother Nature, God and your body do it! I can only inspire you to fast to build more Vital Force to overcome enervation and debilitation. Then as you build up your body's Vital Force it can then self-cleanse and self-heal. Read our *Build Powerful Nerve Force* book for more info on importance of building your Vital Force.

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Enervation Explained

We live in a chaotic world. The demands for energy in these hectic times are enormous. We all have a standard of living to maintain and an image to create and live up to for our relatives and friends. We each have many responsibilities. Every waking hour requires great outputs of Vital Force to earn our daily living, to support our family, to drive a car in traffic, to be responsible for a job, to maintain a house, to rear our children, to perform social and civic duties. Plus there are thousands of other daily activities that call for your Vital Force to perform continually in operating your body. You need go-power and energy!

Energy is a precious vital ingredient; it cannot be purchased in a bottle or can. Many misguided people think they can get it from drugs, alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, sugar and colas. They can't! Energy is a reward for living as close to Mother Nature's Laws as possible.

Humans Won't Take Blame for Miseries

It's because of your bad habits that things start to break down and decay in your body! Your bad habits enervate and rob your energy! This is the important point: as energy drops and you become enervated, you do not have enough energy for your body to properly cleanse. Low energy brings on slow functioning in all the basic eliminative organs: the bowels, kidneys, skin and lungs. There is no energy to function at full natural capacity. Then poisons of all kinds are not completely flushed out of the body, but instead are deposited inside, slowly building up and taking a terrible toll!

Poisons start to collect in various parts of the body, causing you illness, aches and pains. These are Mother Nature's flashing warning signals that you are not living the healthy lifestyle that She and God intended for your body! Perhaps you blame everything and everybody for your problems, instead of analyzing your lifestyle habits for the real causes!

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"No," you say, "I caught a cold when I worked too hard." "I get sick because I am getting older." Excuse after excuse is given . . . but never the real cause: yourself. You alone are responsible for your aches, pains and premature ageing! Start now living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle!

Your unhealthy habits promote low Vital Force and fatigue! Then the poisons can't be thoroughly flushed out of the body. So they find a spot to torment you and are named according to the location of your pain. But that pain actually came from the way you live. Don't put the blame elsewhere! You have enervated yourself, and the toxic poisons from many sources of your daily living are tormenting you. Cleanse and rebuild your Vital Force by fasting and natural living, and fatigue will vanish! Unhealthy living is the reason why you feel burned out, fatigued, full of aches and pains, prematurely old and, maybe heading straight for the human "scrap heap"!

Almost every human malady is connected, either by highway or byway, with the stomach. – Sir Francis Head

When you live as God and Mother Nature intended you to live, you start to rejuvenate yourself!

Most people think they can attempt to break all of Mother Nature's good and just laws of Healthful Living. How very wrong they are. You can never break a natural law – it will break you! Many think they can break all of the natural laws of health – then run to a doctor to circumvent these natural laws by having a medical “miracle” fix-all bandage for their misery.

The Miracles Are Within You

The human being craves sudden miracles. Not fully aware of the actual achievements of natural nutrition, exercise and fasting – which are in themselves miraculous – he searches in the realm of the unknown for manifestations that he cannot understand. Simply obeying Mother Nature's great laws is too simple a procedure to follow! People full of miseries and premature ageing want a quick, easy way to find health and youthfulness. Just remember: You must earn your health! You cannot buy it. No one can give it to you. I have boundless energy, great power, wonderful strength and radiant, vibrant health because I have studied with respect Mother Nature and God's Natural Laws and followed them faithfully! These healthy, natural nutritional laws, the Laws of Self-Purification – fasting, keeping the circulation healthy, free-flowing and the skin and muscle tone active by exercise – lead to agelessness.

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Do You Have Harmful Habits to Overcome?

Do you eat salt and salty foods? Do you drink coffee? Use tobacco? Alcohol? Use refined white sugar or eat products with this devitalized material in it? What devitaminized and demineralized foods are dragging you down and enervating you? Is your willpower weak or strong? Who is the boss of your body? Your bad habits? Or does your mind control your appetites? Remember that flesh is dumb and can't think for you. Only with positive thinking can you overcome the bad habits that your flesh might crave. If you really do crave glorious health, and unbelievable strength, tremendous vital force and a trim and fit body you will be proud of, start now working with faithful Mother Nature today and not against her!

Fasting – the Key to Super Energy

Fasting is the key which unlocks Mother Nature's storehouse of energy. It reaches every cell in the body, the inner organs and generates the Life Forces. No one can do it for you! It's a personal duty that only you can perform. No one can eat for you. And I believe that 99% of all human suffering is caused by wrong and unnatural eating. The efficiency of any machine depends upon the quality and amount of fuel for generating power it is given. And that goes double for the human machine!

Some people will blame everything on earth except food as the cause of their physical miseries and premature ageing. Why they are suffering is always a mystery to them. The average person does not know how horribly unclean the inside of their body is, caused by years and years of overeating, eating when not really hungry and, in many cases, wrong-minded eating of dead, devitalized foods. All these unhealthy habits build up internal poisons and clogging toxic wastes in their bodies.

26 Put the person who brags that he “enjoys perfect health” on a complete distilled water fast for 5 or 6 days. His breath will become putrid and his tongue will have a foul-smelling, white coating. His urine will become dark and evil-smelling. This definitely proves that his whole body is filled up with decayed and uneliminated toxic materials brought in by eating the wrong foods.

The continual accumulation of increasingly foul body poison is the buried or latent unknown ailment. When Mother Nature wants to get rid of this ailment by a “crisis” commonly known as sickness, people look for an easy “quick fix” to get rid of their troubles. They usually ignore the miraculous one Mother Nature has given us which has no dangerous side effects: FASTING!

*Don't injure your system by over-feeding it.
Over-eating will kill you long before your time.*

Now learn what and how great benefits a temperate diet will bring along with it. In the first place, you will enjoy good health. – Horace, 65 B.C.

Over the next decade nutritionists expect to see those pursuing the more healthy lifestyle move from meat to beans to avoid saturated fat, toxins and cholesterol found in all the animal products.– Reader's Digest

Fasting – A Natural Instinct and Great Purifier

Sickness is Mother Nature's way of showing you that you are filled with toxic wastes and internal poison. Dead people don't have colds. It is only when you are alive and have Vital Force that you have physical problems. By fasting, you are working with Mother Nature to help expel the wastes and poisons you have accumulated in your body. Every animal in the wilderness knows fasting, for it's the only method animals use to help overcome any physical trouble that befalls them. This is pure animal instinct. We humans have lived so long in this soft civilization that we have lost this natural instinct to fast when health problems occur in our bodies.

In your life you may have experienced physical suffering, when you felt no desire for food – it might even have repulsed you. Then, kind but ignorant relatives or friends may have told you to “eat to keep up your strength.” The very last thing you needed was food, because your body was signaling you to stop eating. Mother Nature wanted you to fast so she could use your Vital Force to cleanse and then heal your body.

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The soft voice of Mother Nature is often hard to hear and understand. By fasting, your extra-sensory instinct becomes very keen. The fast sharpens your mind and tunes you in with the gentle inner voice of Mother Nature and God. Fasting has made my inner body, mind and soul alert! My body and mind work better after each fast. I know yours will, too! Fasting is for sure a miracle!



Fasting clears away the thousand little things which quickly accumulate and clutter the body, mind and heart. It cuts through corrosion and renews our contract with God and Mother Earth.

When health is absent, wisdom cannot reveal itself, strength cannot be exerted, wealth is useless and reason is powerless. – Herophiles, 300 B.C.

Fasting Saves You 15% Yearly Off Your Food Bill

Do you want to live a longer, happier, healthier life and save hundreds of dollars annually? Then following The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle with water fasting one day a week not only provides life extension values, but an extra big savings of 15%+ off your annual food bill. – Patricia Bragg

Jesus, His Disciples and All History's Great Spiritual Teachers Fasted

When the great city of Alexandria, Egypt was the educational center of the world, people had to fast for 40 days before they could enter and study with the master of that time. Jesus fasted for 40 days, and his disciples also took long fasts. All of history's great spiritual teachers have had great confidence in the power of fasting – not only to improve the physical body, but to promote a keener spiritual understanding of the divine power that is above us and within us. Your mental power increases! Prove it to yourself. See how much sharper and more alert your mind becomes after a fast. Notice how quickly you acquire facts . . . how much more your mind absorbs and remembers what you read.



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Jack LaLanne, Patricia Bragg, Elaine LaLanne & Paul C. Bragg

Jack says, "Bragg saved my life at age 15 when I attended the Bragg Health Crusade in Oakland, California." From that day, Jack has continued to live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle and inspires millions to health and fitness.

See Web: www.jacklalanne.com



To work the head, temperance must be carried into the diet. – Beecher

Jesus lived by His own rules. He fasted. – Matthew 6:16

When thou fastest appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall award thee openly. – Matthew 6:17-18

The Enemy Within Our Bodies

Victor Hugo eloquently called the poison in our body “the serpent which is in man.” While this remark is poetic, it contains even more truth than poetry. I have come to regard autointoxication (self-poisoning) as the worst enemy in the fight for Agelessness and Longevity. It is mind-poisoning as well as body-poisoning because, even after the energy of the body is regained, one has a lingering sense of the futility of all endeavors. Some are inclined to say, “The best of life is behind me. What lies before is brief and burdensome. So many of my friends and relations have gone.” Others say, “My turn’s coming. I’ve got a date with the undertaker and it’s not so far off.” These depressing thoughts can generate sad moods and are detrimental to Agelessness and Longevity! Remember, you can make the second half of life the best.

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Autointoxication itself is your health’s greatest enemy. It’s so common and yet so rarely recognized. Those morbid moods – the worry, tensions, stresses, frustrations, nervousness and needless anxiety – are foreign to a healthy state. You should always be optimistic, happy, carefree, self-confident and at peace. Why is it that sometimes when fortune smiles her brightest, you remain unhappy, mirthless, depressed, and ungrateful? Then again when things look their bleakest, you are amazed at your buoyancy. The purity or impurity of your bloodstream might explain that!

I love life and want to live 120 years and more, in prime physical condition! Each day of life is a beautiful, priceless miracle! I want to keep it, value it, treasure it and enjoy every waking hour! I also want this for you.



By relieving the body of the work of digesting foods, fasting allows the system to rid itself of toxins while facilitating healing. Fasting regularly gives your organs a rest and helps reverse ageing process for a longer and healthier life.

“Bragg Books were my conversion to the healthy way.”

– James F. Balch, M.D., Prescription for Nutritional Healing

Rid Yourself of Depression

The worst aspect of autointoxication is that it has been building up for years. It takes water fasting, whole natural foods and living a healthy lifestyle to defeat it. When these poisons are surging through your body, you often are pessimistic with depressed feelings. The mockery of life comes home to you. You begin to wonder, "Is it all worthwhile?" Then one morning you awaken to find your cheery self again. Though a bit shaken up, you have hopefully beaten off the foe. Newspapers, magazines, TV and radio all sell products that make promises to relieve you of that "half alive" feeling. Which one do you take? There are no shortcuts to feeling your best physically and mentally and looking your best.

**You are punished by your bad habits of living!
You are greatly rewarded by your good habits of living!**

Ageless Mother Nature will not let you get away with abusing your body. You must pay a high price every time you insult your body with dead and devitalized foods. Of course, you could take drugs to deaden or stimulate your body, but you are living in a fool's paradise if you think you can eat any old thing and then swallow some kind of magic pill and get away with it. You pay a dear price every time you make a garbage can of your stomach! Your heart and arteries suffer. Your spells of autointoxication (self-poisoning) are shortening your life. Each attack leaves its mark and, for this reason, it's something to dread. Please don't poison your bloodstream. Learn to defend and protect yourself against all possible autointoxication by living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle.

Once a week make it a habit to take a complete water fast, lasting from 24 to 36 hours. On the days you do eat, consume only natural, organic and unpoisoned foods. Let your mind rule your body. Flesh is dumb! You can feed your stomach anything. Now you are going to use common sense and eat with new health intelligence.

The nervous system falters and suffers when we don't take care of our body.

Develop healthy self-esteem to generate positive lifestyle habits that will promote more serenity, peace and love in your life. – Patricia Bragg

Unhealthy Lifestyle & Overeating are Killers

Keep this firmly in mind: autointoxication is the greatest enemy of vibrant health. It's the root cause of all major physical troubles, because illness starts in a poisoned bloodstream. It's the basis of most troubles which affect the heart, arteries, liver, kidneys and joints. When your bloodstream, your river of life, becomes poisoned, this has more to do with premature ageing than all other causes combined. Keeping your blood pure, clean and healthy is half the battle! The other killer is overloading your stomach and digestive system, giving it a new job before it has finished digesting the previous meal.

You have been taught to eat at regular times, even if not hungry. Many, when it's mealtime, stuff themselves automatically. This is wrong and scientifically outdated, for overstuffing your body is very unhealthy!

Patricia and I took a cruise around South America visiting 12 countries. The over-stuffed passengers started with an early wake-up breakfast in their staterooms. Then an hour or so later they ate in the dining room a formal breakfast of bacon, ham, eggs, rolls, toast, jam, fried potatoes and gallons of coffee, followed by snacks on deck at mid-morning. Then a big buffet lunch at noon, afternoon tea with gooey pastries at 4 pm, a big supper at 7 pm and another big buffet at 11 pm. Sadly we buried 5 people at sea in a few short weeks! All died by autointoxications! This kind of overeating encourages fermentation, putrefaction, illness and death!

Life is a Slow Suicide For Many

From the cradle many begin damaging their health while lightheartedly trimming off the years quickly at the beginning of existence, unknowingly chopping them off in bigger chunks at the end. Blissfully unconscious, they burn their candles at both ends and sometimes even in the middle! Many people suffer in poor health not realizing that their unhealthy lifestyle habits are the main cause of their sickness.



When it comes to health, nine men in ten are suicides. – Ben Franklin

Why Not Enjoy Life to 120 Years?

There is little doubt that any person born with a sound constitution, according to health research and Genesis 6:3, can reach the 120 year mark! Why not? There are no diseases of old age. Now, follow me: if starting from childhood, you eat healthily, plus fast one day a week and several times a year for periods of from 7 to 10 days – then how is it possible to get a fatal disease?

Children today are being fed wrong! Many mothers don't nurse their babies. Some lack the internal health and vitality to produce the greatest food for their young - mothers' milk. Their babies are bottle-fed and are given processed baby food out of jars, all loaded with refined white flours, sugar and dangerously full of deadly salt. The abuse of the physical machine of the modern child is started at birth! Under these tragic circumstances, sooner or later premature breakdown is inevitable.

32 If you seek enlightenment on the subject of health, look at people around you. Every day, there are 25 million Americans critically ill in thousands of hospitals from coast to coast. The 300,000 doctors are kept frantically busy trying to patch up the desperately sick people in our country! Over 150,000 dentists can't do even 10% of the dental work Americans need! Avoid toxic silver mercury fillings, all fluoride water, toothpastes, gels, etc. (see page 152). Read Bragg book *Water – The Shocking Truth*.

I find most children's mouths are filled with decay and cavities before they are 17. We are a desperately sick, ill nation! We are brainwashed to believe we are a healthy vital country. The World's facts and figures tell a different story. Even if you don't overeat, the food you eat is mostly unhealthy. Yet a little knowledge of physiology, health, diet and fasting could save you from health bankruptcy. Ignorance is a worse enemy than over indulgence. Overhaul your body and save your precious health! You can't be a walking toxic factory and expect to live a long life of super health in a painless, tireless, ageless body.



Man's days shall be 120 years. – Genesis 6:3

May nature's force be with you! – George W. Lucas, Jr., Star Wars

Autointoxication Promotes Sickness

I was reared in Virginia on a typical southern diet. Ninety percent of my food was prepared in the frying pan: fried chicken, fried ham, bacon, potatoes, pork chops and other fried meats of all kinds. I ate heavy cream, flour gravies and hot biscuits and plenty of pies, cakes and jellies. When I look back, I see I suffered in my youth from this self-poisoning and didn't know it. Despite my abhorrence of drugs, I let myself be drugged by the poisons within me. Rarely was I entirely free of them, and the average health I enjoyed was far from the radiant health that was my natural heritage.

I usually slept 10 hours a night instead of 8, and the excess I am sure was largely due to autointoxication. Even after a long night of sleep, I seldom woke up feeling refreshed, plus I had a bitter morning taste in my mouth. Most people are not really living; they are merely existing. They are so full of toxic poisons that living becomes an effort. Few people rise early to see the sunrise and greet the new day with eagerness and joy! I do now!

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Let us look at our bedrooms as recharge areas where we are required to spend a certain length of time in sleep to recharge our life batteries. Let's make our bedrooms uncluttered and peaceful with ample fresh air and light. Ceiling fans in hot summers are nice. During the early morning hours you always get more accomplished – so try to cultivate early morning rising. You can if you put your mind to it! Work days, when you get up earlier, take a “cat nap” for 20 minutes after eating your lunch.

I understand why millions worldwide use stimulants such as tobacco, alcohol, coffee, tea, cola drinks and “pep pills”. They try to fight the desperate moods of fatigue and depression caused by autointoxication. I could write pages depicting the woes of toxins. As a youth my blood was poisoned. No one would set out to foul their pure bloodstream, yet, consistently, in ignorance I polluted my precious life with unhealthy foods. Analyze your life and improve where needed. Keep a daily journal.

Just trust yourself – be wise, then you will know how to live. – von Goethe

Outwit Acidosis That Affects Millions

It has taken me all these years of research and study to discover the great fact that the bloodstream should be alkaline. Yet, with most of us, it is in an acid state. From headache and indigestion, to pimples and the common cold, most problems arise from acidosis due to self-poisons caused by unhealthy foods. When the life stream is so polluted, how can our immune system defend the body against disease and illness? People unwittingly prepare the body for sickness with their unhealthy lifestyle and then let it be out of control, while they search for a magic pill that will work miracles!

Now if you are as naive as I was, you will ask, “What can I do to counteract this supposed acidity? How can I cleanse my blood?” The answer is: “By supplying it with alkaline-forming healthy foods.” At the first sign of acidosis (heartburn, bloating, tired, etc.) go on a 3 day water fast. After fasting, switch to alkaline-forming healthy foods and be wise, always avoid unhealthy foods!

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What Are Alkaline-Forming Foods?

“But what are alkaline-forming foods?” You ask. They are, generally speaking, organic, raw fruits and vegetables, salads and leafy greens and lightly steamed vegetables. Three-fifths of your diet should be composed of fruits and vegetables, both raw and cooked. It’s always best to enjoy your raw fresh fruit or a raw vegetable garden salad before you eat any cooked foods. See recipe on page 231.

The alkaline forming foods are the most important to your body. Some of you will say, “raw fruits and vegetables give me gas, etc.” That is because you are on the acid side and, when you eat the alkaline foods, they start to houseclean and move the toxins out of your bloodstream and body. So you avoid eating them and use the weak excuse that they don’t agree with you. They do agree with you and your toxic body definitely needs them to help get you clean, healthy and alkaline!



Stop your life from an out-of-control down spiral! Become the Health Captain of your life by following The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle – start today! – Patricia Bragg

Raw, Organic Fruits and Vegetables Are Mother Nature's Miracle Cleansers

When you get a bad reaction from certain raw fruits and vegetables, remember that these are cleansing and purifying foods. Use a small amount until you can reduce your body's toxic poisons. Your weekly 24 hour fast is going to get rid of a lot of your body wastes. If you have the intestinal strength to fast for 3 to 7 days, most troubles from cleansing foods disagreeing with you will be over. What are the acid-forming foods? Chiefly sugar, its products and coffee, tea, alcohol, meats and fish.

No doubt the idea of excluding even a portion of the latter will dismay you, but if you want to live agelessly you must do many things at first that dismay you. Eventually you will be dismayed at your dismay. Often a new task is difficult because you think it will be. Tackle it with the idea that it is easy and it becomes easier! Living on a diet composed mainly of organic fruits, veggies, salads, nuts and seeds isn't difficult. No one will deny that fruits are luscious. Salads may be enjoyed in great variety. The list of vegetables is long and diversified. All the raw nuts and seeds, raw or lightly roasted pecans, almonds, walnuts, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, etc. are nutritious and delicious. You need not confine yourself to these foods, but if you lean towards acidosis you should combine fasting with a diet of fruits, salads and veggies.

If you must eat meat, it should be only 2 or 3 times weekly. On the least symptom of feeling bad, it's best to get back to the healthier vegetarian alkaline diet quickly. Headaches, dizziness, specks in the vision, bitterness in the mouth, body fatigue and mental blockage merely denote a bile attack, but again the disorder may be more deep seated. If you think it's your liver, you should cut out all fats and flesh foods. Also, cut out all refined sugars and refined starches. The little protein you need you can get from organic healthy plant sources, beans, raw nuts and seeds, sprouts, etc. The Vegetable Protein % Chart on page 233 gives some healthy *food-to-eat* ideas.



Your Mind Must Control Your Body

Prudently assume, that your condition is one of auto-intoxication. If you feel your energy is at a low ebb, and not up to par, go on a short fast lasting from 24 hours to 3 or 4 days. Drink nothing but pure, steam distilled water. I will tell you more about water later.

You will experience a craving for food, but not an actual hunger. It's the body reflexes that are accustomed to being fed at certain intervals. Again let me state, "*Flesh is dumb!*" It has all kinds of cravings, but you must be its master. You must control your entire body with your mind – your human miracle computer. I readily admit that fasting takes immense determination and willpower.

36 I remember very well my first 4 day fast. It was while I was under the care of the famous Dr. A. Rollier at his sanitarium in Switzerland. I was battling for my life with tuberculosis and I had been at the sanitarium for several months. Dr. Rollier told me it was going to be a great experience – and it surely was! The good doctor told me to study my urine daily, so each day I took a specimen of my urine and kept it in a bottle. I put it on a shelf in my room and I would look at the specimens each day. As the urine would cool and settle I could see the great amount of foreign matter that was leaving my body.

As soon as I finished the fast, I was placed on a highly alkaline diet with an abundance of fresh fruits and raw and lightly steamed or baked vegetables. About 2 weeks after the fast, I experienced a sense of exhilaration and well-being that I had never known in my entire life!

From that time on my health and vitality grew by leaps and bounds! That was not my only fast under Dr. Rollier's supervision. He started me out with a 24 hour weekly fast and in the next 9 months, put me on a 7, 14 and 21 day fast. Between fasts I was fed an alkaline diet.

We live not upon what we eat, but upon what we digest. – Abernethy

*It's never too late to begin getting into shape,
but it does take daily perseverance.* – Thomas K. Cureton

To lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals. – Ben Franklin

Keep Your Stomach Healthy & Alkaline

Because acidosis is more of a negative than a positive ill, you should beware of it. Have you ever said, “Oh, I’m a little off color; low on energy; a bit blue for no real reason. Everyone has their off days. It seems to be a part of life.” Nothing of the kind! You can maintain yourself in a state of consistent good health, not spasmodic good health. You can come to consider your body a fine machine, one that with proper care will never go wrong.

At the first suspicion of acidosis, analyze your diet. A grayish tongue, a snappish temper, a flushing of the face; these are not too trivial to heed! They are signs of red flashing danger! Perhaps today they might not amount to much, but tomorrow they will be more insistent. Acidosis is insidious and accumulative in its action; and it is today, not tomorrow, that you should begin to defend yourself, for life is self-defense. Your adversary has you at a disadvantage, and what you lack in stamina you must make up for in living a healthy lifestyle!

Beware then of acidosis and all of the evils it invites. Apart from asking for trouble from invading germs, chronic acidosis will lead to high blood pressure and followed by arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries). Thus, the wrecking chain is working: over-acid dietary autointoxication, high blood pressure, stiff arteries and eventually premature death. High-sugar, high-fat and high-protein diets promote acidosis. Stay away from them! Eat a healthy diet rich in fruits, vegetables and grains from organic sources. At the first danger sign, be strong and give up all unhealthy habits and faithfully live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle. This will guide you to super health!

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When you live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle you can help activate your own powerful internal defense arsenal and maintain it at top efficiency. Remember bad, unhealthy eating habits make it harder for your body to fight illness and stay healthy! – Paul C. Bragg

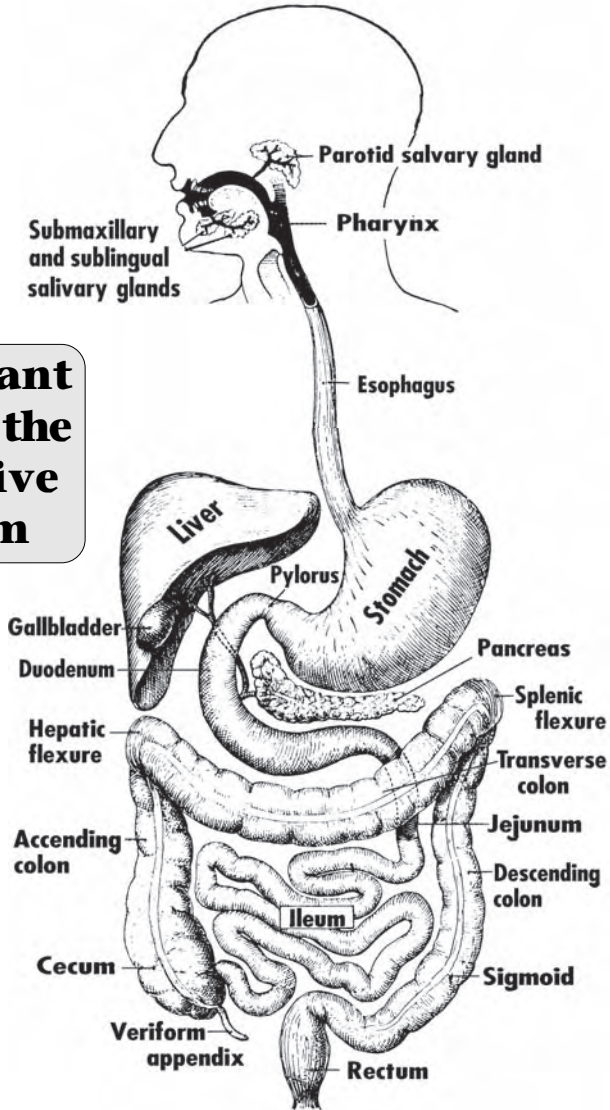
What wound did ever heal but by gentle degrees. – William Shakespeare

Little things are like weeds – the longer we neglect them the larger they grow.

Perfect pH Balancer – Apple Cider Vinegar

Another safeguard to keep pH acid/alkaline balance healthy is to enjoy the healthy Bragg Organic Raw Apple Cider Vinegar Cocktail three times daily. Drink a glass upon arising, another an hour before lunch and one an hour before dinner. Read page 161, 238, and recipe page 230.

Important Parts of the Digestive System



Bragg Organic Unfiltered Apple Cider Vinegar with the "Mother" is the #1 food I recommend for maintaining the body's vital acid-alkaline balance.
– Gabriel Cousens, M.D., Author of "Conscious Eating" and "Spiritual Nutrition"

Fastening Fights Deadly Acid Crystals

Toxic Acid Crystals Can Cement Your Joints to Make You Stiff

Stand on any street corner and watch the average person hobble along. Their feet, knees, hips, spine and head seem to be cemented. There is no free-swinging movement in their locomotion. Let's look at their feet. They seem to pick up their feet heavily and lay them down flatly. Their knees seem to be completely cemented and stiff. There is little movement in the swinging hip motion, their spines are rigid and so are their heads. All of the elasticity and resiliency seems to have gone out of what should be a free-swinging body.

Crystals Are Cement – Not Lubrication

Between the moveable joints of every bone in the human body, Mother Nature has placed an abundant supply of a lubricant known as synovial fluid. Take a look at a youngster who is, say 10 years of age, and watch the easy movement of every moveable joint in his body. **Why is this?** I know that your answer would be, "This child is only 10 years of age. I am 66. I can't have the same freedom of motion in my joints as a child of 10 does." My answer to you is, "Why can't you? Years have nothing to do with the amount of synovial fluid that allows the joints to move freely and easily. There is just one thing that cements your body's moveable joints and that is the build-up of toxic acid crystals."

Age is not toxic. Just because you live 50, 60 or 70 years, there should be no diminishing of the supply of synovial fluid due to your calendar years.



The word "vegetarian" is not derived from "vegetable," but from the Latin phrase, homo vegetus, meaning among the Romans, a strong, robust, thoroughly healthy man. –Paul C. Bragg

How Toxic Acid Crystals Build in Your Body

Despite the fact that I am way past 85, I pride myself on having the most flexible body, regardless of my age, and I feel ageless! I can perform difficult yoga postures with ease while standing on my head. Few people in the world can do this regardless of age. Mother Nature can't stiffen and cement one person's body as they age and yet allow me to have the flexibility of a youngster.

There are 4 great eliminative systems in our bodies that get rid of the poisons created by our daily living. By nature, we eat food, we drink liquids and we breathe air. Most humans eat too much food, eating by habit rather than by hunger. They have been brainwashed to believe that they must have scheduled meals by the clock. I know from long experience as a Physical Therapist that people with these grotesque shapes have not been able to burn up these so-called regular meals. They have been conditioned to eat breakfast whether they have hunger or not, so they load up on ham, bacon, eggs, hot cakes, sugared doughnuts and sweet rolls, toast, jelly, jams, fried potatoes, pancakes, waffles, pork sausage, coffee, hot chocolate and dry processed (unhealthy) cereals.

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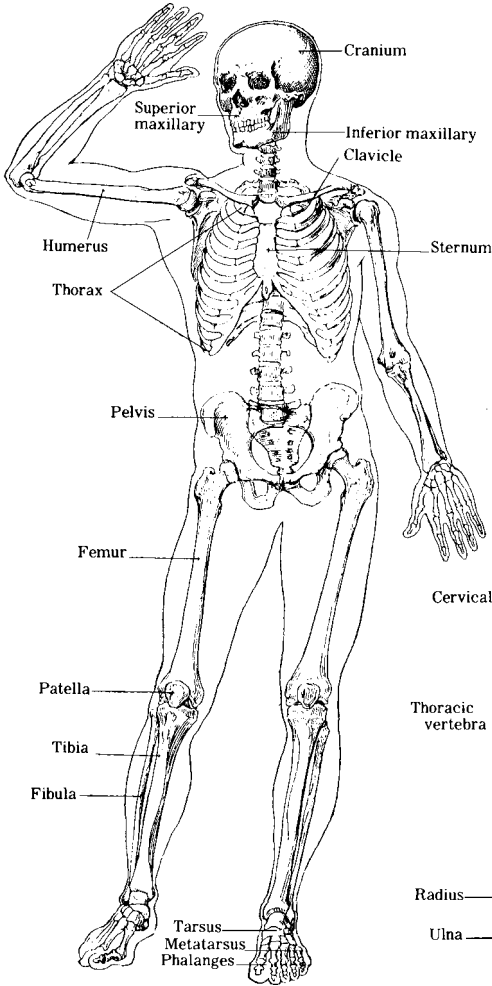
The body doesn't have enough Vital Force energy to continually masticate, digest, assimilate and eliminate these heavy breakfasts. There is always a toxic residue left . . . where does this toxic residue go? It is concentrated and crystallized as deposits in the moveable joints in the body. It's a slow process that few sense until the joints start to give them trouble. It takes years of wrong eating to create these heavy concentrations of acid crystals and toxins in the moveable joints. When these calcium-like spurs attach themselves to the joints and calcified substances replace the synovial fluid, it's then that the pains and aches are felt in the moveable joints of the body causing pain.



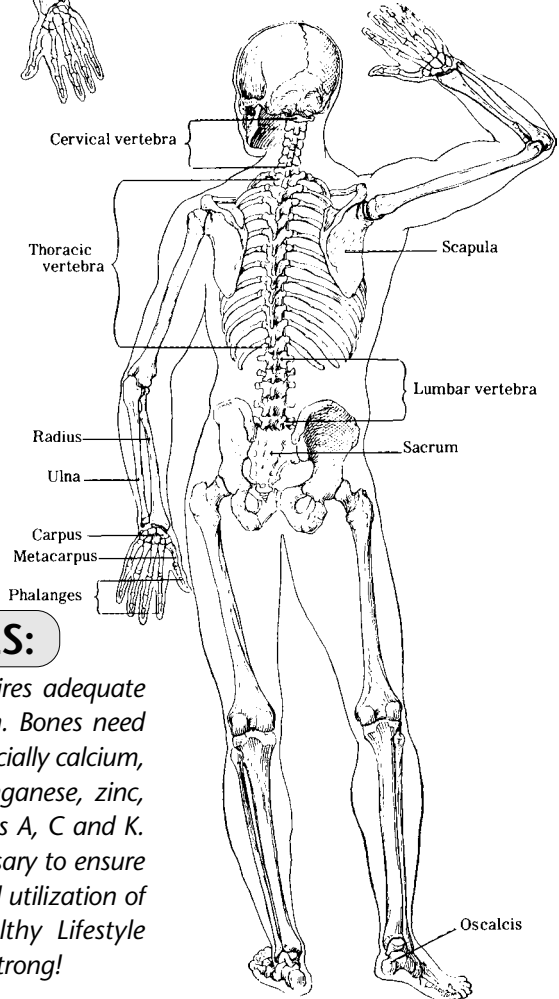
USA leads the world in heart diseases, strokes, cancers, arthritis and diabetes!

Water flows through every single part of your body, cleansing and nourishing it. But the wrong kind of water – with inorganic minerals, harmful toxins, chemicals and other contaminants can pollute, clog and gradually turn every part of your body to stone.

The Bones of the Human Body



Front View



Back View

HEALTHY BONES:

Bone, like all living tissue, requires adequate nutrition for health and growth. Bones need sufficient levels of minerals, especially calcium, phosphorous, magnesium, manganese, zinc, copper and silicon, plus vitamins A, C and K. Vitamin D and boron are necessary to ensure proper intestinal absorption and utilization of calcium. Live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle to keep the bones healthy and strong!



Every man is the builder of a temple, called his body. We are all sculptors and painters, and our material is our own flesh, blood and bones. – Henry David Thoreau

Joint & Back Pains – Curse of Mankind

The toxic crystals first attack the feet, and their 26 moveable bones in each foot. The force of gravity sends the toxic crystals down into the feet. Gradually the feet and ankles start to stiffen, because the toxic acid crystals are taking over and replacing the lubrication in the joints of the feet. Instead of having flexible feet, they become stiff and tire easily (read page 138). They ache, burn and cause tremendous misery. (Do read our *Foot* and *Back* books.)

From the feet and ankles, the toxic acid crystals move upward, causing many people to suffer from pains in the knees. As time marches on, so does the deterioration of the joints. Soon toxic crystals creep into the great moveable hip joints – you will notice by the way people move their hips that they are stiff and painful.

Few people escape an aching or stiff back. Watch middle-aged people bend over and notice the agony on their faces when they straighten up. Day after day they cry out in anguish, “Oh, my aching back!” But the toxic acid crystals don’t stop in the lower back, they go up into the spine, the shoulder blades, the shoulder joints, the neck and elbows . . . eventually creeping into the wrists and fingers. Some people are so full of toxic acid crystals that they cannot close their hands or make fists. They all seem to falsely blame one thing: “All my aches and pains are due to the fact that I am getting old.”

Don’t you believe it. These acid crystals are poisons that stayed in your body and cemented themselves in the moveable joints. Billions of pain pills are used by the American public to get relief from aching joints. Thousands of people go to hot mineral baths to get relief. Many different medical treatments are used for the relief of their problems. I am offering you fasting and The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle to guide you onto the road to health so you can help your body detox and heal itself.

*In nature there are neither rewards or punishments
– there are consequences!* – Robert Ingersoll

Make me aware that there is more to life than measuring its speed.

Periodic fasting keeps you connected to your body’s natural tendency to cleanse and rejuvenate. – Pamela Serure, The 3-Day Energy Fast

Fasting for Purification

When you fast for 24 to 36 hours, or from 3 to 10 days, the healing power starts to work in your body. I have told you, over and over, that the power to cleanse, purify and rejuvenate yourself is within your body. This power has always been in your body. When you go on a complete distilled water fast, the Vital Force in your body that would ordinarily be used to masticate, digest, assimilate and eliminate food is used to purify your body. That is what fasting is: deep internal cleansing, a physiological rest to build Vital Force.

Now, say you are a person of 60 and you have been eating 3 meals daily, whether you were hungry or not, and you have allowed toxic acid crystals to get deposited into the moveable joints of your body. It is going to take time for Mother Nature and the vital power within your body to break down the toxic crystals that have accumulated over the years.

The Man Who Rebuilt Himself

I remember a Mr. Evans who came to me years ago. He hobbled painfully into my office. A well known doctor in California had given him a prescription which read "Physical therapy as prescribed." I am also a physical therapist which helped in my health and healing practice.

This man's sad story is one of millions in our country. He had never been educated to know how to care for his wonderful body, but he had been conditioned to eat 3 meals per day and eat anything that pleased him. Now, I have told you several times in this book that "Human Flesh is Dumb." You can put anything in your stomach at any hour that you wish. You can get up in the morning and fill up on cereal, ham and eggs, fried potatoes and toast and wash it down with 5 cups of coffee, but you must take the consequences of eating habits like this.

Fasting and prayer seemed to strengthen Jesus, for when His time of fasting was ended, He manifested a new power and poise. Jesus then returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee. – Luke 4:14

You can do more for your own health and well-being than any doctor, any hospital, any drug and any exotic medical device. – Joseph Califano

Victory Won By Fasting, Diet and Exercise

First and foremost, your body has to earn its food by the sweat of your brow. That means you only eat food appropriate to your physical activity and climate. This man was eating as he did when he was a young active farm boy. Slowly his joints were becoming cemented solid by toxins and toxic crystals that were pressing on nerves causing him agonizing pain. He wanted an easy way out of his misery. I told him truthfully that it had taken a long time of wrong eating and bad habits of living to get him in this wretched condition. Now it would take fasting, a healthy diet and ample exercises to help relieve these pains. He was an intelligent man and saw the truth of my simple philosophy.

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I started him on a 3 day distilled water fast. Following the fast, I had him eat only fresh fruit for breakfast and a raw vegetable combination salad for lunch. I had him eat a grated carrot, beet, chopped cabbage salad and one cooked vegetable for dinner. I took him off all animal products, meat, fish, eggs, cheese and dairy products. I eliminated all salt, sugar and refined foods. I took him off all grains and all legumes such as beans, peas, rice and lentils for two months. Every day I had him take a 10 minute hot bath (add 1 cup apple cider vinegar), bringing the water up to 104 degrees, using a bath thermometer. I gave him an exercise program of brisk walking starting with 3 blocks the first day, and every third day I added another block to his walking program until he was walking 3 miles a day.

Every week he took a 36 hour water fast. As the days and weeks rolled into months, I gave him one 7 day and one 10 day fast. In one year you would hardly have recognized this man! His family and friends were amazed at his transformation. His joints became flexible and, although he hadn't been swimming for years, he joined the YMCA and swam 3 days a week. He hadn't ridden a bicycle for years, yet he purchased one and rode for miles at a time. He and his wife took up dancing and in a year he was winning contests. The stiffness left him. He even took up the piano and became a good piano player.

Mother Nature Works Miracles Slowly, But Surely When You Honor Her Laws

Mr. Evans is growing younger as he is growing older. His miseries are gone! He accomplished all this by himself! I only helped him to help himself! As a health teacher, I only laid out his healthy lifestyle program of natural living. Today he fasts every week for 24 to 36 hours without fail. Four times a year – winter, spring, summer and fall – he takes a 10 day complete fast. His lively steps are that of a man 20 years of age! His movements are quick and accurate. He didn't do all this in a day, in a week or a month. It took time to break down and eliminate the poisons and toxic acid crystals that were tormenting him.

What Mr. Evans did you can do too! The body is self-repairing, self-healing and self-maintaining. All you have to do is live by the laws of God and Mother Nature, and you will be rewarded with the joy of living.

Be a faithful health captain and live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle! I don't want you to have to totter along on life-support drug cocktails and hip replacements, but choose to LIVE with super energy and total health!

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Fasting is an important part of your program for banishing toxic acid crystals from the moveable joints of your body. You and only you know how free your joints are of this toxic material which causes premature ageing. Start today on your first 24 hour, distilled water fast. You be the judge of what effects fasting will have on the many moveable joints of your body. At this very second, roll your head round and round. Do you hear that grating sound of grinding toxic acid crystals?



To lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals. – Ben Franklin

*Knowing and following these teachings will mean
true life and good health for you. – Proverbs 4:22*

*Enter, or perhaps re-enter, the brave new world of wellness through
healthy lifestyle, exercise, natural remedies, alternative therapies,
meditation and prayer with positive thinking. – Monica Skrzypczak*

*The body must be wisely nourished, physically, emotionally and spiritually.
We're spiritually starved in America and not underfed, but undernourished.*

– Carol Hornig

Toxic Acid Crystals Make Joints Grind

The grinding sound you hear is the toxic acid crystals that have deposited themselves on the uppermost bone of your spine – the Atlas. Your 24 hour or 7 day fast will not eliminate all the toxic acid crystals from your Atlas, but the body purification will be started. Fast one day a week. In one year you will have fasted 52 days. In that time the Vital Force of your body will have dissolved a large amount of the acid crystals from your joints.

Each time you fast you will notice more freedom in every joint in your body. A feeling of agelessness will replace that tight, stiff, ageing feeling. Once again you will feel free and loose in every moveable joint of your body. You will have Mother Nature, fasting and eating natural food to thank for your “New Youthful Feeling!”

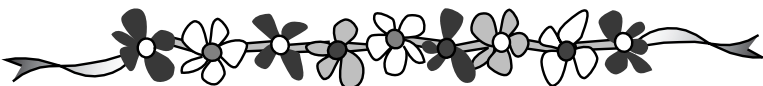


WITH LOVE PROMISE YOURSELF

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- *To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.*
- *To talk health, peace and happiness to everyone you meet.*
- *To make all your friends feel that they are special.*
- *To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism and dreams come true.*
- *To think only of the best, work only for the best and expect only the best for your life.*
- *To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about yours.*
- *To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the bright, fresh future.*
- *To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.*
- *To give so much time to the improvements of yourself that you have no time to be critical of others.*
- *To be too large for worry, too strong for fear, too noble for anger, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*

– Christian D. Larson



Scientific Fasting Explained



Paul C. Bragg – Fasting & Life Extension Specialist

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Fasting has been practiced by man and animals since the beginning of time. Primitive man had no other method of healing except fasting. He would fast when he got hurt or when ill, because fasting was a natural instinct for self preservation. Along with fasting, he used herbs from the field and forest as tonics and antiseptics.

I believe that fasting is Mother Nature's best remedy! For, as we will see, properly conducted fasts purify the body, restoring it to health after everything has failed.

In over 70 years of supervising fasts, I have seen miracles happen to people who were ready for the human scrap yard that truly could be called miraculous. Fasting is not only the oldest method of fighting physical problems, but the best of all remedies because it has no side effects. Fasting is the most natural and original process of cleansing and purifying the body.

Fasting is the greatest remedy – the physician within!

– Paracelsus, 15th century physician

He established the role of body chemistry in medicine.

Fasting is as Old as Man

The instinct that leads us to fast when the body is sick or wounded resides in the cells of every living being. The reason sick or wounded animals refuse to eat is that the instinct of self-preservation takes away their hunger so they will not eat. In this way, the Vital Force (which would otherwise have to be used in the digestion of food) is concentrated at the site of the injury to remove waste products, thus purifying and healing the body. The fasting instinct is so powerful and of such vital importance that, even though semi-civilized man has strayed from the natural path, he is still greatly influenced by this wonderful saving scheme of Mother Nature! If he would obey the silent voice of this infallible, natural instinct and stop eating when hunger has been withdrawn, he would soon get well. Better still, he would never get sick again, provided he ate natural food, lived in a natural environment and lived a sane, sensible, healthy, peaceful and natural lifestyle.

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Since the infallible intelligence of the living organism withdraws the sensation of hunger when there is an excess of food or when the body has been wounded, the desire to fast begins when either of these happen.

We read in ancient history that fasting has been practiced since time immemorial by the religious people of the East and by most ancient civilizations. They practiced fasting not only for the recovery of health and preservation of youth, but for spiritual illumination as well. Accordingly, we see the great philosopher, Pythagoras c.560-c.480 BC, requiring his disciples to undertake a fast of 40 days before they could be initiated into the mysteries of the spiritual teachings. He claimed that only through a 40 day fast could the minds of the disciples be sufficiently purified and clarified to understand the profound teachings of the beautiful mysteries of life.

As it was in the old days, fasting will not only purify the body and help restore it to well-being, but has a great effect on the mental and spiritual parts of man.



Mother Nature and its beauty is the signature of God.

Fasting Awakens the Mind and Soul

In my own personal life, as well as in the lives of many of my students who have been conscientious and persistent in their fasting program, great mental and spiritual doors have been opened! If I read a book today, my mind retains what I read as clearly as if the book were in front of me . . . that is, I have a photographic memory. Hundreds of my students write that they, too, have developed a keen photographic mind. After a fast of 1 to 3 days, you will notice that a dark cloud has been lifted out of your mind. You can think more logically and you can come to decisions quite quickly. What was once a great problem becomes trivial! After a fast, you seem to fear nothing any more and things you worried about are solved easily by your purified mind.

In my personal life, fasting helped me develop a keen brain and extrasensory perception. I can find solutions for problems that once caused me hours of anxiety and nerve-exhausting worrying. My fasting program has created an inner peaceful tranquillity of mind. I feel more serene and at peace with myself and the world because of my continued fasting program. As you purify your body and mind, you seem to come closer to a power higher than yourself! This inner strength and inner power, makes you a positive-thinking, youthful person.

The memory becomes sharp as a razor's edge. You can remember names, places and events that go back many years. You have a better capacity for self-education. Education is not a preparation for life, but education is life itself! To grow mentally and spiritually is the greatest goal we humans can have on this earth. So fasting works three ways. You purify your body physically, mentally and spiritually and therefore enjoy super vitality and health. Your mind becomes a sponge which can absorb new facts and knowledge. Greatest of all are the inner peacefulness and spiritual tranquillity that make life worth living. Through fasting you find "Peace of Mind," the greatest and rarest gift of life.

You are encircled by the arms of the mystery of God. – Hildegard of Bingen

You can reverse your biological age by eliminating toxins from your life.

The Biblical Patriarchs Fasted

We know that in ancient times, the patriarchs of the Bible fasted frequently. Moses, Elijah, David and others fasted for as long as 40 days. We know that Christ fasted 40 days before he began to teach the great truths of life. We read in the Bible that Christ sent forth his disciples after saying to them, "Heal the sick, cleanse the leper, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely ye have received, freely give." At the same time, Christ knew that there were dangers awaiting those who dared to bring truth to the people. Therefore, Christ warned his disciples with these words, "Behold! I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." (Matthew 10: 8,16)

As in the olden days, there are dispensers of gloom, fear, and destruction when the subject of fasting is brought up today. I have heard people discuss how unscientific fasting is and when I asked them if they had ever fasted, they gave me a definite answer "Never".

50 These dispensers of gloom still cling to the old idea that you must eat to keep up your strength, and that when you stop eating, you collapse. This is far from the truth! A little discomfort which may occur during fasting only happens because we are creatures of habit. If we are able to handle the first 3 days of fasting, then it becomes easier. You lose your appetite and craving for food. Your energy level increases and your mind gets sharper and moves faster!



*Accuse not nature, she hath done her part;
do thou but thine. – Milton, Paradise Lost*

Fasting is a normal part of our walk with God, as is exemplified by the Lord Jesus. Immediately following the Lord's Prayer, He said: Moreover when ye fast, be not of sad countenance, that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father, which is in secret and thy Father shall reward thee openly. – Matthew 6:16 -18

*To preserve health is a moral and religious duty, for health is the basis for all social virtues. We can no longer be as useful when not well.
– Dr. Samuel Johnson, Father of Dictionaries*

Fasting – The Safe, Perfect Cleanser

Of course, if you are loaded with toxic poisons, fasting will flush these poisons out of the body and you will feel a little uncomfortable, but these are momentary experiences and should cause no concern. This means only that fasting is working for you. You know you are fasting to purify the body of the accumulated toxic poisons and waste. When you feel uncomfortable, you can say to yourself, "This is only temporary. This will pass as soon as these old toxins are flushed out of my body." And what miracle rewards you'll receive for the small, temporary discomfort you may have experienced.

Your eyes become brighter and all the natural senses of the body seem to be sharper! After a fast, your food tastes better – the fruits and the vegetables taste so marvelous, because of your newly revitalized taste sense! Your body seems to be tireless and you will sleep like a baby after a fast. There are so many rewards from a fast that only a person who has actually fasted can truly realize the great benefits that are achieved.

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Don't be a Slave to Foods

Most humans are slaves to foods; they must have breakfast, lunch and dinner at regular meal hours every day, year in and year out. They eat whether they are hungry or not, and their poor bodies are burdened by overeating . . . and usually poor nutrition as well! No wonder we have so many physical wrecks! One of the greatest nutritional teachers in the world, Professor Arnold Ehret, said, "Life is a tragedy of nutrition." How true is the old trite saying, "Man digs his grave with his knife and fork!" Many people never give their stomachs a rest. They continually stuff and work the digestive and eliminative functions with an overabundance of food. This excessive burden means that the functions of digestion and elimination become so overworked and so exhausted that they simply collapse. The entire body then becomes enervated! Millions suffer from fatigue.

Old age is not a time of life. It is a condition of the body. It is not time that ages the body, it is abuse that does. – Herbert Shelton

Fasting Program Regularly Removes Toxins

After a fast, you will find you don't need as much food as you used to eat! The fast shrinks your stomach and you will feel lighter, look better and have more vitality on ½ the food you were accustomed to.

I am an active man physically, yet I eat only two light meals daily. I never snack between meals. Nibbling and compulsory eating have been eliminated from my life by my years of the 24 hour weekly fast and my fasts lasting from 7 to 10 days, 3 or 4 times a year. After the fast, your eyes sparkle and your skin tone improves. Notice the more energy and vitality you have. Your heart sings a lighthearted song because your body is cleaner and healthier. It's not burdened with fighting toxic poisons. Your fasting program keeps lifting the toxins from your bloodstream and vital organs regularly.

Plan Your Fasting Program Today

52 So if you want to enjoy all these great benefits, be a strong positive person, plan a fasting program for yourself, and live strictly by it. Don't tell anyone you are going to fast, because the average person is ignorant of the facts of fasting and they are not qualified to criticize your health program. I never discuss my fasting with people who have no knowledge of the miracles of fasting. Why should I discuss it with them? They are still full of fears held by the average person; that if they miss a few meals, they will starve to death. So be intelligent enough not to tell others what you are doing. You will simply get a lot of worthless advice. Many times while I am fasting for a week I conduct large Health Crusades and I tell no one I am on a complete fast. Your fasting time is very personal and it belongs to you, not to anyone else. If you have faith in it, that's all that's necessary. You are putting faith in God and Mother Nature's oldest and most respected way of purifying, renovating and rejuvenating your body – fasting!



Many dishes, many diseases. – Ben Franklin

If mankind profits from its mistakes, we have a glorious future ahead of us!

Your Mind Must Rule Your Body To Fast Successfully

Remember, “Flesh is dumb!” It has no intelligence or reasoning power. If, after reading this book, you are convinced, without any reservations, that a fasting program is going to elevate you to greater heights of living, then your mind becomes the master of your flesh! Your mind must be stronger than the desires of your flesh, because your body has long been conditioned to have food put into it at various intervals of the day.

The average person gets up and eats breakfast whether hungry or not. When the stomach does all the directing, the mind tags along with its desires. So, through reflex conditioning, the stomach expects food for breakfast. To me, breakfast is a worthless meal. The body has been at rest all night. It has not expended energy, so why should a person get up after the inactivity of sleep and put a big breakfast into the stomach? I will tell you again, “You must earn your food with physical activity!”

No Heavy Breakfast Plan is Best

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Another reason why I’m a believer and follower of the “No Heavy Breakfast Plan” is because the big breakfast can drain most people of the precious energy gathered by the recharging night’s sleep. In the morning, your energy – physical, mental, and spiritual – should be at its highest. With this new energy the body has created, you can do great creative and physical work. Famous radio talk host Dr. Dean Edell agrees. Web: www.healthcentral.com

I have shown elementary school, high school and college students that they can do their greatest studying early in the morning on an empty stomach. Most students eat an evening meal, which is their heaviest meal of the day, and then they try to study.

It’s a terrific effort to concentrate and study after eating a huge dinner! Why does this happen? It seems that the mind just will not work after a heavy meal. But give these same students a good night’s rest, get them up early in the morning and keep food out of them for 2 or 3 hours and they will become brilliant students.

I have taught this “No Heavy Breakfast Plan” to millions of our health followers and readers world-wide. Here’s the logical reason why I don’t believe in a heavy breakfast. A heavy meal requires most of the total nerve energy of the body to handle digestion, thus the mind becomes enervated, making people dull, sleepy and leaving the precious nerve energy at its lowest ebb.

Let’s look at it from another standpoint. Through long years of misinformation, people have been told, “Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It gives you the strength, the energy and the vitality to do a hard morning’s work, either physically or mentally.” This is absolutely erroneous! It is not a true scientific fact. When you eat a heavy breakfast, through reflex action you feel full and satisfied, but you do not gain strength. It takes hours for this food to be processed by the digestive system before you can gain any energy or vitality from a big breakfast. Digestion is a most highly complicated process. Every item of food in the breakfast has to be broken down into fine nutrient fragments so that the cells of the body are fed.

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You Must Earn Your Food by Exercising

You can plainly see that healthy eating is a matter of conditioning and habit. I haven’t eaten breakfast for over 65 years. I get up early every morning. When at our Hollywood home, I drive to the beautiful Griffith Park mountain trail and hike for several hours up to the top of Mt. Hollywood and top it off by running down the mountain. If I am at our home near Malibu, Patricia and I take long hikes and runs on the beach. I am not only a summer swimmer, but a year-round ocean swimmer. At our desert home, we hike the hills and ride our bicycles. After several hours of vigorous exercise, we return home to enjoy our fruit meal and pep drinks. Now we are ready to do our best creative work, planning Bragg Health Crusades, writing articles for health magazines or writing our health books to inspire and guide you to become healthier!

Eat to live, not live to eat. –Ben Franklin

You never lose until you stop trying. –Mike Ditka

Healthy Eating Habits Keep You Youthful

Around noon or so we will eat our main meal of the day. We start with a large delicious salad (recipe pg. 231). After the salad we have one cooked yellow vegetable – such as a baked yam or carrots – one green vegetable, such as Swiss chard, kale, mustard greens, broccoli, zucchini, squash or green beans – and some type of vegetable protein. We enjoy tofu, beans, lentils and raw unsalted nuts of all kinds and seeds, such as sunflower, pumpkin, sesame, etc. (Vegetable Protein Chart pg. 233).

Patricia and I have earned this meal through exercise and activity. Now our bodies are ready to send the digestive juices and internal secretions to get the full nourishment and energy out of this natural food. The mouth and stomach digestive juices are abundant. Extra benefit – regular exercise, ample fruits and salads promote good elimination. This program of 12 meals a week, 2 meals daily, 6 days a week doesn't burden and exhaust the body's digestive system and body's bowel eliminative powers (we fast for 24 to 36 hour period weekly). On this Bragg Healthy Lifestyle program, you don't overeat, you educate your bowels to move soon upon arising and usually you have a bowel evacuation within an hour after lunch and an hour after dinner.

Most people are sick or half sick most of the time. It is our opinion that they enervate and overwork their body and exhaust themselves in trying to burn up all those extra calories from all the excess foods they consume!!! We don't overeat and the only exception we ever make for snacking between meals is to have some luscious, juicy organic fruit. In mid-afternoon, we have a juicy organic apple or fresh pineapple, mango or papaya. When melons are in season, we find nothing more refreshing than sweet, ripe melons; our favorites are watermelon, cantaloupe, casaba and honeydew.

Watermelon and its seeds are by far the best and most natural kidney cleanser and diuretic. It washes retained poisons and debris out of the bladder without side effects. Always eat melons alone and between meals. It opens your urinary system like a hydrant. Also try watermelon seed tea - 2 tsps ground seeds in pint boiling water, steep, sweeten, take 3 times daily for fluid retention and a kidney cleanser. Sometimes we do a 2 to 3 day watermelon only cleanse, try it – it's so great!

Americans Love Social Eating!

The main reason why 65% to 70% of Americans are overweight is because eating has become a fun, social gorging event! People eat breakfast, eat at the coffee break, eat at lunch and eat at their afternoon coffee break. They eat a large dinner and long before the big dinner can be handled by the digestive system they are eating again, plus drinking alcohol, colas or coffee while watching TV. No wonder they are constantly tired! It's because they enervate themselves by exhausting their Vital Force. Even the healthiest person only generates so much Vital Force daily and, if by over-eating habits or other bad habits you exhaust your Vital Force, then there is not sufficient energy for the needed work of mastication, digestion, metabolism and elimination.

What happens? There is not enough Vital Force to flush the waste out of the body, so this stockpiles and concentrates and that's how you build auto-intoxication. Your troubles and premature ageing start right here!

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Keeping Internally Clean is Critical

Sickness and premature ageing are no mystery. You are punished by your bad habits, not for them! If you keep stuffing food that cannot be handled in your over loaded digestive tract, it then rots, putrefies and poisons your body's billions of cells. You become prematurely old, sick, and weak because you have not learned how to keep your body healthy and clean inside! The secret of health and long life can be summed up in three words: "Keep Clean Inside!" Etch these words of wisdom deep on the blackboard of your brain! Repeat them over and over again as an affirmation . . . "Keep Clean Inside!"

Fasting is the best and most natural way of cleansing, purifying and rejuvenating your body because it is Mother Nature's natural method. Nobody can do it for you. It is a personal matter. It costs you nothing but a strong, positive willpower! Remember, woe to the weak. Life is the survival of the fittest . . . and fasting is a program of self-preservation!



Remember always, you are punished by your bad habits of living, not for them, but by them! – Paul C. Bragg

Are You Now Ready to Fast, Detox and Get Healthy For A Long, Wonderful Life?

If you are convinced, without reservation that fasting is a time to get detoxed and healthy, then you're ready. Remember, when you tell your conscious and your subconscious mind you're going to fast for internal purity you set things in motion for success! You have told every cell in your body that a fast is going to improve your health. Your body's cells will accept this command.

Start with a 24 hour distilled water fast. During these 24 hours you are going to put nothing into your stomach except distilled water. If you eat fruit with this, it is not a fast; it is a fruit diet. If you drink fruit or vegetable juices during this 24 hour period it ceases to be a complete fast, and instead becomes either a vegetable or fruit juice fast. I want you to bear this in mind: a complete fast is nothing allowed in the stomach except distilled water! Your first fast may be easy or it may have some rough spots. You may fast from lunch to lunch or dinner to dinner, as long as you abstain from food for an entire 24 hours. If you are accustomed to coffee, tea, beer or alcohol drinks, you might have reactions . . . one typical reaction appears in the form of a headache.

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Why does this happen? Because the cells of your body have conditioned themselves to regular dosages of a stimulant. When you take the stimulant away from the nerves and the cells there is bound to be a reaction. But remember, this fast is going to help break that stimulant habit, because during the 24 hour distilled water fast you are flushing many of the buried poisonous residues out of your body through your eliminative organs.

During their 24 hour fast, most people can carry on their regular duties, even though they may have a little discomfort. There may be some turbulence in the stomach but, all in all, it should go smoothly and successfully if you make your mind be master of your flesh. You are giving the commands to your body from your higher brain cells. You're not going to be dragged down to the level of the lower stomach cells. Remember it's important everyday, especially fast days, to drink ample water. Get started!

Juice Fasting – Introductory Road to Water Fasting

Fasting has been rediscovered through juice fasting as a simply delicious and easy means of cleansing and purifying and rebuilding health and vitality.

To fast (*abstain from food*) is from the Old English word *fasten* or *to hold firm*. It's a means to commit oneself to the task of finding inner strength through cleansing of the body, mind and soul. Throughout history the world's greatest church leaders, philosophers and sages including Socrates, Plato, Buddha and Gandhi have enjoyed fasting and preached its many miracle benefits.

Juice bars are springing up everywhere and juice fasting has become "in" with the Stars of Hollywood. The number of Stars who believe in the power and effectiveness of juice and water fasting is growing. Some are: Steven Spielberg, Barbra Streisand, Kim Basinger, Alec Baldwin, Christie Brinkley, Dolly Parton, Donna Karan, etc., and author Danielle Steel. They say fasting helps balance their lives physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally.

Although a distilled water fast is best, an introductory liquid juice fast can offer people an opportunity to give their intestinal systems restful, cleansing relief from the commercial, high-fat, sugar, salt, protein and "fast foods" diets that too many Americans exist on daily.

Organic raw live fruit and vegetable juices can be purchased fresh from many health stores. You can also prepare these healthy juices yourself using a good home juicer. When juice fasting, it's best to dilute the juice with $\frac{1}{3}$ distilled or purified water. This list gives you delicious varieties. With vegetable and tomato combinations try adding a dash of Bragg Liquid Aminos or herbs. Non-fast days, try some of the nutritious green powders (barley, chlorella, spirulina, etc.) to create a powerful health drink. When using herbs in these drinks, use 1 to 2 fresh leaves or a pinch of dried herbs. A pinch of Dulse (seaweed) – rich in protein, iodine and iron – is delicious with vegetable juices (*also sprinkled on salads, veggies, etc.*).



Dine with little, sup with less; do better still, sleep supperless. – Ben Franklin

Here are Some Powerful Juice Combinations:

1. Beet, celery, alfalfa sprouts
2. Cabbage, celery and apple
3. Cabbage, cucumber, celery, tomato, spinach and basil
4. Tomato, carrot and mint
5. Carrot, celery, watercress, garlic and wheatgrass
6. Grapefruit, orange and lemon
7. Beet, parsley, celery, carrot, cabbage and garlic
8. Beet, celery, dulse and carrot
9. Cucumber, carrot and parsley
10. Watercress, cucumber, garlic
11. Asparagus, carrot, and mint
12. Carrot, celery, parsley, onion, cabbage and sweet basil
13. Carrot and coconut milk
14. Carrot, broccoli, lemon, cayenne
15. Carrot, cauliflower, rosemary
16. Apple, carrot, radish, ginger
17. Apple, pineapple and mint
18. Apple, papaya and grapes
19. Papaya, cranberries and apple
20. Leafy greens, broccoli, apple
21. Grape, cherry and apple
22. Watermelon (include seeds)

Juicing has come a long way since Paul C. Bragg imported the first hand operated vegetable-fruit juicer from Germany and introduced juice therapy to America. Before this, juice was pressed by hand using cheesecloth. Juices are now considered an ideal health beverage worldwide!

Fruit bears the closest relation to light. The sun pours a continuous flood of light into the fruits, and they furnish the best potion of food a human being requires for the sustenance of mind and body. – Alcott



BAD NUTRITION

#1 Cause of Sickness

People don't die of infectious conditions as such, but of malnutrition that allows the germs to gain a foothold in sickly bodies. Bad nutrition is usually one of the main causes of noninfectious, degenerative or fatal conditions. When the body has its full vitamin and

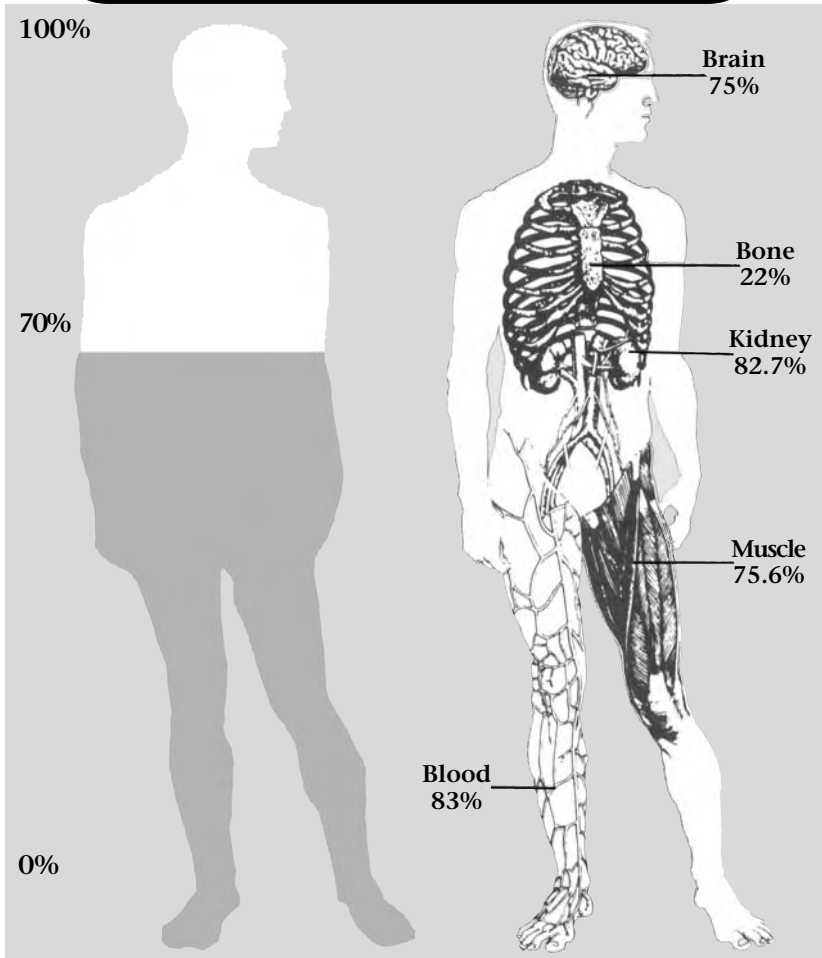
mineral quota plus precious potassium, it's impossible for germs to get a foothold in its healthy bloodstream and tissues! We greatly admire our friend, the former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop who, in his famous 1988 landmark report on nutrition and health, made this revealing, strong statement:



Dr. Koop & Patricia

Diet-related diseases account for 68% of all United States deaths!

The 70% Watery Human



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The amount of water in the human body, averaging 70%, varies considerably and even from one part of the body to another area (illustration on right). A lean man may hold 70% of his weight in body water, while a woman – because of her larger proportion of water-poor fatty tissues – may be only 52% water. The lowering of the water content in the blood is what triggers the hypothalamus, the brain’s thirst center, to send out its familiar urgent demand for a drink of water.

Water Percentage in Various Body Parts:

<i>Teeth</i> 10%	<i>Lungs</i> 80%
<i>Bones</i> 22%	<i>Brain</i> 75%
<i>Cartilage</i> 55%	<i>Bile</i> 86%
<i>Red blood corpuscles</i> 68.7%	<i>Plasma</i> 90%
<i>Liver</i> 71.5%	<i>Blood</i> 83%
<i>Muscle tissue</i> 75%	<i>Lymph</i> 94%
<i>Spleen</i> 75.5%	<i>Saliva</i> 95.5%

This chart shows why 8 glasses of water daily is important.

Why I Drink Only Pure, Distilled Water!

When I refer to fasting in this book, I constantly make the statement, “Eat absolutely no food and drink distilled water exclusively.” Distilled water is pure H₂O – which means it’s a compound of 2 parts hydrogen and 1 part oxygen. If you drink rain water, or the fresh juices of fruits and vegetables, remember that all of this liquid has been distilled by Mother Nature. If you drink rain water or snow water, there are no inorganic minerals in it. It is 100% mineral-free. If you drink fruit and vegetable juices, you are drinking distilled water plus certain nutrients such as fruit sugars, organic minerals and vitamins. But if you drink lake, river, well or spring water, you are drinking undistilled water, plus the inorganic minerals that the water has picked up. Some of this water is known as hard water, meaning it has high inorganic mineral concentrations that can cause health problems.

Now, let me give you a short lesson in chemistry. There are two kinds of chemicals - inorganic and organic. The inorganic chemicals are inert, which means that they cannot be absorbed into the tissues of the body.

Our bodies are composed of 16 organic minerals which all come from that which is living or was alive. When we eat an apple or any other fruit or vegetable, that substance is living. Each has a certain survival time after it has been picked before spoiling. We prefer the vegetarian diet, but the same applies to animal foods, fish, milk, cheese and eggs if you eat them.

Distilled water is the healthiest and greatest solvent on earth, the only water that can be taken into the body without damage to the tissues. –

Dr. Allen Banik, Author of The Choice is Clear

Dehydration of certain organs will result in symptoms which are often misdiagnosed by physicians. The message is: drink your way to health with volumes of pure water. – F. Batmanghelidj, M.D., Author of Your Body’s Many Cries for Water; You Are Not Sick, You Are Thirsty! - watercure.com

Hard, Inorganic Minerals Cause Problems!

Organic minerals are very vital in keeping us alive and well. If we were cast away on an uninhabited island where nothing was growing, we would starve to death. Even though the soil beneath our feet contains 16 inorganic minerals, our bodies could not absorb them. Only a living plant has the power to extract inorganic minerals from the earth. No human can extract the nourishment from inorganic minerals.

Many years ago, I was on an expedition to China when one part of the country was suffering from drought and famine. I saw with my own eyes poor, starving people heating earth and eating it for want of food. They died horrible deaths because they could not get one bit of nourishment from the inorganic minerals of the earth.

For years I have heard people say that certain waters were rich in all the minerals. What minerals are they talking about? Inorganic or organic? These are inorganic and they are burdening their bodies with these inert minerals, which may cause the development of stones in the kidneys, gallbladder and stone-like acid crystals in the arteries, veins, and other parts of the body.

I was reared in Virginia where the drinking water is called hard water. It is heavily saturated with inorganic minerals, especially sodium, iron and calcium. I saw many of my elders die of kidney troubles. Nearly all the people were prematurely old because the inorganic minerals would collect on the inner walls of their arteries and veins, causing many to die from hardening of the arteries, strokes and heart attacks. One of my uncles died at Johns Hopkins hospital when he was only 48. The autopsy doctors stated that his arteries were as hard as clay pipes because they were so stiff and corroded with inorganic minerals.

Yet you will hear people say, "Distilled water is dead water. A fish cannot live in it." Of course a fish cannot live in freshly distilled water for any length of time, because it needs the vegetation that grows in rivers, lakes and seas. Imagine you were shipwrecked while on a passenger ship

going to Hawaii and you became a castaway in a lifeboat for days on the open sea. If the only water available was rain water, would you say, "Rain water is dead distilled water, I won't drink it?" No, you would never say that. Of course you would drink pure rain water and survive until rescued!

Millions Drink Rain (Distilled) Pure Water!

By drinking distilled water, you would be joining millions worldwide who drink unpolluted rain water. Man evolved drinking rain water. In Bermuda, etc., where soil is so porous that water cannot be held in the soil, people have special roofs to catch rain water so that it drains into tanks under their houses or nearby.

The great castle of the powerful emperor Tiberius, who ruled the world at the time of Christ, is located on the Isle of Capri. It has a remarkable reservoir to catch rain water inside the castle walls. Today, over 2000 years later, the people of Capri still go there for water during a dry spell. I have seen this with my own eyes, you can too!

Years ago, my Hollywood friend, the great actor Douglas Fairbanks Sr., and I roamed the South Sea Islands. During that trip, we came upon an island inhabited by beautiful, healthy Polynesians who never drank anything but distilled water, because the island was surrounded by the Pacific Ocean. Sea water is undrinkable because of its high salt content. Their island was based on porous coral which could not hold water, so they only had Mother Nature's distilled water drinks from rain water and delicious fresh coconut milk.

I have never seen any finer specimens of men or women than these native South Sea Islanders! There were several doctors on the yacht who thoroughly examined the oldest people on these islands, and the heart doctor stated that he had never examined such well-preserved people in his life. They never celebrated birthdays, so they were gloriously ageless, not only in years, but in body! These older men performed as well in the vigorous native dances as the younger men. These people were beautiful specimens of humanity, and they all lived their lengthy lives drinking only Mother Nature's perfect distilled water.

Distilled Water is Best for Your Health

Years ago, during an expedition to the Atlas mountains of Morocco, I found vigorous people roaming the desert, and the only water they drank was unpolluted rain water.

Every liquid prescription that is compounded in any drug store the world over is prepared with distilled water. It is not true that distilled water leaches the organic minerals out of the body nor is it dead water. It is the purest and safest water that man can drink!

Distilled water helps to dissolve the terrible, toxic poisons that collect in people's bodies. It passes through the kidneys without leaving inorganic pebbles and stones. If you wash your hair in rain (distilled) water you will discover the softness of natural soft water.

64 No new water has been created on the face of the earth since it was originally formed. Just as the same energy is formed and reformed, so the same water is re-used over and over again by the miracle of Mother Nature. Waters of the earth are purified by natural distillation. The sun evaporates the water. It is collected into clouds and the clouds become full and then we have rain and dew . . . pure, perfectly clean water, one of God's and Mother Nature's great miracles! Who dares to say that they supply man with dead water! Distilled water is the purest water on earth and it's free of all harmful inorganic minerals and toxic substances.

Over 70 years ago, I predicted that some day man would need clean, pure water so desperately that great government distillation plants would have to be installed at the seas to convert the unlimited supply of salt water into pure water for all purposes. I have lived to see my prediction come true. Even in Santa Barbara, California they had to build a plant during a long dry spell. In the American Navy, there are huge aircraft carriers with five thousand Navy personnel aboard. These ships cannot carry enough land water so they distill sea water for the men to drink and bathe in. Also big ocean cruise ships distill sea water for their passengers' use, bathing, etc.

Bragg Family Uses Only Distilled Water

At our Bragg homes, distilled water is delivered in 5 gallon bottles for household use. I also have it at the Bragg Santa Barbara office. Distilled water can be bought almost everywhere. It is used for baby formulas, heart and kidney patients and many other purposes.

Millions of homes across the nation have water softeners for household uses, because hard water is not good for washing clothes and it spots dishes. But please don't drink unhealthy water from water softeners! It's not a healthful drinking water. Drink only distilled water exclusively for a year and you'll never drink hard or softened water again. When you fast, please use only distilled water for greater cleansing and health. Read the Bragg book – *Water – The Shocking Truth* for more info.

The Miracle Life of Ageless Jack LaLanne



Paul C. Bragg clasps hands with Jack LaLanne

Jack says he would have been dead by 17 if he hadn't attended The Bragg Crusade. Jack says, *Bragg saved my life at age 15, when I attended The Bragg Health Crusade in Oakland, California.* From that day on Jack has continued a busy, fulfilled life, living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle, inspiring millions to health, fitness and longevity!
www.jacklalanne.com

I enjoy eating raw vegetable salads, plenty of organic fruit and fresh juices. I love vegetables, wholegrains, beans, brown rice and lentils. – Jack LaLanne

To resist old age creeping in one must work with the body, mind, soul and the heart. And to keep strong and healthy one must live a healthy lifestyle.

Ten Common Sense Reasons Why You Should Only Drink Pure, Distilled Water!

- There are over 12,000 toxic chemicals on the market today . . . and 500 are being added yearly! Regardless of where you live, in the city or on the farm, some of these chemicals are getting into your drinking water.
- No one on the face of the earth today knows what effect these chemicals could have upon the body as they blend into thousands of different combinations. It is like making a mixture of colors; one drop could change the color.
- The equipment hasn't been designed to detect some of these chemicals and may not be for many years to come.
- The body is made up of 70% water (shown on page 60). Therefore, don't you think you should be particular about the type of water you drink to maintain your body?
- The Navy has been drinking distilled water for years!
- Distilled water is chemical and mineral free. Distillation removes all the chemicals and impurities from water that are possible to remove. If distillation doesn't remove them, there is no known method today that will.
- The body does need minerals . . . but it is not necessary that they come from water. There is not one mineral in water which cannot be found more abundantly in food! Water is the most unreliable source of minerals because it varies from one area to another. The food we eat – not the water we drink – is the best source of organic minerals!
- Distilled water is used for intravenous feeding, inhalation therapy, prescriptions and baby formulas. Therefore, doesn't it make common sense that it is good for everyone?
- Thousands of water distillers have been sold throughout the United States and around the world to individuals, families, dentists, doctors, hospitals, nursing homes and government agencies. These and other informed, alert consumers are helping protect their health by using only pure, distilled water. Be wise – you do the same.
- With all of the chemicals, pollutants and other impurities in our water, it only makes good common sense you should clean up the water you drink Mother Nature's inexpensive way through distillation.

How Long Should One Fast?

For a person who has no fasting experience, the longest fast should never be over 10 days, unless they are under the supervision of a health expert with fasting experience. Fasting is the most natural method of purifying the body and is truly a miracle! In my opinion, it's best to do shorter fasts for the first few months, gradually working into longer fasts. This helps prevent distress to your body by gently loosening and passing the stored toxins out of the body.

A long fast must be supervised by an expert because only they can best determine when a fast should be broken. Sometimes even the experts cannot tell how long a fast should last. When and how to break the fast is determined by carefully watching how conditions in the faster's body change during the fast. The expert watches to see how fast the body, kidneys, etc. are throwing off mucus and toxins. They will examine the urine daily – if too many toxins are being eliminated, causing a strain on the kidneys, they will usually stop the fast.

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Even the greatest experts won't all agree with putting a person on a 30 or 40 day fast. Often people plan a longer fast and find toxins pouring out so quickly that it's best they do short fasts and not one big long fast. Sometimes in the first 6 days, if too many toxic poisons were released into their circulation, I felt it wise to have them stop the fast and do another short fast in a few weeks.

I have heard unqualified people say, "the long fast is best." This I do not believe, because man is the sickest creature on earth! None of God's other creatures have violated His nutritional laws as much as man; who eats with little discretion towards his health and life!

Fasting regularly gives your organs and digestion a rest and helps reverse the ageing process for a healthier and longer life.

– James Balch, M.D., *Prescriptions for Nutritional Healing*
"Bragg books were my introduction to healthy living."

Shorter Fasts Are Better and Safer

Here again is another reason I do not believe in long fasts unless they are carefully supervised by a health expert. The average person is not only filled with toxic poison from wrong food, air pollution, water pollution and common table salt, but they also have a residue of the many drugs they have consumed stored deep in the organs of their bodies. So a long fast to cleanse one's body might sound good in theory but, in actual practice, it is emphatically not the case!

In my personal experience, I have achieved greater benefits from short fasts than I have by the long fasts, even though I have supervised many long fasts. Starting with a 24 to 36 hour fast weekly, I find that the faster can really give himself a splendid internal house cleaning. The person who wishes to attain supreme vitality and agelessness can prepare for a 3 to 4 day fast by following the "No Heavy Breakfast Plan" (I regard fresh fruit as nutritional refreshment, not as a full meal) combined with a program of eating only whole, natural, organic foods for several months.

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After about 4 months of the weekly fast and 4 to 6 fasts of from 3 to 4 days, a person would be ready for a 7 day fast. By this time, large amounts of toxic waste will have been removed from the body by this series of weekly and longer fasts, combined with The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle of eating healthy organic fruits, veggies, sprouts whole grains, seeds and nuts. Remember, it's important to drink 8-10 glasses of distilled water daily!

With a background of 6 months of internal cleansing, the 7 day fast will prove quite simple. This first week-long fast will be a wonderful experience because the internal purification the faster experiences are absolutely tremendous! In several more months, this person will be ready for a ten-day fast. Again this will cause a super-cleansing of every cell in the body.



The doctor of the future will give no medicine, but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, in diet and in the cause and prevention of disease. – Thomas A. Edison

The Faster Will Gather Marvelous Experience

Once embarked on this sensible, logical program of internal purification, you will be so imbued with the joys of your new life that fasting will become a necessary part of life itself. Day by day, while you watch the miracle of rejuvenation taking place in your body and mind, you will rejoice that you have been led to The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle of living that will make you a healthier, happier and better person every day of your life!

Why Should You Fast?

Most people spend the major part of their short lives destroying their health! But those who have found the truth have captained their lives to healthy living. It all comes down to the law of compensation. You get out of an effort just what you put into it! To me, to achieve supreme health, vitality and agelessness is worth all effort possible! I found what I want in life. I know that money cannot buy health, long life and agelessness. I follow my Bragg Healthy Lifestyle and I enjoy supreme health!

Every day we read about wealthy men and women who are desperately ill, many of them dying long before their time. There is no wealth that can impart or equal health and agelessness. That is the reason I often tell people that I am the richest man on earth. I am a health multibillionaire! I have the greatest wealth a person can have. I have Supreme Health 365 days of the year. I have a painless, tireless and ageless body. No one gave me my Health Wealth. I earned it by living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle and by always staying as close to Mother Nature as possible in this polluted, poisoned world of today.

The More Often You Fast, The Longer You Will Be Able to Fast

I do not want to limit your fasting to 10 days. But I do not advise fasting any longer than 10 days until you have had, at the very least, four 10 day fasts spaced at 4 month intervals. With that experience behind you, now you could graduate to a 15 day fast. By then you have done a tremendous amount of internal house cleaning.

Great Benefits From Short and Long Fasts

If you are ready to attempt a 21 or 30 day fast you know now how to conduct the fast. You now have your past fasting experience and knowledge to guide you! But, personally, I feel that my weekly 24 to 36 hour fast and my 7 to 10 day fasts 4 times a year is sufficient fasting for me. I eat only 12 meals a week and sometimes less because I never eat unless I have a genuine hunger!

Again let me state emphatically that fasting is a science. Please do not force yourself into a long fast because you think the long fast is going to do wonders, unless you are under the strict supervision of a health expert. And even the expert may decide that you would benefit more from shorter fasts to first condition yourself to a longer fast. Your 24 to 36 hour weekly fast, your 3 or 4 day fasts and your 7 to 10 day fasts will provide you with the fasting experience you will definitely need should you wish to try a longer fast later.

70 I have found in my research on fasting that even the health experts disagree on how long one should fast to get the very best results. Health opinions worldwide vary on fasting lengths from 7 to 30 days. I personally don't believe in the longer fast unless it is really an emergency – and then it is imperative that it be supervised by a health expert. I have thousands of students worldwide following this fasting program I'm presenting to you in this book. They are delighted and satisfied with the marvelous health benefits they enjoy!



Derek Prince was one of the most loved and anointed ministers in the world. He and his wife led a disciplined life of fasting every wednesday and they traveled the world crusading. – www.derekprince.com

If just half of the \$ billions spent on cancer research were spent on educating the public how to avoid disease – millions of lives would be saved from cancer. – Joel Fuhrman, M.D., Author of Fasting and Eating for Health

It's the song you sing and the smiles you wear, that is making the sunshine everywhere. – James Whitcomb Riley

Through our actions and deeds, rather than promises, let us display the essence of love – perfect harmony in motion. – Philip Glyn, Welsh Poet

Fasting Appreciated Worldwide

The German fasting resorts believe the ideal fast is 21 days. The French are in favor of not more than a 14 day fast. In England they feel a 30 day fast is best. In our American fasting resorts, many of the fasts are supervised from 14 to 30 days.

I have found that in foreign and American fasting resorts, the directors are dedicated men and women who have a thorough knowledge of fasting. They all have been highly successful with people who have various complicated physical problems.

Fasting is a great and wonderful science and there is much to learn about it. I have been supervising fasts for over 70 years. During these years I have faithfully fasted and have enjoyed wonderful benefits! It is my honest opinion that if anyone fasts over 10 days they should be under the guidance of a health expert they can call.

I believe that the average person can fast 10 days without any complications. The 10 day fast results in a great amount of internal housecleaning. I sincerely hope I am not putting any fearful thoughts in your mind about the great science of fasting. There are thousands of people around the world who supervise their own fasts and some for even 20 or 30 days. When I speak on fasting at the Bragg Health Crusades worldwide, I ask my students how many of them have supervised their own fasts. I found that thousands of Bragg followers have fasted 20 and 30 days or more with great results!

But, I still feel that if a person is going to take a 30 day fast, it is wise to be under the guidance of a health expert, who knows how to control long fasts. They are always ready to help you when the toxic poisons are being eliminated more heavily. They might advise you to break the fast, because they feel you may have loosened enough toxic poisons for this particular fast. Always be flexible, kind and loving to your body.

Healthy, healing dietary fibers are organic fresh vegetables, fruits, salads and whole grains and their products. These health builders help normalize your blood pressure, cholesterol and also promotes healthy elimination.

Short Fasts Need Good Nutrition and Good Healthy Lifestyle Habits Between Fasts

I know that the wheels of progress grind slowly, but surely. Here is my theory on the science of fasting. We are dealing with human nature and there are many fears in each of us. I believe that more people will experiment with the science of fasting if they do short fasts. Many people are willing to try a 24 or a 36 hour fast and, when they find that they feel better and look better, they will then attempt a 3 day fast because they now have more confidence. The next thing you know, they will fast very successfully for 7 to 10 days. Many of my students who took several 10 day fasts had such good results that they tried a 15 day fast. Some even went on to 21 day fasts and others tried the full 30 day fast by themselves.

But they wisely started with the 24 hour fast and then graduated to the longer fast. The more experience and good results you gain, the stronger belief you will have in fasting. If you have never fasted before, start with 24 or 36 hour fast each week. I urge you to be the judge of the wonder-working miracle powers of the fast.

Then you may graduate to the 3 to 4 day fast and, after that, to a 7 to 10 day fast that will make you very proud of your willpower. You can accomplish a great amount of internal cleansing on short fasts. Remember, it is cumulative. The more you fast, the cleaner you become inside. Just make sure that between fasts you are faithfully living the good, Bragg Healthy Lifestyle!

Pre-Cleanse Diet Brings Better Fasting Results

If you prepare for a fast by eating a cleansing diet for 1 to 2 days, this can greatly facilitate the cleansing process. Fresh variety salads, fresh vegetables and fruits and their juices, as well as green drinks (alfalfa, barley, chlorophyll, chlorella, spirulina, wheatgrass, etc.) stimulate waste elimination. Live, fresh organic foods and juices can literally pick up dead matter from your body and carry it away. Following this pre-cleansing diet for a few days, then you are now prepared and can start your liquid fast.

Here is My Personal Fasting Program – Which I Recommend for Bragg Students

I know the great benefits I have received from fasting, and that goes for my whole family. Every week Patricia and I take a 24 to 36 hour fast. We never miss this! In addition we fast from 7 to 10 days, 4 times a year.

Over the many years that I have been following this schedule, I have kept myself in superior health. I am a human dynamo! I get more living out of 1 day than most people get out of 5. I have unlimited energy for work and play! I never get tired - sleepy, yes. But never do I get that worn out, exhausted feeling. I keep myself active mentally, physically and spiritually! I maintain a heavy lecture schedule and I travel worldwide. I write and have many duties to perform. But I still make time for an enormous amount of vigorous physical activity.

All of my sports and play time is spent with youthful men and women who don't recognize calendar years and who are ageless in body, mind and spirit as I am. Otherwise, I keep far, far away from prematurely old people because most of them are so negative! Sad facts – millions have convinced themselves they are old and tired! This the reason they are ready for the scrap heap! Many died mentally years ago and have joined the half-alive generation. Avoid this! Please don't join them!

My daughter Patricia and I belong to hiking, tennis and beach clubs, gyms, mountain climbing clubs and dancing clubs. We love ballroom dancing and South American dances like the samba, tango, etc. and fast moving steps that give us a chance to be physically active and mentally joyous. Try it – turn the music on and dance! If needed, take lessons and learn – it's fun! We enjoy the Hawaiian dance – the Hula. When at home in Hawaii, we give health buffet parties along with some Hawaiian musical entertainment, singing and dancing.

When your body is cleansed by fasting and living a naturally healthy life, you will discover you feel wonderful all the time. This is because God and Mother Nature intended people to be healthy, happy and well-balanced; free of fears, frustrations, stresses and strains!

Breaking Health Laws – You Pay Big Price!

Please understand that man cannot break a Natural Law. He only breaks himself while attempting to break the Natural Law. Can man break the law of gravity? Can man jump off a 25 story building and live? No! This also applies to Mother Nature's Laws. Man is brainwashed into eating the processed, devitalized foods that has propelled him into a pitiful physical condition. Americans are so gullible they believe the false propaganda passed out by big special interests, saying Americans are healthy and long lived.

Sickness is Costly Big Business in America!

Who spends more money in the pursuit of health than any other nation in the whole, wide world?

AMERICA DOES!

Who spends more money for doctors, nurses, hospitals, surgery, drugs and health insurance?

AMERICA DOES!

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AMERICA DOES!

Who has more convalescent homes, mental clinics and institutions than any other country in the world?

AMERICA DOES!

What nation spends the most money on magazine, newspaper, TV and radio advertising promoting “do it yourself,” over-the-counter drug medication?

AMERICA DOES!

What nation takes the most sleeping pills, diet pills, laxatives, aspirin and other pain killers?

AMERICA DOES!

We even have children's aspirin. Sadly, it seems they need painkillers! Aspirin in any form – be it buffered, plain or mixed with other compounds – masks the problem instead of solving it. Pain is the body's alarm!

Health in a human being is the perfection of bodily organization, intellectual energy and moral power. –T.L. Nichols, M.D.

How to Break a 24 Hour Fast

Follow These Instructions Carefully!

Your 24 hour fast can be from lunch to lunch or from dinner to dinner, as long as you abstain from all solid foods. This also means no fruit or vegetable juices! This is known as the absolute distilled water fast.

One exception to the 24 hour fast is to add equally one teaspoon of raw honey (optional and diabetics can use stevia) and one teaspoon Braggs Organic Raw Apple Cider Vinegar or fresh lemon juice to at least 3 of your 8 to 10 glasses of distilled water. This acts as a mucus and toxin dissolver, plus makes the water more palatable. This helps flush debris out through the great natural filters of the body – the kidneys. They play a vital part in your fast. This is why it's important during any fast to drink 8 to 10 glasses of pure, distilled water.

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I have told you how important it is to save the urine after a 24 hour fast. Just put it in a tightly sealed labeled bottle and let it settle for several weeks. You will see with your own eyes the poisons – such as mucus, salt crystals and toxins – that have been flushed out of your body by your miracle-working kidneys.

Your Kidneys – The Miracle Organs

Just think of it – each of the 2 kidneys in your body have a million efficient filters. When the body is fasting, the kidneys step up their work of detoxification. All of the Vital Force and nervous energy of the body is now working overtime to cleanse and heal your body, because it's not being used up in the laborious task of mastication, digestion, metabolism and elimination. You have no idea how powerful the Vital Force is in your body until you experience this great fasting body renovation!



*The three greatest letters in the English alphabet are N-O-W.
There is no time like the present. Begin now! – Sir Walter Scott*

Some Discomfort is Normal When Cleansing

Remember that as long as there is any toxic waste in your circulation, you may feel some discomfort during your fast. Soon as the Vital Force flushes these poisons out through your kidneys, you will start to feel better.

Many times during a fast, old drugs that have been buried in your system for years are loosened up and flushed out of the body. Let me tell you of one of my greatest experiences when I first started fasting. Now, let's go back to my early childhood diet. I was born and reared in Virginia and I was fed a typically greasy, starchy, fatty and sugary diet. My body was so filled with toxins as a child that I had every known childhood disease: mumps, measles, whooping cough . . . you name them and I had them! Along with these childhood miseries, I was given large amounts of a drug known as "Calomel" – and this drug was filled with quicksilver (mercury)!

A Swiss Doctor Was My Human Angel

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After I was restored to a good state of health at Dr. August Rollier's Sanitarium in Leysen, Switzerland, I started my regular fasting program – which I am proud to say I have continued through all these wonderful years since then! I fasted one 24 hour period weekly and 4 times a year at 3 month intervals, I fasted from 7 to 10 days – always on a distilled water fast. After I had been on this fasting program for 5 years, it was during one of my 10 day fasts that a great miracle happened to me!

I was at my family's old homestead in Virginia. On about the seventh day of a 10 day fast, I was out in a canoe on the river leisurely enjoying the sunshine and fresh air when suddenly, without warning, I doubled up with stomach cramps. I thought I would never be able to stand the pain! With great effort I got ashore and then it happened. I had a terrific bowel evacuation! At the end of this evacuation, I felt a heavy, cool sensation in my rectum and out passed a 1/3 cup of the quicksilver from the toxic Calomel that I took in my childhood.



Fasting is Mother Nature & God's Miracle – it cleanses, renews & rejuvenates!

That experience marked a new day in my entire physical structure. From that day on I knew what superior health meant! My Vital Force was increased so greatly with my program of eating natural living foods, fasting, sunshine and exercise that all my body cells rejoiced with my new Energy Power! With fasting I eliminated the drugs that were given to me in my youth.

Keep Your Spirits and Morale High

Please understand, even when you take a 1 day fast you are cleansing and purifying your whole body. The very thought that you are building a painless, tireless and ageless body should be an incentive to keep your morale high during your fast. Don't allow self-pity or negative thoughts to get in your mind when fasting.

Repeat these powerful affirmations when fasting:

- I have this day put my body in the hands of God and Mother Nature. I turn to the highest power for internal purification and rejuvenation of body and soul.
- Every minute that I fast I am flushing dangerous poisons that do great damage from my wonderful body. Every hour that I fast I become happier, healthier and have more energy and youthfulness.
- Hour by hour, my body is cleansing and purifying itself.
- When I fast I am using the same method for physical, mental and spiritual purification that the greatest spiritual leaders have used throughout the ages.
- I am in complete control of my body during this fast. No false hunger pains will stop me from fasting! I will carry my fast through to a successful conclusion because I have total faith in God and Mother Nature!

Just remember, you must give instructions to all the cells of your body with your total mind and heart. The thoughts you send to your body are going to be carried out by your cells. That is the reason I urge you to not discuss your fasting program with relatives or friends. Most would give you a negative reaction. Fasting is a personal matter and please keep it that way!

Everyone is a house with four rooms: Physical, Mental, Emotional and Spiritual. Visit each every day to be a healthy balanced person. – Rurner Godden

Keep Your Meals Healthy and Simple

When the toxins are passing out of your body and you feel some discomfort, just say to yourself . . . “This too will also pass.” Be strong-minded when you fast! Think of the wonderful results you are going to achieve by fasting. Rejoice that you have been led to this great natural cleansing and rejuvenation miracle.

At the end of every fast, the very first food that reaches your taste buds should be a raw coleslaw cabbage salad – a base of chopped cabbage, grated carrots and beets. For a dressing try fresh lemon or orange squeezed over the salad. This salad acts as “nature’s broom,” it sweeps your intestines clean. It makes the muscles along the gastrointestinal tract work hard. If you want more have a bowl of freshly stewed (or salt-free canned) tomatoes. Stewed tomatoes are not acid-forming except when prepared with white sugar or hunks of refined, white bread. Or have a serving of delicious steamed greens – such as kale, chard, collard, spinach or beet tops with tomatoes and fresh garlic. Serve in bowls and over greens sprinkle with Brewers Yeast (*large*) flakes, a spray of Bragg Liquid Aminos, $\frac{1}{3}$ tsp Bragg Organic Vinegar and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Bragg Organic Olive Oil. Try this – it’s delicious! Remember, keep your meals simple and natural.

Please never break a fast with animal products such as meat, milk, cheese, butter, fish or nuts or seeds. After a 24 or 36 hour fast, wait until the second or third meal before you eat the heavier foods and beans, brown rice, potatoes, etc. Remember, we prefer you eat the vegetarian proteins – they are healthier! Please read the important “Foods to Avoid List,” on page 237 for your not-to-buy guide when shopping.



Old age is not a time of life. It is a condition of the body. It is not time that ages the body, it is abuse that does! – Herbert Shelton

Good Health, generated by physical fitness, is the logical starting point for the pursuit of excellence in any field. Physical vitality promotes mental vitality and thus is essential to executive achievement. – Dr. Richard E. Dutton

The body and the mind are so closely connected that not even a single word or thought can come into existence without being reflected in the personality and health of the individual. – John Prentiss

The Vegetarian Diet is Healthiest!

Vegetarians are healthier and live longer! If you must eat meat and fish, please don't consume it more than 2 to 3 times weekly. Eat whole grain health breads – they are best lightly dry toasted into a melba-like toast so the starch is converted into what we call “blood sugar”. See page 89 for Patricia's recipe on garlic toast. Sprinkle the large flake nutritional yeast over salads, veggies, potatoes and soups. This gives your body the B vitamins for your nervous system and also a healthier elimination.

Don't Worry About Bowels During the Fast

One of the greatest worries most people who fast have during a fast lasting from 3 to 10 days is that their bowels may stop moving. You shouldn't worry about bowel movements during a fast! Elimination adjusts itself shortly after each fast, so forget about bowel movements and think about the wonderful cleansing your body is experiencing. Mother Nature's plumbing system works perfectly if you allow it to (but a few colonics and enemas are optional if desired and needed.) When the fast is over and you eat meals that are well-balanced in bulk, moisture, lubrication and drink 8 glasses of distilled water daily, your bowels will move better than ever! Try to eat 60% to 70% raw foods in the form of organic salads, sprouts, fruits, veggies and their fresh juices.

Living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle will promote a healthier colon and regular elimination. You can also add 1 to 2 Tbsps of psyllium husk powder daily – hour after dinner – stir in juices, pep drinks, herbal teas and even the Bragg Vinegar Drink. This mixture works wonders!

Other miracles for regularity are 1–2 Tbsps crude blackstrap molasses in cup of hot distilled water (it's also a healthy coffee substitute). Also another miracle are flax seeds. I introduced them years ago and millions have benefitted. Soak 2 Tbsps flax seeds in cup distilled water for 3 hours (gets gel-like). Drink hour after dinner. Use as hot or cold drink, add honey or molasses if desired. Great also to grind 2–3 Tbsps flax seeds and sprinkle over foods. Flax seeds are nature's richest source of Omega-3 essential oils for your heart's health. They help repair cells and tissues, transport oxygen, satisfy hunger and help burn up excess body flab.

Healthy, organic foods have a wonderful abundance of potential life energy!

Good Elimination is Important

It is natural to squat to have bowel movements. It opens up anal area more directly. When on toilet, putting feet up 6 to 8 inches on waste basket or footstool gives the same squatting effect. Now raise and stretch your hands above your head so that the transverse colon can empty completely with ease. It's important to drink 8-10 glasses of pure water daily! Read pages 138, 155-157, and take psyllium in drink daily.



Some fasting books recommend that you should have an enema or colonic daily during a fast. I feel enemas and colonics during fasts are optional and usually not needed – but if desired then try them and then decide. The only time I suggest them is during extreme constipation, in an emergency or on advice of your health practitioner. When the bowel refuses to evacuate, or in illness, extreme gas or bloating; an enema of warm, distilled or purified water with 3 Tbsp of fresh lemon or aloe juice is strictly a temporary means to cleanse and move the bowels.

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In comparing the enema to a powerful laxative, we would say that the enema is superior to the drug laxative – but it certainly has its own faults. If you continue to use enemas, laxatives or colonics over a long period of time, it will irritate your bowel and wash out important internal secretions (*healthy intestinal flora* or “friendly bacteria”) necessary for good bowel function. To replace the flora lost due to antibiotics, drugs, yeast infections, candidiasis or colon abuse, a 40 to 60 minute retention enema can be helpful. Use warm, distilled purified water, add 2–3 tsps acidophilus liquid or powder to enema bag.

During a fast, your body is having a rest! Since no food is being eaten, there might be only 1 or 2 or even no bowel movements during the fast. Your elimination system is having a rest. It's best not to disturb it. The body has its own sanitation and antiseptic system within the bowel. Don't worry, in most situations you don't need enemas. When you have finished your fast and begin eating raw, healthy foods and living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle, your eliminations will be more regular.

I Fast 7 to 10 Days, 4 Times a Year

Here's the Path to Perfect Health!



My daughter Patricia and I are very sincere and faithful to our fasting program. We know what it has done for us, our family, friends

and for millions of Bragg health followers worldwide.

Our Bragg fasting program calls for 4 longer fasts a year, along with a weekly 24 to 36 hour fast. Fasting helps cleanse and keep your body healthy. These cleansing fasts will help you live a longer, healthier and more vital life! So, my calendar calls for an early January fast. Sometimes this fast only lasts 7 days, it may run 8 days, it may run 9 days, and it may extend the full 10 days.

At the beginning of each year I mark the days I am going to fast for 7 to 10 days. You may wonder why I say 7 to 10 days. Sometimes I fast only 7 days because I feel that in that time I have accomplished the necessary body house cleansing. Be flexible on dates if you feel a cold coming on. For colds call for an earlier start to your fast to help cleanse out the mucus toxins. Colds indicate your body needs detoxifying and a good cleansing. A cold is Mother Nature and God forcing you to fast!



Hippocrates, Aristotle, Galen, Paracelsus, Plato, Socrates and other great philosophers, scientists and physicians for centuries have used fasting as a method of cleansing, healing and renewing the body, mind and soul.

Fasts are vitally important for they give the body a break from the digestive process, and allow it to release stored toxins and get them out.

Knowing and following these teachings will mean true life and good health for you. – Proverbs 4:22

Fasting Balances Your Thermostat Naturally

I have fasted for so many years that I am perceptive to what a fast is doing for me. My inner voice seems to tell me when it's time to break each fast. Remember, let your body and inner voice guide you, for your body wants you healthy, alive and the toxins removed!

I always mark on my calendar a fast for my spring "house cleaning." My spring fast always runs the full 10 days because that is when I truly want to clean house after a long winter. During our Bragg Health Crusades, I am often forced to talk in over-heated halls and auditoriums. I am sorry to say that most humans cannot take the cold weather, nor can they stand a fresh, healthy, well-ventilated hall. So I must forget my feelings and lecture in these over-heated halls to the hot-house plants of modern civilization that most people have become.

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Fasting so greatly purifies the body and so exhilarates the body's functions that the thermostatic system of the body works with more efficiency. For instance, I can leave my desert home near Palm Springs, California, in January – when the heat averages in the 80s during the day and the nights in the 60s – board an airplane to Midwestern cities such as Duluth or Minneapolis, Minnesota or to a Canadian city such as Toronto – where the temperature will be as low as 10 to 30 degrees below zero and, because of fasting and natural living, my body will adjust easily to this bitterly cold winter weather.

I find I can take the most frigid weather better than most of the inhabitants who are supposedly acclimated to their own climate. This ability to adjust to climate is only one of the many fasting miracles that happen to the body. Fasting gives the body a chance to flush out the toxic poisons and build up its Vital Nerve Force.

But, as I have stated earlier, when I go to the cities that are locked in freezing weather, I find that their halls and auditoriums are overheated. There is so little oxygen in the air that my body will naturally absorb some of the carbon dioxide that people expel from their lungs during their breathing process. That is why my spring

fasting is so valuable. I want that 10 day fast to flush out of my body any accumulated toxins, plus any other toxic poisons that are found in those artificially heated halls. That's why my springtime fast is always 7 to 10 days.

Then when summer rolls around, I take a 7 day fast in late July or August. This is the easiest of all my fasts because I have been eating large amounts of luscious, fresh fruits and garden-fresh organically grown vegetables. I believe I enjoy my summer fast more than any other. In fact, this fast is so easy that I never stop either my heavy physical exercise or mental activities. My autumn fast can be anytime in late October or during November. It also extends from 7 to 10 days.

Fasting truly has many cumulative miracle effects. I fast about 75 days a year. It is a great physiological rest I give my body and digestive organs. This includes my liver, gallbladder, and all other faithful organs, including the ones producing hormones, that are running my body and keeping me healthy! The physiological rest that I give my pancreas allows it to produce ample insulin. This also goes for the stomach, where so many digestive juices are needed to handle and digest my food intake.

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Mother Nature Intended the Body and Breath to Be Sweet and Free from Odors

You will find after a fast that you'll have more saliva which contains the important enzyme amylase. You will discover that your mouth will taste sweeter and your breath will be clean. The more you fast, the less mouth and body odor you will have! I never need deodorants.

Several years ago I supervised a fasting program for a student who came to California from New York. His problem was a terrifically bad body odor that exuded from every part of his body, particularly from under his arms, the palms of his hands and his feet. The odor can only be described as putrid. It wasn't that the man didn't take baths – because he told me that he took as many as



Health is the most natural thing in the world. It is natural to be healthy because we are a part of Mother Nature – we are nature. Nature is trying hard to keep us well, because she needs us in her business. – Elbert Hubbard

3 and 4 hot, soapy showers or baths daily and would use all kinds of deodorants or antiperspirants. But it was all to no avail, for that horrible body odor persisted. He was becoming a nervous wreck because he felt like a social outcast. He not only had a bad body odor, but he had such heavy halitosis his breath could knock you over! He used gargles, lozenges, chewed mint gum, but still that rancid, bad breath persisted.

Unhealthy Lifestyle Causes Unhealthy Life

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I told him it had taken years to get his body into this decaying condition and that a program of fasting and natural living would take time to accomplish its mission. But he was an intelligent and logically thinking man and fully cooperated with our Bragg Healthy Lifestyle Program. I started him on a series of 36 hour fasts and between the fasts, I gradually added more raw fruit and vegetables to his heavily concentrated diet of refined sugars, fats and meat. I believe there must be a transition period between changing from a unhealthy diet to a healthy diet. It's best not to force the body to change quickly. You must take things slowly. Instead of eating meat 3 times a day, he now ate meat only once a day. He had been a great eater of white bread, so I substituted 100% whole grain breads. It's best oven dry toasted.



Use your feet as Mother Nature intended. Give them every possible freedom. Go barefoot every chance you get. I do! For more info read Bragg Foot Book! Famous Dr. Scholl said, "The Bragg Foot Program is the best".

Fasting Pulls Out Toxins and Poisons

In time I put him on a 7 day fast. The first three days were rough because he was now eliminating large amounts of toxic poisons. He vomited some mucus and yellowish-green bile during the first 4 days. When nauseated it's best to drink water, then vomit toxins out that have collected in your stomach. You will feel better right away. The 5th day he broke out in a cleansing rash that lasted a few days, then vanished. The odor that came from his body and breath was almost unbearable! He gave me a specimen of his first urine every morning. He sealed it tightly, dated it and stored it on a shelf to settle. Be sure and do this. Fasting is a cleansing-healing miracle! The proof is the foul urine that comes out!

I am well-acquainted with the sickening odor of putrid urine, being a health practitioner. In my many years in the health field, I've spent time in hospitals and health spas inspiring patients to cleanse; recover their health; be strong; always live a healthy lifestyle; and treasure and protect their life!

After his 7 day fast, I eliminated more refined foods and gave him more raw fruits and raw vegetables. After several more weeks, I put him on a 10 day fast. This was a much easier fast for him, but he still eliminated heavy amounts of toxins. This is called the "latent poison" that becomes concentrated in the cells of the body. It takes time with regular fasting and a cleansing diet of fresh organic fruits and salads and the Bragg Vinegar Drink (page 230) to slowly dislodge these deeply stored toxins.

Often people will say to me, "Well, with all due respect to your philosophy of living, I am a perfectly healthy person. I eat what agrees with me, drink all the coffee I want and eat what normal people eat." But I know better, I know poisons are accumulating in their tissues. I know some day it will break loose and they will become deathly ill with a variety of illnesses – aches, pains, headaches, colds, flu, rashes, etc. – as this healing crisis is trying to clean out the toxins. That's what disease and sickness are – Mother Nature trying to cleanse and purify the burdened body of toxins, accumulated since childhood, by pushing these toxins out!

You Pay For Your Sins Sooner or Later

Many people inherit constitutions of steel through heredity. They can laugh and flaunt at God and Mother Nature's Laws and seem to get away with it! Inevitably the day of reckoning always arrives, the day when Mother Nature starts a purification by some form of elimination. I have seen so-called healthy people who thought they could eat and drink anything, smoke, lose sleep and work long hours – suddenly collapse with a heart attack, stroke or illness. Sadly, I have seen many of these powerful people go to an early grave due to their disregard of common sense health laws!

So I knew that my student had to be handled very carefully. It pleased me that he kept up his program persistently and faithfully. It took almost a year of weekly 24 to 36 hour fasts and strong adherence to The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle to defeat his annoying body odors. Today that man has a sweet, clean breath. There is no longer any putrid odor exuding from his body. He is an entirely different man. He not only defeated the enemies within his body, but he looks and feels 20 years younger. He's now handsome, youthful and vigorous, with personal magnetism. He's more relaxed because he has a healthy body and a healthy, peaceful mind. Now it must be very plain and obvious to you why I use fasting as an effective, safe method of detoxifying the body. Most people wait until something happens to their health before they take action – and sadly it's often too late!

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An Ounce of Prevention Is Worth a Ton of Cures!

Those of you who are reading this book should not wait until Mother Nature shocks you into detoxification. Isn't it far more logical and sensible to give your body a physiological rest every week for 24 to 36 hours? Isn't it good, sound reasoning for you to take a 7 to 10 day fast from time to time and give your body a chance to purify itself? Give your body a chance to get rid of any accumulated toxins! In our modern, complex civilization we are absolutely bound to pick up poisons and toxins.

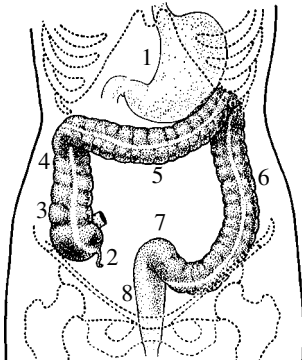


No man can violate Nature's Laws and escape her penalties! – Julian Johnson

Fasting Promotes Healthy Elimination

I have explained to you very thoroughly that this is a world filled with toxins and poisons. Our only salvation is to be faithful with a regular program of fasting. This fasting strongly promotes a healthier colon and good elimination. It helps keep the body cleaner and healthier by regularly purging out the vicious toxins. It can mean a whole new, cleaner life, because when you are healthy, you have more joy, peace and energy in your life.

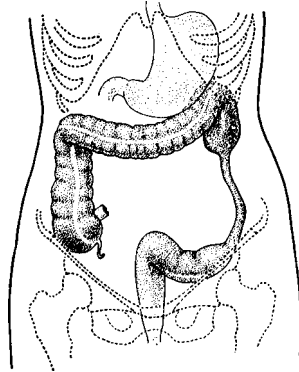
Normal Colon



A. The Normal Colon

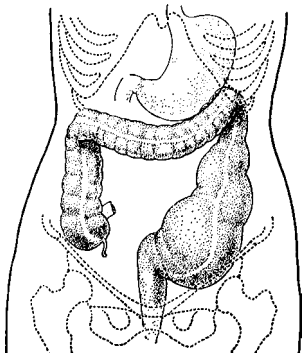
Proper position in relation to organs:
 1) stomach 2) appendix 3) cecum
 4) ascending colon 5) transverse colon
 6) descending colon 7) sigmoid flexure
 8) rectum

Sick Colon



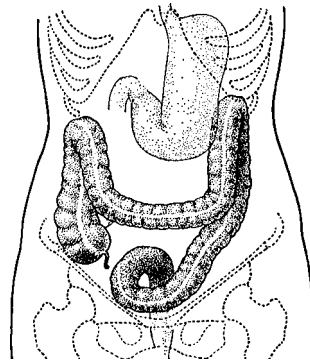
B. The Spastic Colon

Colon in spastic constipation.



C. The Engorged Colon

Colon in engorged constipation.



D. The Sagging Colon

Ptosis, or sagging, of transverse colon, accompanied by displacement of stomach.

Good elimination is vitally important for your health and longevity!

How to Conduct a 3 Day, 7 Day & 10 Day Fast To Detox, Repair, Rebuild and Restore Health

A fast of 3 days or longer should be conducted under ideal conditions. You should be able to rest any time you feel the toxins passing out of your body. During this time you might feel some discomfort. You should rest and relax quietly until the toxins have passed out of your body. It's best to be at peace and alone when possible. This brief period of discomfort will leave as soon as the loosened toxins have passed out through your kidneys, lungs, skin, etc.

During longer fasts don't tell others you're fasting. Why not? During a fast you must keep in mind only positive thoughts of the cleansing and the renewing miracles happening in your body. Often others are ignorant and uninformed about fasting and project negative thoughts.

Our fasting is such a very personal and quiet time that many years ago I went into the Santa Monica Mountains in California and bought a tract of land in the wilderness of the Topanga Canyon near Malibu. There I built a retreat cabin, identical to Thoreau's at Walden Pond. In that natural seclusion, Patricia and I enjoy the quiet and peace for our fasting time. If it's possible for you to get away to some secluded place and do your fast in Mother Nature's splendor with fresh air and solitude, you will enjoy better results!

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There are also some very fine health spas throughout the world where all the conditions are perfect for a restful fast. Inquire at health stores for any located in your area. Many of the Bragg students who fast regularly tell us that they use their vacation as a period of fasting and purification of body, mind and soul. Often they will go to some beautiful spot to rent accommodations and take their fast in seclusion. I am not saying it's necessary to go away to fast. Your home is your castle and hopefully you will be cozy and peaceful there. The Bragg family all regularly fast. When any one is fasting, we have great consideration for them. We have an agreement not to ask each other how we feel during the fast. Fasting is so personal that no one can do anything for you during the fast, so it's best not to discuss it with others. Relax and be thankful for your miracle cleansing.

When you are on a fast of 3 days or more, you are really on Mother Nature's and God's miracle operating table.

Nature is ridding you of the waste, mucus, toxins and other foreign substances in your body.

How to Break Long Fasts

How to Break a 7 Day Fast

Remember that when you have been on a 7 day fast your stomach and the 30 feet of intestinal tract have contracted. When you are ready to break the fast, don't overeat, please eat and chew your food slowly as directed:

Around 5 to 6 pm at the end of your 7th day fast, peel and cut up 4 or 5 organic tomatoes (or canned, salt-free tomatoes), add cup distilled water, and garlic (mashed) if desired, bring to boil and turn off heat. When cool enough to eat, serve in bowl with liquid. Spray some Bragg Aminos over top and a dash of Bragg Vinegar and Bragg Olive Oil. Eat as much as desired. Around mid-morning of the 8th day, have a medium salad of chopped cabbage, grated beets and carrots, with half an orange or lemon squeezed over it. After your salad, if desired have a bowl of steamed greens (*kale, Swiss chard, collard, mustard or beet greens*) and peeled tomatoes, season with garlic, Bragg Olive Oil and Aminos. Bring greens to boil, then turn off heat. With greens, you may eat 1–2 slices 100% whole grain bread that's been oven-dry-toasted into melba toast. See recipe below for delicious garlic toast. During the day have three Bragg Vinegar drinks and all the distilled water you wish.

For dinner you may have another salad of grated cabbage, carrots, chopped celery and avocado, with fresh orange or lemon juice for dressing. Often you may not require or desire any more food. But, if so, you may have 1 to 2 cooked vegetables; such as broccoli, stringbeans, carrots, peas, okra, squash, etc. You may also have 1-2 pieces *delicious* whole grain garlic toast. Lightly dry-toast bread slices in oven. Rub raw garlic cloves on both sides, spread with Bragg Organic Olive Oil, then spray with Bragg Liquid Aminos and sprinkle on nutritional yeast (*large*) flakes.



Prayer is the mortar that holds our house together. – Sister Teresa

On the morning of the 9th day, you may have a variety of fresh organic fruits such as banana, pineapple, papaya, grapes, orange, grapefruit and apples. Or you may have a Bragg Pep Drink (page 230). At noon you may have a salad of grated carrots, cabbage and celery and some garlic toast. At dinner you may have the Bragg Health Salad and, if desired, steamed veggies or soup.

How to Break a 10 Day Fast

There is little difference between the 7 and the 10 day fast. On the 10th day around dinner time you will have stewed tomatoes; from then you will follow the same schedule as given in the 7 day fast.

IMPORTANT – It's Harmful to Your Body to Overeat!

Don't eat more than you need or desire! Remember that you have been without food for 7 to 10 days. By this time, you have lost the strong craving for food. Because you eat, does not mean that you are going to immediately feel a surge of energy. It takes the body time to adjust from a detoxifying mode to eating again.

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Remember – Don't Worry About Evacuation

It may take the body a day or two to adjust to eating again, so don't be concerned if your bowels are sluggish. In many instances some people will have a bowel evacuation shortly after eating their first meal after a fast. Elimination is different for each person, so we cannot set a standard when the bowels will move. I urge you to be patient with Mother Nature and don't try to force your bowels to move. Mother Nature has given the bowels their own sanitation and antiseptic system. This system will promote natural bowel movements. You are now eating healthy foods that stimulate the peristaltic or wavelike motion of the bowels. When they do begin evacuation, if you follow our instructions and always eat healthy foods, you will establish healthy regular eliminations that will naturally flush the toxins and waste matter from your body on a regular basis.



Behind every successful person is themselves. – American Proverb

The Ideal Elimination Program

In my own life, by living on a diet which is rich in bulk, moisture, water and lubrication, I have established the following good elimination habits. I have a bowel movement shortly after arising. I encourage this by a few waist twists and leg kicks (pg. 118) to help give me good elimination. I told you, I don't eat breakfast because I believe the No Heavy Breakfast Plan is healthier. Several hours after arising I then eat delicious organic fresh fruits or a dish of fresh sliced pineapple, banana, orange, papaya, etc., or Bragg Pep Drink or dish of prunes or sundried apricots soaked in pineapple juice. At noon I have my first real meal of the day, usually Bragg Raw Vegetable Salad page 231. I often add avocado to my salad – veggies and avocados are excellent lubricants in promoting healthy elimination for the gastrointestinal tract.

I make it a hard and fast rule to always eat my salad first. I do this for several reasons. First I think we must educate our 260 taste buds to accept only natural foods. Therefore when you have raw foods, either a raw vegetable salad or a fruit salad to start the meal, you educate your taste buds to enjoy and want clean, live, healthy foods!

Most people start a meal with a broth or soup with sandwiches or bread. This is wrong in my opinion! To make the taste buds keen, sharp and alive – having your raw health salad or fresh fruits first starts the digestive juices flowing for raw foods are rich in natural healthy enzymes. All this contributes to good nutrition. I urge you to always eat something raw at the beginning of each meal. You will find in time your taste buds will begin to reject devitalized, unhealthy foods that you may be tempted to eat. As you re-educate the taste buds to enjoy more fruits and salads, you will find that you can and should increase the daily amount of raw, live foods you eat to 60% to 70% of your total intake – it's the healthiest!



Healthy, healing dietary fibers are organic fresh vegetables, fruits, salads and whole grains and their products. These health builders help normalize your blood pressure, cholesterol and also promotes healthy elimination.

The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle Promotes Super Health & Longevity

Remember that raw foods are the live, vital foods. They are as Mother Nature made them. They're whole, natural, live foods – vibrating with enzymes and solar energy! Most people want food that stimulates them – the sugars, fats, salt, heavy, overcooked and refined foods that have little food value. They want fast foods and most of them have been stripped of their goodness.

The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle consists of eating a diet of 60% to 70% fresh, live, organically grown foods; raw vegetables, salads, fresh fruits and juices; sprouts, raw seeds and nuts; all-natural 100% whole grained breads, pastas, cereals and nutritious beans and legumes. These are the no cholesterol, no fat, no salt, “live foods” that produce the body fuel that helps produce healthy, lively people. Healthy “live foods” and fasting are the main reasons people become revitalized and reborn into a fresh new life filled with youthfulness, health, vitality, joy and longevity! There are millions of healthy Bragg followers worldwide proving this lifestyle works miracles!

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Vegetarianism Versus Meat Eating

Over the long years that I have been a Nutritionist, the controversy of “Vegetarianism versus Meat Eating” has raged furiously. Both sides present the most scientific reasons for their side of the story. I am not going to try to persuade you to be either a vegetarian or a meat eater. There are hundreds of books written on both subjects.

Eat Plenty of Cabbage – The Miracle Cleanser and Healer

Cabbage (raw) has amazing properties. It stimulates the immune system, kills bacteria and viruses, heals ulcers, and according to Dr. James Balch in Prescription for Cooking and Dietary Wellness, your chances of contracting colon cancer can be reduced by up to 60% by eating cabbage weekly. Dr. Saxon-Graham states that those who never consumed cabbage were three times more likely to develop colon cancer. A Japanese study shows that people who ate cabbage had the lowest fatality rate from any cancer. Therapeutic benefits have also been attributed to cabbage in relation to scurvy, gout, rheumatism (arthritis), eye diseases, asthma, pyorrhea, and gangrene. See our Bragg Salad Recipe (page 231). Cooking destroys the cabbages healing properties. We love cabbage and also we make a variety of sandwiches wrapped in cabbage leaves instead of bread. Try this – so delicious!!!

I Prefer the Healthier Vegetarian Diet

Over the years of following a program of fasting and eating a diet containing an abundance of raw organic fruit and vegetables, my body has become so keen that it practically tells me what to eat at every meal. After years on this healthy vegetarian diet, my body has lost the desire for meat, fowl and fish. My diet is composed of organic raw fruits and vegetables, cooked vegetables, beans, legumes, brown rice, etc. with raw nuts and seeds and their butters, raw wheat germ and Brewer's yeast.

This is what my body seems to thrive on. But occasionally there were times when my body told me to eat a piece of meat or a piece of fish, or to have some natural cheese or a few fertile eggs. In other words, my body developed an instinct for the selection of foods. Sometimes I go 4 or 5 years without tasting eggs, etc., then my body will telegraph that I need some. Listening to my inner voice has helped me enormously.

Basically I have been a vegetarian by nature most of my life. I was reared on a large farm in Virginia where hundreds of hogs and cattle were slaughtered regularly, so killing has always been repulsive to me! I have never been a hunter or a fisherman because I do not like to take another life. I have made 13 expeditions to distant lands and I have found many robust, healthy people living on a vegetarian diet. On the other hand, I have found people in other cultures who also enjoyed higher health and yet included animal products in their diets. I roamed the South Seas for over a year at one time and in those far flung islands I found supermen and wonder women. They not only lived on an abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables, but they included fish, fowl and some meat in their diet. So you see I have tried to be as fair as I could about this question of Vegetarianism versus Meat Eating. I feel that as we cleanse and purify our bodies we develop a keen sense of what is healthiest and best for us to eat. Keep a daily journal and see.

Nutrition directly affects growth, development, reproduction, well-being and an individual's physical and mental condition. Health depends upon nutrition more than on any other single factor. – Dr. Wm. H. Sebrell, Jr.

Eliminating Meat is Safer and Healthier

Most uninformed nutritionists call meat the #1 source of protein. Those proteins coming from the vegetable kingdom are referred to as the #2 proteins. This is a sad and terrible mistake. It should be the other way around!

In this day and age, almost all meat is laden with herbicides, fungicides, pesticides and other chemicals that are sprayed on or poured into the feed which these animals consume. They are also pumped full of hormones, antibiotics, growth stimulators and all kinds of drugs to fatten them up and keep them from dying from the extremely unhealthy conditions most of them live in! This is not to mention the admitted fact that many of them are fed the dead, ground up carcasses of other feed lot animals who, for a variety of reasons, didn't make it to the slaughterhouse.

Speaking of the slaughterhouse, what kind of chemical reaction do you suppose would occur in your body if somebody put a choke chain around your neck to keep you in line, shoved you onto a conveyor belt, and made you watch in horror as all of those in line in front of you were beheaded one by one? Well, your body would be pumped so full of adrenaline from all that fear you wouldn't know what hit you! Unused adrenaline is extremely toxic. If you think for a minute that most of the meat that you consume is not packed with this toxic substance, you're sadly mistaken!

Also, consider the fact that cattle, sheep, chickens, etc., are all vegetarians. When you eat them, you are just eating polluted vegetables. Why not skip all the waste and toxins and just eat healthy, organic vegetables?

And what about that myth that you have to eat meat to get your protein? If that were so true, where do you suppose farm animals, especially horses, get all their protein? They are vegetarians! They get their protein from the grains and grasses that they eat. You are no different. You can get the proteins you need from the large variety of whole grains, tofu, raw nuts, seeds, beans, fruits and vegetables that God put on this planet for your health. **See Vegetable Protein % Chart, page 233.**

Meat Has Toxic Uric Acid and Cholesterol

Meat is the major source of toxic uric acid and cholesterol, both harmful to your health. If you insist on eating meat, it should be an organically fed source and not eaten more than 2 to 3 times weekly. Fresh fish can be the least toxic of the flesh proteins, but beware of fish from polluted waters. They can be loaded with mercury, lead, cadmium, DDT and other toxic substances. If you are unsure of the waters the fish come from, don't risk eating it. Avoid shellfish – shrimp, lobster and crayfish. They are garbage-eating bottom-feeders (the rats and flies of the water world). They eat decaying scum and refuse off the bottoms of the oceans, lakes and rivers. Chickens and turkeys are a sick bunch and commercially mass fed and heavily drugged with antibiotics and hormones. Be selective and cautious in your eating; seek only the healthiest food choices.

It's best people should not eat pork or pork products. The pig is the only animal besides man that develops arteriosclerosis. This animal is so loaded with cholesterol that in cold weather, unprotected pigs will become stiff, as though frozen solid. Pigs are often infected with a dangerous parasite which causes the disease trichinosis.

Patricia and I enjoy being healthy vegetarians and not polluting our bodies with unhealthy meat, fowl and fish proteins. It's safer and healthier getting our proteins from organic vegetables, beans, legumes, nuts, etc. Please refer often to the Vegetable Protein % Chart, page 233.

My Beloved Health Teachers and Mentors

One of the greatest teachers and physicians in the science of body purification and nutrition was Dr. John Tilden, M.D., of Denver. This great scientist will surely go down in history as one of the finest physicians. His program included fasting and an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables. He lived into his 90s and was active to the end of his life keeping his patients healthy.

Another of the finest doctors who specialized in nutrition was the famed Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, M.D. He was the director for 60 years of the famous Battle Creek Sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Dedicated Great Health Healers

Dr. Kellogg's Sanitarium specialized in a vegetarian diet and people from around the world were restored to radiant health by following his health program. I had the privilege of studying under Dr. Kellogg and it was one of the outstanding experiences of my early career.

In my early career, I was associated with Bernarr Macfadden, Father and Founder of the Physical Culture Movement (pg 145). Macfadden tried vegetarianism for a time, but gradually went back to a mixed diet which included meat and fish. He lived healthy and active to nearly 88 years of age and he believed in mixing proteins.

Over my many years in the health field, I have met many famous men and women who restored thousands of people to health through natural methods. In the 1920s I worked with Dr. St. Louis Estes, D.D.S., who was a pioneer and strict believer in the raw food diet. I saw many broken, weak, sick people restored to health by changing to his raw food diet. (I feel it's best to have a healthy balance of 60% to 70% raw foods. – P.B.)

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Dr. Benedict Lust, M.D., N.D., was Father and Founder of Naturopathy in America. He established in New York a great school of Naturopathy which educated and graduated thousands of Naturopathic Doctors who have used and spread his health teachings around the world.

Dr. Henry Lindlahr, M.D., was a famous drugless physician who lobbied for the return to natural methods in the modern treatment and prevention of disease.

Professor Arnold Ehret was one of the world's greatest food scientists. He was the discoverer and creator of "The Mucusless Diet Healing System," which is a strictly vegetarian regime. I knew many of Professor Ehret's students who, in their 80s and 90s, were still enjoying vigorous, robust health by following his vegetarian health program.



Fasting Credo of the famous Buchinger Clinics in Germany and Spain:

We must restore fasting to the place it occupied in an ancient hierarchy of values "above medicine". We must rediscover it and restore it to honor because it is a necessity. A beneficial fast of several weeks, as practised in the earliest days of the Church, was to give strength, life and health to the body and soul of all Christians who had the faith, dedication and courage to practice fasting.

Your Tongue Never Lies – It’s Your Inside Magic Mirror

Your tongue – your inside magic mirror – reveals how much toxic material is stored in the cells and vital organs of your body. The tongue (*a spongy organ*) is mirror of the stomach and the entire mucos membrane system.

In your body there is a hose-like tube that averages 30 feet long, extending from the mouth to the anus. It has the body heat of 98.6°, plus body moisture. Through this tube passes all the food you eat. Now, different foods take different times to pass through the tube. Sad facts – most people eat an unhealthy, refined, concentrated, acid-forming diet. They eat large amounts of refined white flour, white sugar, salt and saturated fats. Most of these commercial foods lack sufficient bulk, moisture and lubrication to pass quickly through the 30 foot tube.

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I believe that there is a common factor that precedes or is coexistent with most body ills that afflict us. This common denominator is constipation. Definitions may differ but it is logical that if outgo does not equal intake – either in terms of quantity or in frequency – then constipation will occur and it can be the beginning of more serious physical problems.

Most people are brainwashed to believe there is no harm in eating almost anything, as often as they desire it. We are told to eat big breakfasts to furnish plenty of energy to last all morning. Soon after breakfast they consume more food, donuts, etc. at mid-morning coffee breaks. Then comes lunch, then a mid-afternoon coffee break followed by the usual heavy evening meal, later TV snacks and a bedtime snack before retiring. On top of all this food, many people will gorge on snacks of candy, salted nuts, cakes, pies, cookies and ice cream, etc. This means that food is ingested six or more times a day, literally stuffing and overworking your stomach!

The Body Can Take a Lot of Abuse!

The average person believes that if they have one good bowel movement a day, usually in the morning, that they are free of constipation. Not so – one full bowel movement is not sufficient to remove all food material the average person stuffs into his intestinal tract. As a consequence this rotten, putrefying, morbid waste lies in the intestine, where it undergoes enzymatic and bacteriological changes that can cause severe health problems and maybe even colon cancer.

The human body is basically strong and can take a lot of abuse from over-stuffing, plus eating unhealthy meals. It is most difficult to tell these people who eat incorrectly and have only one bowel movement a day that they are constipated and thus are inviting serious troubles later. But there is one warning signal – an unhealthy tongue – that can tell these people that they are carrying a nasty cesspool within their bodies.

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If these people fasted for 2 or 3 days on distilled water, their “Magic Mirror” tongue would tell them plainly that they are carrying a horrible mass of fermenting poison inside of their intestines. A few days of fasting will coat the tongue with a thick, white, toxic material that has a strong odor. This whitish coating can be scraped off and examined. In fact, you can spoon-scrape and brush the tongue clean but, in a few hours, the coating usually returns. This is an indication of the amount of putrefying toxic filth, mucus and poisons that are accumulated in the body’s cells that are now being eliminated from the inside surface of the stomach, intestines, organs and from all parts the entire body. This is one of the cleansing miracles of fasting.

The actual amount of toxic material the average person carries around with them is almost unbelievable! In my opinion, many physical problems are the result of this clogging of the 30 foot intestinal tube, the cells and the entire circulation and pipe system of the human body. I believe that these poisons cause a constitutional clogging of the entire human pipe system, especially plugging up the microscopically tiny blood capillaries.

Learn to Read Your Tongue's Message

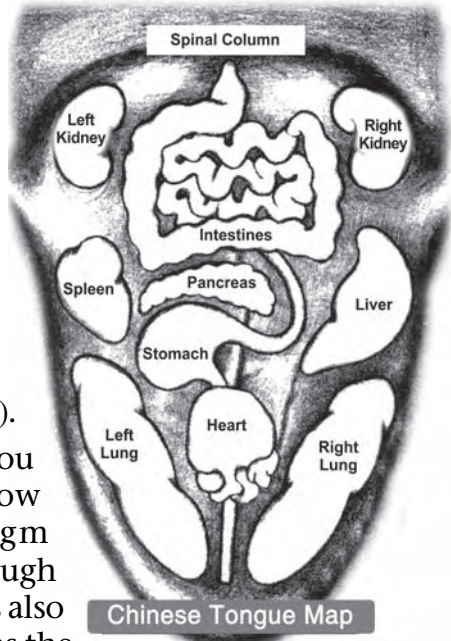
Mother Nature shows the faster by coating the tongue that his body contains toxic poisons. The characteristics of tissue construction especially of the powerful internal organs – the kidneys, liver and all the glands – are like a sponge. Imagine a sponge filled with a thick putrefying paste. I have supervised thousands of fasts and seen huge amounts of toxins people store in their body trying to survive on the Standard American Diet (SAD).

During a cold, have you ever stopped to think how much mucus and phlegm passes out of the body through the nose and throat? This is also how the vital organs such as the lungs, kidneys and bladder are passing out poisons during this cleansing (mucus, phlegm, rashes, fevers, etc.) crisis.

Start now to learn more about yourself by fasting and closely watching your tongue, the spongy organ whose surface accurately mirrors the health or ill health of every other part of your body. The “Magic Mirror” can be a guiding star in your journey to Super Health. The more faithfully you follow a good fasting and a natural eating program, the cleaner your tongue will become during a fast. Also when you brush your teeth, brush or spoon scrape your tongue from the back to the tip.

This is a definite signpost that you are on your New Bragg Healthy Lifestyle Road – a life free of physical problems and misery. This road will lead to your greatest achievement – an Ageless, Painless and Tireless Body! So, as you go on your 24 to 36 hour or 7 to 10 day fast, note how much cleaner your tongue becomes with each fast. This will reveal the amazing *Miracles of Fasting* to you!

Open your mind, for the doors of wisdom are never shut. – Ben Franklin



Man does not die of old age! It's been proven there are no special diseases due simply to old age. Most diseases kill both young and old. Many diseases start from a body loaded with toxic poisons. Keep the body clean by following your regular fasting program plus eating only healthy foods. Your tongue and urine can be your guideposts to internal purity. Watch both carefully with respect when you do a cleansing fast.



TIME

*I have just a little minute,
Only sixty seconds in it,
Just a tiny little minute,
Give account if I abuse it;
Forced upon me; can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.
But it's up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I lose it;
But eternity is in it.*

– Unknown



Pure Water is Essential for Health and Longevity

Pure, distilled water (8-10 glasses daily) is important for health. It is free of inorganic minerals and harmful chemicals.

Read Bragg Book, *Water – The Shocking Truth Can Save Your Life*

“A fast with distilled water can help you heal with greater speed; cleanse your liver, kidneys and colon; purify your blood; help you lose excess weight and bloating; flush out toxins; clear the eyes, tongue, and cleanse the breath.”

“Bragg Books were my conversion to the healthy way.”

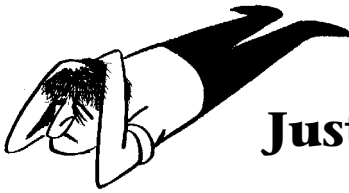
– James F. Balch, M.D., *Prescription for Nutritional Healing*

Dream big, think big, but enjoy the small miracles of your daily life! – Patricia Bragg

If you truly love Nature, you will find Beauty everywhere.

– Vincent van Gogh

Earth laughs and smiles in flowers. – Ralph Waldo Emerson



Just Grin and Bear It

“I want to fast because I believe it would do wonders for me, but how can I fast and yet escape the great feeling of hunger that the first 3 days of fasting produces?” That is the question that is put to us many, many times when I discuss the Miracle of Fasting at our Bragg Health Crusade lectures all over the world. We can give only one answer “Just Grin and Bear It.”

“I tried a fast once, but I got weak and felt miserable, I just had to start eating.” We often hear this excuse.

Nowhere in this book have I stated that fasting is easy. Eating regularly has become such an ingrained part of people’s lives that, if you take food away from them, they experience many mental and physical reactions. That is the very reason why fasting is not popular. Humans are creatures of strong habits. Most people automatically eat 3 or more meals every day and not because they have earned their food with physical activity. They have been brainwashed to believe everyone should eat at certain hours for three regular mealtimes.

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Patricia and I had the pleasure of being invited to the grand opening of the fabulous Mauna Kea Hotel, on the Island of Hawaii. It was an American-plan hotel, which means the cost includes meals. Breakfast started at 7:30 am, luncheon began at 12:30 pm and dinner at 7 pm. We passed the dining room at these hours, the guests were all eagerly waiting for the doors to open so they could get at the expansive buffet.

Were they hungry at exactly these hours? How could they be? Most of the guests did nothing but relax on the beach, socialize, drive golf carts, play cards or read!

It’s a mistake to think the more a man eats, the stronger he becomes.

*Lack of will power and drive cause more failures,
than a lack of intelligence and ability. – Harry Banks*

Don't Live to Eat – Eat to Live & Be Healthy

The hotel guests did absolutely nothing to earn all these meals, but they paid for them and felt they should be there to eat them. The same thing happens on cruise ships. There is always a crowd waiting for the dining room to open so they can eat what they paid for.

Food! It can be a blessing to man, but also a curse! The body can take a lot of abuse from wrong food and overfeeding. But there comes a day when the body's digestive system becomes over-stuffed, overworked and overwhelmed – it's then that health problems begin!

Digestive troubles plague modern man. Constipation heads the list of his miseries. Tons upon tons of pills, powders and liquids are sold to try and flush out the waste packed into people's intestines and colon. Modern man packs food into himself faster than the functions of digestion and elimination can handle it! This is very much like trying to race your car with the brakes on.

102 There is scientific reasoning that constipation is the foundation of many other body ailments. The reasoning behind this conclusion is sound. If constipation means retention of waste, here's a simple test you can take. Prepare your next meal, made up of everything you would ordinarily eat, but don't eat a mouthful of it. Instead, put it in a pot; then place the container with the food in a temperature around 100 degrees, the same as inside the body. See that there is a liberal quantity of moisture. Now watch what occurs over the next 8 hours.

The very first things you will notice are the bad odors and rancidity. Then the food will mold, ferment and bubble with gas. This gas pressure causes many miseries in the body. If the gas presses upward against the diaphragm you may even have stimulated a heart attack. As it presses against the back muscles, it can cause terrible backaches. This fermenting mass of putrefaction is always throwing off toxins which can cause pounding headaches, mysterious aches and pains all over the body.

Dine with little, sup with less: do better still, sleep supperless. – Ben Franklin

Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings. – P. Syrus

Elementary microbiology tells us that, to produce germs in quantity, keep food fermenting in the colon and the bacteria will obligingly multiply. So, right in our bodies, we breed all kinds of “bugs” that can cause trouble. If you are prone to viruses such as colds, chronic sinusitis and other ailments, a constipated condition creates a favorable environment for the presence and growth of unfriendly “bugs” involved in such ailments.

The toxic poisons generated by overeating or too much of the wrong foods, can damage one of the body’s most important organs – the liver. Few people realize how important their liver is to life. It’s a great chemical laboratory with many functions. It not only gives forth bile, but it is the body’s greatest garbage disposal.

The liver and intestines are partners in the whole entire digestive process! If one is sick, the other tries to come to its aid until it too, breaks down. When the liver and the digestive systems break down you are in serious trouble! This is why you often find a swollen sensitive liver, a pasty complexion and many times, jaundice and chronic fatigue in conjunction with ongoing constipation.


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Give Your Vital Force a Chance to Clean House!

So it’s plain that when you stop eating to give your body’s Vital Force a chance to clean house . . . you will miss the food habit the first few days of your fast! It could be uncomfortable if you allow it! Think positive!

When you fast, your Vital Force loosens the waste in your body and gathers it up to be discarded. As long as this goes on you might feel some discomfort. But once the waste is discarded through the kidneys, you will begin to feel better. As you fast, conditions change from day to day. When your body is eliminating heavy amounts of toxic poisons through the kidneys and other organs of elimination, you could feel some discomfort. But it should also be clear why you may feel better on the 7th day of a 10 day fast than you did on the 3rd day. Many of the toxic poisons that gave you trouble have been flushed out of the body! Many people who fast under my supervision felt far better and stronger on the 10th day of the fast than they did on the 1st day.

This always happens when I take a 7 or 10 day fast. I always feel stronger at the end of my fast than I did at the beginning. The cleaner you are inside, the more Vital Power you have! So at the beginning of the fast, just grin and bear the discomforts that may occur as you purify the body. You know that as you get cleaner, you are going to feel stronger. Again I say, to be a good faster, you must, *“Just Grin and Bear It!”*. Whatever brief discomforts you may experience during a fast are well worth the great rewards you are going to receive!

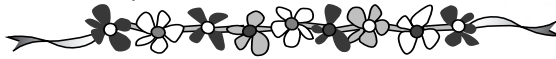


Ponce de Leon

*Searched for the
“Fountain of Youth.”
If he had only known
It’s within us . . .
Created by the
Food we eat!
Food can make or
Break your Health!*



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Perfection consists not in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things extraordinarily well. Neglect nothing; the most trivial action may be performed with joy. – Angélique Arnauld

The word “vegetarian” is not derived from “vegetable,” but from the Latin, homo vegetus, meaning among the Romans a strong, robust, thoroughly healthy man.



Liquefy or Juice Fresh Organic Fruits and Vegetables

The juicer, food processor and the blender are great for preparing foods, drinks, gentle (bland) diets and baby foods, etc. Fibers of juiced fresh fruits and vegetables can be tolerated on most gentle diets. Any raw or cooked fruit or vegetable can be liquefied and added to broth, soups and non-dairy (soy, rice or nut) milks. Fresh juices supercharge your energy level and boost your immune system to maximize your body’s health power. You may fortify your liquid meal or Bragg Pep Drinks with any of these green powders for extra nutrition: alfalfa, chlorella, barley green, spirulina, rice bran or wheat grass.

Fasting Fights and Removes Mucus

In my opinion most of man's problems stem from a clogging of the entire pipe system of the human body. Most of this clogging takes the form of a thick mucus.

How free are you of mucus at this minute? Do you have a postnasal drip? That is, is there a slow dripping of mucus from your sinus cavities into the back of your mouth and down your throat? What about your nose? How much mucus are you carrying in your nasal passages? How many times a day do you use tissues? How many times a day do you clear your throat? How often do you cough or spit up mucus and phlegm?

Every person living on the average American diet has, more or less, a sticky mucus-clogged pipe system. This stored up toxic mucus results from the undigested and uneliminated, unnatural food substances and toxins that start accumulating from birth. This mucus not only clogs the nose, throat and lungs, but this mucus is also found all along the 30 feet of the gastrointestinal tract that starts at the mouth and extends to the anus. Some humans suffer great distress from heavy mucus-clogging in their sinus cavities. It's found in the ears, not only in a soft form, but also in a hardened wax that can cause hearing problems. The greatest amount of mucus is most often lodged in the lungs.

Pneumonia is one of the most deadly diseases. Mucus fills up the lungs so you can't get enough air in to purify the 5 to 8 quarts of blood which flow to the lungs for vital purification. Pneumonia kills more older people; they literally drown from the mucus in their lungs.



Important – Your Daily Habits Form Your Future

Habits can be wrong, good or bad, healthy or unhealthy, rewarding or unrewarding. The right or wrong habits, decisions, actions, words or deeds . . . are up to you! Wisely choose your habits, as they can make or break your life! – Patricia Bragg

American Diet Forms Mucus and Illness

Our bodies are equipped with an elastic pipe system. The modern diet that we eat is never entirely digested and the accumulated waste never entirely eliminated. Our entire pipe system is slowly becoming clogged, especially the digestive tract. This is the foundation of many physical problems. The body becomes overloaded with mucus which the avenues of elimination cannot expel. It slowly concentrates into a huge decayed mass.

The American diet is a mucus-forming, heavily refined, high sugar, salt, fried foods, dairy, meats and fats diet. All dairy products are especially mucus-forming. No animal in the world except man drinks milk after being weaned. The modern diet includes butter and butter substitutes, margarines, processed shortenings and hydrogenated oils and fats which are the plugging saturated fats. These are unhealthy for the body. Our bodies have a normal temperature of 98.6°. To digest and assimilate these solid, hardened, saturated fats, we would have to have a heat of 300 degrees in our bodies. Our American diet contains a great deal of processed and synthetic cheese, as well as natural cheeses which are heavily preserved with salt. I have discussed the dangers of salt quite fully in this book. Don't use salt!

Most Americans love eggs, yet egg yolks carry large amounts of cholesterol, a saturated fat. If you eat eggs (limit 3–4 weekly) they should be fresh, fertile and from free range, organically fed chickens. Most Americans eat a lot of meat, most of it fried in heavy grease, either lard or hydrogenated commercial oils. Meat also carries its own heavy load of fat, visible and invisible. Today, most American cooking is done by the deep-frying method, including their deadly favorite – french fries. This is a devitalized, mucus-forming, unhealthy S.A.D. diet.

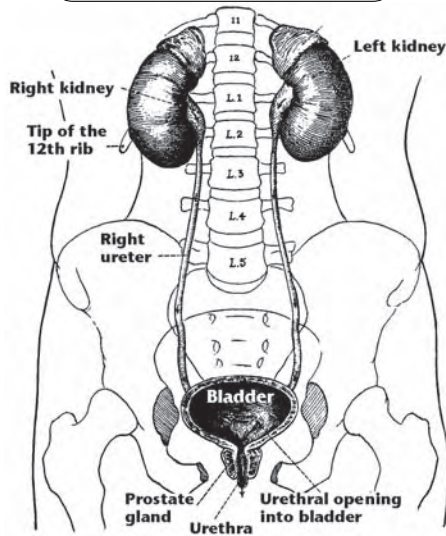


The greatest force in the human body is the natural drive of the body to heal itself – but that force is not independent of the belief system. Everything begins with believing. What we believe is the most powerful option of all. – Norman Cousins

Mucus Shows Up in the Urine when Fasting

The urine test shows the amount of mucus the average human carries within their bloodstream. Take a 3 day fast. Eat absolutely nothing and drink only large amounts of distilled water – from 2 to 3 quarts a day. Every morning of the fast, take a sample of the first urine you pass on awakening, put it in a labeled bottle and place it on a shelf to cool and settle. In a few days this urine will show a heavy cloud of mucus. The longer you keep the urine, the more toxins and mucus are revealed.

The Urinary System



A regular weekly 24 hour fast will help rid your body of large amounts of mucus and toxins. Some of these toxins have been circulating in your body for years.

In winter, most people eat more heavy, concentrated foods – such as refined flour products: pancakes, waffles, sugared cereals, doughnuts, rolls, breads, flour gravies, biscuits, cakes, pies and refined pastas – the body then becomes so loaded with mucus that it forces the Vital Force to create a cleansing crisis – a cold, flu, etc. A fever is produced by your Vital Force to help burn up and flush out the heavy concentrations of mucus. The lungs, nose and throat pour out the mucus through coughing, sneezing, spitting and nose-blowing. Few humans realize what a cleansing holocaust the body goes through!

The body is a miracle self-purifying instrument! As long as the body has enough Vital Force to eliminate toxins such as mucus, it will work with all its energy to rid and purify the body. What do humans think about this crisis? They get feverish. A fever is your body's cleaner, a true natural phenomenon of Mother Nature and acts as her incinerator to burn up the toxins.

Winter Miseries? Or Body Cleansing?

The uninformed man will tell you that he is suffering this winter misery because he got his feet wet! Or he will say that a draft blew on him and he didn't get his coat on in time. These are unscientific and weak excuses. Winter miseries, colds, flu, etc. are Mother Nature's internal self cleansing and purification blessings to help you get the mucus and toxins out and get healthy!

I have proven over and over that you can't catch colds. In the early years I was associated with Bernarr Macfadden, the father and founder of the Physical Culture Movement. He organized a group of people known as the Polar Bears. Every weekend and holiday in the frigid winter, we would meet at the Coney Island Beach in New York to frolic and exercise. Then we would all plunge into the icy water of the Atlantic Ocean.

Did I ever see one of the winter bathers ever have the sniffles? Never! People would come to Coney Island bundled up in heavy overcoats, mufflers, sweaters and flannel underwear to stand on the boardwalk, staring at us swimming and splashing around in the icy water. They were the people who had the sniffles, not the Polar Bears – who believed in eating a healthy mucusless diet, exercising outdoors and swimming in icy waters.

Today I belong to two fine organizations who swim all year long at Coney Island, New York – the Polar Bears and the Icebergs. These two clubs are made up of men and women who are cold water swimmers. I also belong to the Winter Bathers Club (The Boston Brownies) who are headquartered at the "L" Street Bath House. Here is another group of people who prove that you can swim and expose yourself to the most frigid weather and still never have a sniffle, a chill, a fever or other reactions from exposure to cold weather. I live in California where the Pacific Ocean drops down to 50 degrees in winter. If I am not away on a lecture tour, you can count on me to take my cold water swims at the beach not far away.

Now I see the secret of the making of the best persons. It is to grow in the open air and eat and sleep with Mother Earth. – Walt Whitman

Take the Mucus Test

I feel that fasting has done a great deal to eliminate the mucus from my body. I faithfully live on a mucusless diet and always take my weekly 24 hour fast to help keep any mucus and toxins that I may have accumulated in my body flowing out. I want to keep my machinery clean.

Take the test yourself! Eliminate all of the mucus-forming foods from your diet for several months. Fast 1 day a week and, if possible, take a 7 day fast. Watch your urine closely. See for yourself the amount of mucus you have concentrated in your body. After a fast, make 60% to 70% of your diet raw salads, vegetables and fruits and the balance in cooked vegetables, beans, legumes and brown rice. This is a mucusless diet that's rich in enzymes and nutrients. Also the raw, unsalted nuts and nut butters and seeds (almond, pumpkin, sesame, sunflower, etc.) are not mucus-forming, so add them to your diet of organic fruits and vegetables. While on this test don't eat any dairy, eggs, meats and only a few whole grains or none at all.

I can tell you all the great health benefits that fasting, a mucusless and meatless diet will do for you. But it's best you simply try it yourself, then you be the judge. Notice how seldom you have mucus and have to use a tissue. A 7 day fast is a great mucus eliminator. I make it a practice to fast 7 to 10 days in late Oct. or Nov. so that, as the winter comes on, I have relieved my body of any mucus that it has accumulated. I try to live on a mucusless diet. When traveling the world lecturing, Patricia and I find at times we can't get all the organic fruits and vegetables we normally eat, so we put our faith in fasting for purification.

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*True wisdom is to know what is best worth knowing,
and to do what is best worth doing. – Edward Humphrey*

*The treatment of diseases should go to the root cause, and most
often it is found in severe dehydration from lack of sufficient
pure, distilled water, plus an unhealthy diet and lifestyle!*

*A good book goes around the world offering itself to reasonable men, who
read it with joy and carry it to their neighbors. – Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Break the Tobacco, Alcohol, Cola And Coffee Habit Through Fasting

It seems today most humans are addicted to some kind of poisonous drug habit – such as tobacco, alcohol, cola and coffee. Every one of these substances contain dangerous toxic poisons. The spotlight of science is still on the dangers of tobacco. Every cigarette package has this warning, *“Tobacco smoking may be hazardous to your health.”* Scientists worldwide have studied the effects of tobacco on humans. The conclusion: smoking should be stopped! But it’s not. Sad truth, *“Flesh is dumb and will accept anything.”* **Your mind must be a strong and faithful health captain to keep you healthy and fit!**

The flesh will accept the carbon monoxide and nicotine of tobacco. It will accept alcohol. It will accept the caffeine tars found in coffee, tea and even chocolate. The body has no mechanism to process these vicious drugs and poisons. Millions are destroying their lives using these killers, it’s like a slow, deliberate self-suicide!

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Now, if a person wishes to release himself from the bondage of these irritating and poisonous drugs that act first to stimulate and then to depress the central nervous system, they must fast. The fast is a salvation for those who wish to break free of the shackles of these poisonous habits. In my years of supervising fasts, I have seen these wretched habits repeatedly defeated by fasting!

I remember years ago when a woman came to me who was a chain smoker. Daily she smoked 4 packages of cigarettes and drank a fifth of whisky (*aa.com offers help*). She was a heavy user of coffee and colas. She told me her nerves were shattered. If she picked up a pencil to write, she trembled. She couldn’t sleep. Her appetite was gone. Her eyes were blurred. Her skin tone was pasty and flabby. She was miserable and even had thoughts of suicide! Her physician suggested she see me, that I might help her with nutrition and exercise therapies. She had reached the end of her rope and was willing to try anything.

***We love helping people who want to live and follow
The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle! We want to help you now!***

The Body Rebels Against Poisons!

The first thing I did with this smoking addict was to put her on a fast. I didn't take her poisons away from her. She continued to smoke and drink a small amount of alcohol and coffee. But on the third morning of her fast, her body rebelled and these stored poisons and toxins in her body began to nauseate her. The body wanted them out! When nauseated it's best to force it out by drinking 2-3 glasses of water, put your finger on the back of your tongue, lean over a bowl and get it out! You'll feel better right away! Every time she would light a cigarette or take any alcohol, tea or coffee she had heavy attacks of vomiting, nature's wise purge to get the toxins out. I supervised the fast for 10 days. Those last 7 days of that fast were the first in years that she had not polluted her body with these deadly poisons. I broke her fast the tenth day and the urine she passed that morning was a thick ugly mass. Do you know what this mass was? – her poison residues. I then put her on a mucusless diet for 10 days and then fasted her again for 10 days. Every day of the second 10 day fast, large amounts of toxic poisons showed up in her urine.

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I had her photographed at the start of her fast and at the end of 10 months. You would hardly know it was the same woman! Her skin and muscle tone were perfect. Her hands were firm and steady. Instead of a miserable, depressed human, she was now happy and carefree! She never again had desires for tobacco, alcohol, coffee or black tea. She became one of the best writers in the Hollywood TV and movie world. Her income doubled and tripled. Her personal magnetism increased and she attracted a handsome, wholesome man for a husband.

The list is long of people who had hit rock bottom with their addictions who then turned to fasting as a last resort – and fasting did the trick! Any person who is addicted to tobacco, alcohol, drugs, colas or coffee, etc. will find an answer to their problems by fasting. When the body becomes clean, it will no longer allow poisons to enter. A pure, clean, wholesome body and strong mind will always reject poisons. Fasting is the greatest method to purify the body and to keep it healthy and strong!!!

DEADLY SMOKING FACTS!

- † Tobacco use and secondhand smoke will eventually kill just over $\frac{1}{5}$ of all people now living in the developed world – over 250 million (*also marijuana smoke is deadly*).
- † Of the 50 million smoking Americans, $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ will die from smoke-related disease, and reduce their life expectancy by an average of 9 years.
- † Cancers, as well as cataracts, are linked to smoking.
- † Children and teenagers make up 90% of new smokers in the U. S. – and teenage smoking is on the rise.
- † Smoking acts as both a stimulant and a depressant - depending upon the smoker's emotional state.
- † The average pack-a-day smoker takes about 70,000 *poisonous hits* of nicotine each year.
- † "Secondhand smoke" can kill nonsmokers: it speeds up heart rate, raises blood pressure and doubles the carbon monoxide in their blood.
- 112 † Secondary smoke contains more nicotine, tar and cadmium (leading to hypertension, bronchitis and emphysema) than mainstream smoke.
- † The children of smokers tend to have lower body weight, smaller lungs and more health problems.
- † Lung illnesses such as asthma are twice as common in the children of smokers. *Shame on their parents*.
- † The death rate from breast cancer ranges from 25% to 75% higher for women who smoke.
- † Female smokers may face a higher risk of lung cancer – as much as twice the risk of male smokers, according to a study done by Dr. Harvey Risch at Yale University.
- † Your body contains almost 100,000 miles of blood vessels. Smoking constricts those vessels, depriving your body of fresh, rich oxygen it needs for life.

SMOKERS PLEASE QUIT! In just 12 hours of not smoking, the blood levels of nicotine and carbon monoxide fall; heart and lungs begin healing. Smokers must stop this vicious and deadly destroyer of life, health, energy and beauty. *Let's ban smoking worldwide.*

Fasting Melts Away Pounds!

It's estimated that 75% of men, women and children in America are overweight. These overweight people are in serious physical health trouble according to medical authorities and insurance companies. Excess weight presents great hazards to health and long life! These same authorities tell us that the overweight person is more susceptible to chronic and even fatal diseases than a normal weight person. An overweight person can't begin to know the thrill of wellness. First, they are constantly tired because they are carrying far too many pounds. Let's say a person is 25 pounds overweight. Now, let a normal weight person carry a 25 pound suitcase around all day. In a short time every move would become painful and fatiguing. You can plainly see millions of overweight people are grossly overburdening their bodies and lives!

The obese person typically has no energy or ambition to indulge in physical activities. Most of them would rather find the closest chair and sit in it until they are forced to do some important duty. The overweight person has trouble breathing because their excess flesh makes it difficult for their lungs to do their jobs properly. We find most obese get out of breath with least exertion.

The overweight person's body has over 700 miles (unbelievable, but true) of fine tubes – blood vessels – to try and nourish and sustain all the excess fat! You can plainly see why the overweight person is putting a tremendous burden on the lungs and the normal function of their heart. Their pulse and blood pressure rise to dangerous heights, which could in themselves cause serious damage, heart attacks, strokes and death.



Every man is the builder of a temple called his body . . . We are all sculptors and painters, and our material is our own flesh and blood and bones. Any nobleness begins at once to refine a man's features, any meanness to imbrute them. – Henry David Thoreau

Studies show the bigger the waistline – the shorter the lifespan.

Excess Fat is a Burden and Health Risk!

Insurance figures accurately show that overweight people are short-lived and are more susceptible to many chronic diseases because of their unnatural overweight condition. Any way you look at it, excess weight is dangerous! Today, obesity is steadily on the increase worldwide. First, in America we have an abundance of food and fast food restaurants. The average person puts way too much food into their stomach for the sheer joy of eating. ***Eating is America's most popular indoor and outdoor sport!*** At family gatherings and parties the tendency is to serve too much food and everyone overeats.

Coffee breaks encourage people to snack between meals. TV invites people to snack as they gaze at the idiot box that promotes crime and evilness. Plus people are constantly eating sweets, ice cream, shakes, hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, pizza and many other varieties of food even between meals. Then there are the buffets, banquets, benefit dinners, etc. that promote overeating. We live in a mechanical age. We load heavy amounts of food into our bodies and never burn it up with exercise and physical activities. The automobile has replaced walking. We are a nation of sitters. Our children sit for hours in school and then in front of TV, computers and the web. Also adults spend hours at computers, TVs, plus they also attend movies, concerts and athletic events. This unhealthy, sedentary lifestyle contributes to being overweight.

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Fad Diets Create "Yo Yo" Up & Down Weight

Overweight people are constantly going on crash diets and most get only brief results. There is the high-protein diet, the low-carbohydrate diet, the liquid diet, the cottage cheese diet, etc., etc. and so many other varieties. Magazines and newspapers are always pushing some new crash diet to take weight off the obese person. There are so many reducing diets that it's frustrating and confusing for people to know which one to follow. In my opinion, the fast is

It's lack of faith that makes people afraid of meeting challenges.

– Mohammad Ali, who ordered 100 *Fasting Books* at a time to give to friends.

Fasting and the Bragg Vinegar Drink (page 230) helps normalize weight.

the only natural and scientific way to achieve reasonable weight reduction. This is why I believe fasting is the perfect way to reduce. After the first 2 or 3 days of fasting you are no longer hungry. From the 3rd day on there is no craving for food. When people go on crash low calorie diets, they are hungry most of the time and long for heavy meals. But after you fast for 2 or 3 days, all hunger fades away, the stomach shrinks and it actually becomes a pleasant experience. You start to breathe easier, feel lighter, move easier, think clearer and miracles start happening.

Fasting Rewards You With Increased Energy

I have seen many overweight people lose 7 to 20 pounds and more the first 7 to 10 days of fasting. After the loss of this excess weight, there is a special inner feeling of well-being and increased physical and mental energy! Of course, every human is different. Some people only lose 1 or 2 pounds a day on a fast while some will lose as many as 5 pounds and more. The nice thing about fasting to reduce is that the pounds disappear where the fat is deposited. If the weight has concentrated on the abdomen and hips, that is where the fat will shrink. Many times the people who go on a low calorie diet end up feeling miserable while they are dieting. They become haggard and old-looking and their eyes will lose their sparkle. It is just the reverse when you fast. The fat deposits dissolve first and – as the body is relieved of this tremendous burden of fat and toxins – the heart, pulse, blood pressure and general health regulate themselves.

So, if you have a weight problem, use this Fasting Program. You can start with a weekly 24 hour fast. I often supervise weight reduction programs, where I direct people on several 36 hour fasts in a week. In other words, they will eat 1 day, then fast a day or fast every third day. If the person doesn't overload himself on the days he eats, the 36 hour fast several times a week helps him maintain the weight loss. Fasting for weight reduction does get results. Your body slims and trims itself back to its healthy, youthful lines again.

For slimming down and when not fasting take two Chromium Picolinate tablets on an empty stomach, in the mid-morning and mid-afternoon, this also helps in sugar metabolism and does minimize sugar cravings.

Your Waistline is Your Lifeline & Dateline!

I have had years of experience in fasting many of our greatest film and television Stars in Hollywood, California. The movie camera always makes a person look 10 pounds heavier than they really are, so you can see that a Star must always have slim, trim lines!

I recall a well-known female movie Star who became a compulsive eater because she was having marital and financial troubles. She sought solace in eating rich foods such as ice cream, heavily sugared pastries and candies. In time she lost her movie contract because of her overweight. She was a good actress, but the public makes severe demands on their heroes! This actress became depressed and had to seek the services of a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist then sent this actress to me for guidance. I explained to this actress it had taken months for her to add this weight to her body and it would now take time to slim, trim and normalize her weight. She was determined to lose weight, so she was most cooperative!

116 First, I put her on a good diet program with fruit for breakfast, a raw salad with 2 lightly cooked vegetables – such as string beans, carrots, squash, collards or stewed tomatoes – for lunch. I took all bread, cereals and animal proteins out of her diet. In the evening she had the Bragg Health Salad and the brown rice and lentil casserole (recipes page 231). Naturally, sugar desserts were eliminated.

I started her on 2 weekly 24 hour fasts for the first 2 weeks. The third week I gave her a 3 day fast and in the fifth week I gave her a full 7 day fast. After a month of healthy eating I put her on a 15 day fast. I had her eat for 2 weeks and then put her on a 21 day fast. This eating, then fasting program did the trick! She got back her lovely figure (5'2" and a firm, trim 110 pounds). Her eyes became bright, clear and she regained her youthful sparkling appearance. Producers, directors, and her many friends were amazed.



When you have been stricken by illness, your new car, your new home, your new big bank balance – all these fade into unimportance until you have regained your vigor and zest for living again. – Peter J. Steincrohn, M.D.

Fasting provides the magic formula for retaining youthfulness, natural beauty and a streamlined body! – Paul C. Bragg

Fasting – Empowers and Improves Your Health, Looks and Lifespan

Yes, it's a challenge because our eating habits are so ingrained in our consciousness that fasting to many humans is akin to starvation. It is not starvation. Fasting is one of the oldest remedies known to man. So I say again, the mind must control the flesh! "Flesh is dumb!"

It takes intelligence, logic and reasoning to know when to turn down food. If you are a determined person, if you believe in the law of compensation, you will make fasting an important part of your life. Don't let excess weight make you a sick, old, unhealthy, unattractive person! Revolt against fat. Be the captain of your body! Say to yourself, "I am no longer going to be burdened with unhealthy, sick, flabby flesh!" Work out an exercise and fasting program for yourself, and don't try to get the fat off in a week. It took a long time to get heavy and it will take a reasonable length of time to melt it away. You will be so proud of yourself when you slim and trim yourself down to your normal weight with normal measurements. Your family and friends will also.

Every person is aware of their health and physical appearance! We all want to look and feel our best. So let's do something about it! Fasting and sensible, sane dieting and exercise is your answer! Be sure you have a bathroom scale and get yourself a tape measure. Weigh yourself and measure your abdomen, hips, thighs and arms. With determination commit yourself to a serious program of normalizing your weight for health's sake!

To prove the value of fasting to yourself, get a physical exam before starting your fasting regimen and get copies of your blood/cholesterol panel test (see page 138), urine etc. for your home medical files. After faithfully following The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle with fasting you will be amazed at the improvements you have gained.

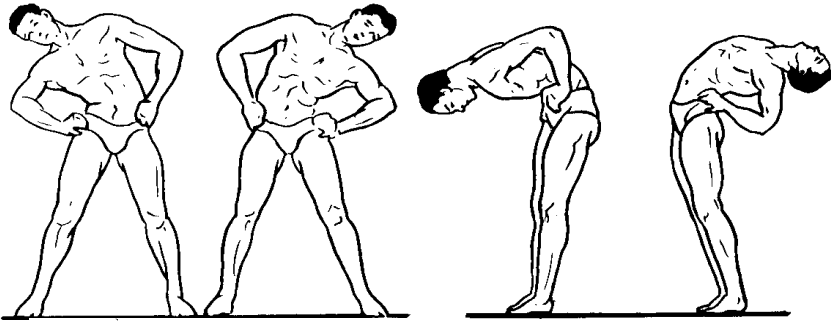
Fasting is always the best way to take off fat; I am not going to tell you fasting is always easy. It's going to take positive thinking and action to attain positive results! Start today to lose any dangerous excess pounds!

Do these Exercises Daily (10 per set):

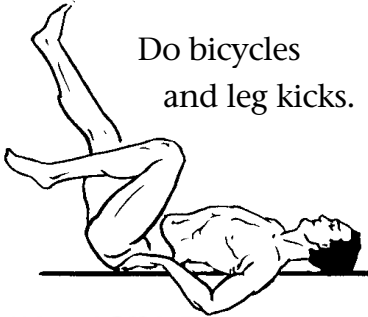
You must exercise, for weak muscles of the arms, legs and entire body indicates a similar condition of the stomach and heart (a muscle) and other organs.

Important Exercises for Keeping the External and Internal Trunk Muscles of The Stomach Fit and Healthy. Also These Promote Good Elimination.

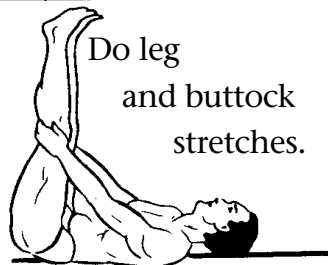
Bend at the waist to the sides, then front and back.



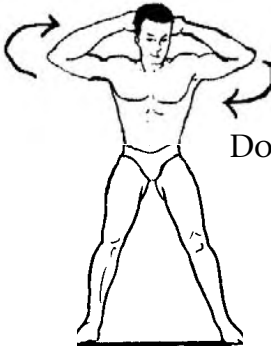
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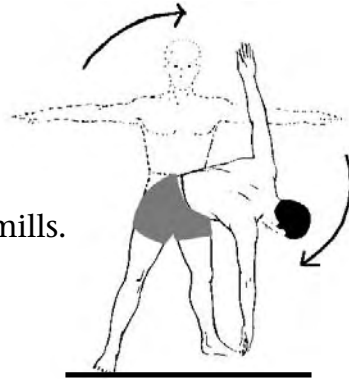
Do bicycles
and leg kicks.



Do leg
and buttock
stretches.



Do waist twists
and windmills.



Exercise, along with fasting, is provided to help us maintain or restore a healthy physical balance in our daily living for a long, happy life.

How to Gain Weight Using a Scientific Fasting Program

Thin people frantically try to gain and hold a few pounds. Gaining weight becomes an obsession with the underweight person and they are most susceptible to all kinds of weight-gaining diets. Underweight people have come to me in a frustrated and stressed emotional condition, begging me to help them put a few pounds on their spare frames. Most of them were cold constantly . . . even on the warmest summer days they wore sweaters and heavy garments! They begged me to give them a diet that would help them gain weight, because they were ashamed of their skeleton-like bodies.

When I told them there was no such thing as a weight-gaining diet, they were as shocked as if I had given them a death sentence. But, when I added most emphatically that there was a program to gain weight which included fasting, they would agree to the program but not on the fasting! They would cry out, “Don’t make me any thinner than I am! I’m down to skin and bones now. If you take my food away from me, I will look like a scarecrow!” Then I had to explain that they were thin only because their bodies were nutritionally unbalanced.

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I told them that food and nutrition are not synonymous. A diet of unhealthy fats, refined sugar, and carbohydrates, plus ample milk, cream and more fattening foods wouldn’t necessarily help them gain weight; their body might even get thinner on this diet. They must cleanse and heal their body by fasting and living a healthy lifestyle and take a multi-enzyme.

Famous comedian & author Dick Gregory, who weighed over 350 pounds, was inspired by our Miracle of Fasting book that guided him into a healthy lifestyle which was life-changing. He traded his bad habits – unhealthy foods, alcohol, drugs, smoking, etc. for healthy habits!!! He now weighs a healthy 150 pounds, and has been in 8 Boston Marathons and is guiding others to reduce and live on “live foods” and abstain from all the unhealthy, processed, dead foods.

People are not nourished in proportion to the amount of food they eat, but in proportion to how much they digest and assimilate. When the organs of digestion and assimilation are maintained in poor working condition, eating too many fatty foods in an effort to gain weight defeats its own purpose.

Being underweight is usually due to faulty health. It's futile to stuff a lot of food into the body when assimilation and digestion are working at a low ebb. The secret of normalizing weight (up or down) is to make the detoxifying system more efficient through fasting. Then the underweight person rejuvenates the digestive and assimilative systems to work efficiently.

What the underweight person needs is exactly what the overweight person needs – a fast that gives the body a cleansing physiological rest. In both the overweight and the underweight, the digestive and assimilation systems have been overworked. This is difficult to explain to underweight people. They are impatient and want to gain weight immediately on a diet, but first the underweight person must realize that the period of physiological rest provided by the fast results in improved digestion and better assimilation of foods.

The Body Has Powerful Recuperative Powers

The body has extraordinary recuperative powers when it is not burdened with an excessive amount of food. In over 70 years of fasting underweight people, I have had outstanding success with underweight and emaciated people who learned to have faith in fasting and a full program of Natural Living.

I have a sister whom I love very dearly who was born a very tiny baby. I believe she weighed about 3 pounds at birth. All through her life, my sister Louise was called "skinny." When she was a child, everyone would tell my mother that she should be stuffed with milk and cream and that she must eat a lot of pork, potatoes, rice, custards and all the supposed weight-gaining foods. But the more my sister was stuffed with all of these so-called fattening foods, the thinner, weaker, paler and more

lifeless she became! There were many times when my sister was so weak that she had to remain in bed. And even during these periods in bed, she was still stuffed on a so-called weight-gaining diet.

Later, after I had left home and regained my health, I returned to Virginia near where my sister Louise lived. She was then an adult and unmarried. She was teaching high school and was thin, rundown and had an overall weakness. Her color was pale and sickly. After a hard day in the classroom, she would come home and throw herself across the bed in a state of exhaustion.

I told her that I had found a natural way for people to gain weight and when school closed and summer vacation began, I would return to Virginia and supervise a program to help her gain weight. She had seen the great miracle that had transformed my body after I began living a natural healthy lifestyle and had perfect confidence in everything I told her. I explained to her that part of the program would be a series of fasts which would give her body a physiological rest. This would allow the digestive and the assimilative organs of her body a chance to revive and rejuvenate themselves and perform better.

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This is a cleansing system of detoxification. I told her that the fast would help increase the hydrochloric acid in her stomach so that she could absorb more protein foods. Not only would the digestion of protein be better, but all the digestive organs would improve and renew themselves through the fast. Her whole process of metabolism would improve through her fasting program.

I have proved over the years that when metabolism is improved through fasting there is a healthier density and a specific gravity in the new flesh that is built after fasting. Fasting helps the body to better assimilate proteins, fats, carbohydrates, starches, natural sugars, minerals, vitamins and all the other essential nutrients necessary for the body to work efficiently and with more strength.



Good! You have decided to take the Health and Happiness road to Higher Health. There will be a few rough spots as you begin, but soon you will be hiking along the Pathway of Health and Long-Lasting Youthfulness!

Miracles Happen With Fasting!

I started Louise on a 7 day distilled water fast. She entered this fast believing that Mother Nature was going to purify her digestive and assimilative organs and help her rebuild a new body. It is true that she lost weight in the 7 days of the fast, but after she broke the fast she developed a healthy appetite. What miracles this week of rest for her organs did for her system. She told me she had never enjoyed food as much as she now was enjoying her new diet. Not the so-called “good, nourishing, fattening food,” but a diet of 60% raw, fresh salads, vegetables and luscious, fresh fruits and brown rice, lentils and raw nuts and seeds, etc. I gave her cooked vegetables and beans, brown rice and lentils, raw, unsalted nuts and seeds and their butters. A month after the first fast, I put her on another fast of 7 days. This 7 day fast started a new life for her because her body was in such clean, healthy condition that it began to fill out.

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My skinny sister became a beautiful woman – fully rounded and streamlined – every part of her body seemed to be rejuvenated. Her hair took on a sheen it never had before, there was a glow to her cheeks and a sparkle in her eyes like a young child! Our relatives and friends were flabbergasted at the transformation in Louise. The happiest part is that within a year my sister had become one of the most popular girls in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and in another year she had married a fine, handsome man! Their lives were like a fairy tale because they had children and lived happily ever after. My sister has remained healthy, fit and youthful throughout life.

Along with fasting, I gave my sister a system of exercises. She started with short walks and then built up to long walks. I persuaded her to get an abundance of fresh air, take early morning or late afternoon sunbaths and do deep breathing exercises. At all times, she maintained a tranquil and serene mind . . . she worked with Mother Nature and not against her!



Eat not for pleasure thou mayest find therein; eat to increase thy strength, and eat to preserve life thou hast received from Heaven. – Confucius

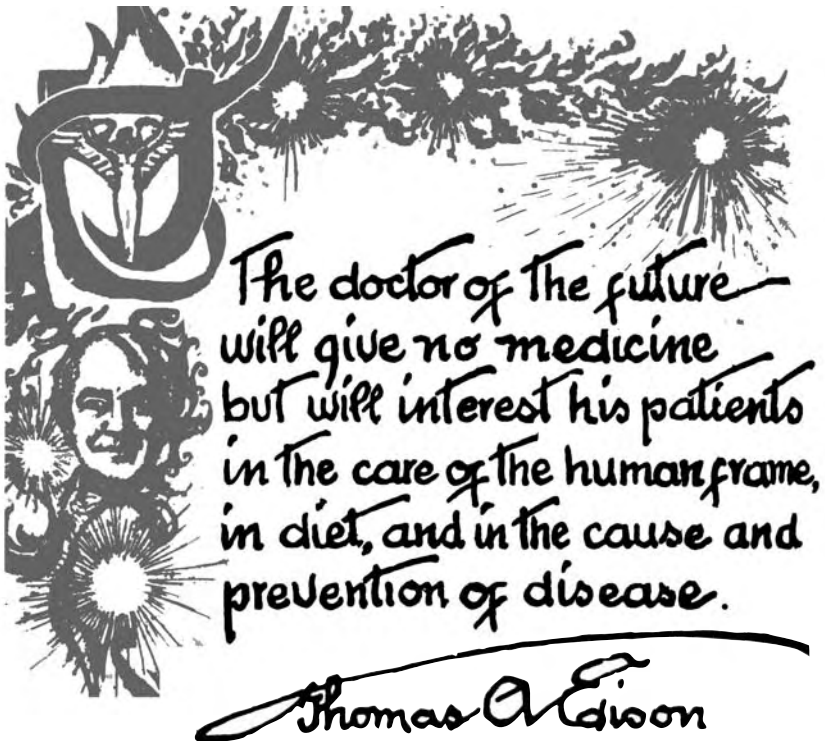
Fasting is Safest, Healthiest Weight Normalizer

What I did for my weak, thin sister, I have done for thousands of underweight people. Fasting works miracles for both the under and overweight. The genuine needs for both types of people are met by exactly the same program of natural living combined with fasting.

Fasting is the magic key for helping anyone to restore themselves to a superior state of health. Fasting is the great detoxifier and by detoxifying the body we give it a chance to restore its normal functioning. Fasting is the great “Open Sesame” to good health and long life.

Each person is different and some get results quicker than others. If you faithfully concentrate on living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle in which fasting plays an integral part, Mother Nature will never fail you! So, if you are thin, underweight and have tried various weight-building diets that failed, don't be discouraged. Instead, try a 24 hour fast weekly and also the Bragg Vinegar Drink (page 230). Both will help give the body a chance to cleanse and normalize your weight.

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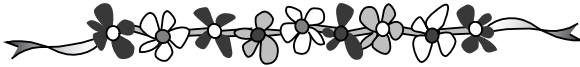


Morning Resolve



I will this day live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of impurity, anxiety, discontent, discouragement, jealousy and self-seeking. I will cultivate cheerfulness, happiness, charity and the love of brotherhood; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation and diligence in appointed service. I pledge fidelity to every trust and a childlike faith in God and Mother Nature. In particular, I will be faithful in my daily habits of health, prayer, study, work, physical exercise, deep breathing and good posture. I shall fast one 24 hour period each week, eat only healthy foods and get sufficient sleep each night. I will make every effort to improve myself physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually every day.

Morning Prayer used by Paul C. Bragg and Patricia Bragg



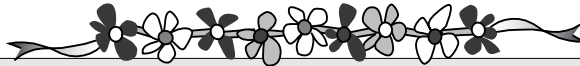
Famous Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes declared that if all the doctor's drugs were thrown into the sea it would be so much better for humankind and worse for the fish.

Cheerfulness and content are great beautifiers and are famous preservers of youthful looks. – Charles Dickens

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*A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned God-ward.
– Phillips Brooks*

Everyday is a new birthday; every moment of it is new to us; we are born again, renewed for fresh work and endeavor. – Isaac Watts



*Give us Lord, a bit of sun,
A bit of work and a bit of fun.
Give us, in all struggle and sputter,
Our daily whole grain bread and food.
Give us health, our keep to make
And a bit to spare for others' sake.
Give us too, a bit of song
And a tale and a book, to help us along.
Give us Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best for ourselves and others
Until men learn to live as brothers in peace.*

– An Old English Prayer



Fasting Fights Winter Miseries

No matter how well and healthy you try to live, colds, sniffles and flu will catch up with you. If this happens, please don't be discouraged, but be thankful your body is house cleaning out the debris and toxins.

When your nose drips hot, watery mucus and your head feels thick while you sneeze; when fever burns through your body and you feel terrible, don't blame it on the weather! Don't blame it on a cold draft of air! Don't blame it on the fact that you got your feet wet or that you got chilled! And above all things, don't say, "I caught it!" The proper name for this is an "acute healing crisis." The reason we go through this is that we live in a complex civilization and we have lost so much of our natural instinct to keep internally pure.

So – for some physiological reason that is absolutely unexplainable – the Vital Force within our bodies loosens up waste, toxins and mucus and proceeds to get rid of it with the "acute healing crisis (colds, flu, etc.)." If you cooperate with your Vital Force, this rough spot in your life will pass away quickly. So don't blame it on a vicious little bug, a virus or cold weather. Just understand that your Vital Force is trying to keep you internally clean.

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If you interfere with wise Mother Nature, you will complicate the whole natural procedure of your body's miraculous cleansing job. Now that you know why this acute healing crisis occurs, you should do nothing to stop the cleansing process except to fast. Yes, that's the simple and best answer – fast and help cleanse your body!

You must not fight this healing crisis because Mother Nature knows what she is doing for you. What should you do? Start your fasting program right away! There is absolutely nothing as important as your health and life!

Fasting is Mother Nature & God's Miracle – it cleanses, renews & rejuvenates!

Fasting helps remove mucus, toxins and obstructions, arterial plaque and cleanses the entire body.

Fast and Rest For Your Healing!

Drop everything you are doing and get into a warm bed during a cleansing crisis. Stop all eating. That also means no fruit or fruit juices. At regular intervals drink large amounts of hot, distilled water, add a little honey with lemon juice or apple cider vinegar. Eat and drink nothing else. See that you have a good circulation of pure air in your bedroom. Don't read, listen to the radio or watch TV! Just sleep and rest – nothing else. Above all, don't waste precious energy talking to relatives and friends! Go into seclusion to cleanse and recharge. You are on God's cleansing table.

How long should you fast during a winter healing crisis or, for that matter, a summer healing crisis? They can happen at any time of the year, but generally strike in cold weather. In most instances, 3 days of restful fasting will put you on your feet again. But sometimes it may take a week or 10 days to do a successful job. Don't quibble about it! You will find that you will be in better health after the healing crisis. If you will work with your Vital Force, you will flush out a tremendous amount of internal poison. Just don't panic! Mother Nature is very wise and she knows what is best for you.

If you have faith and confidence in Mother Nature, you will always work with her. I reared 5 children and when the sniffles hit them, I had them fast and rest. In a few days they would snap out of the healing crisis and be their same robust selves again. My grandchildren followed this program . . . and now my great-grandchildren are following it! To most people this program seems too simple – they feel that they must do or take something. They are filled with fear.

There is absolutely nothing to fear as long as Mother Nature is working to keep you alive and healthy. She knows best and will see you through any crisis, because she is God's own physician! Each person should regard his health as the most precious blessing that he can possess and should attempt to understand his body which is so "*fearfully and wonderfully made*". Do maintain your precious body in Supreme Health as the Bragg Motto states in 3 John 2.

The Body is Self-Healing & Self-Repairing

Every man is not only the “Master Builder” of his character, but also the custodian of his health and physical well-being. Not only has the Creator endowed man with a “God-like” body, but He has given him a wonderful mind and reasoning power. Humans are capable of comprehending and putting to use all the natural resources for self-health and self-healing which have been so generously placed at their disposal.

The Miracle of Fasting is another way to help yourself to Higher Health. Mother Nature gives us simple healing remedies. We must be willing to cooperate with Mother Nature and conform our lives to her unchangeable laws. Following the “Natural Way of Living” we can recapture the precious bloom of youth through the gifts of physical, mental and spiritual regeneration. There are no shortcuts to health! Mother Nature expects us to do our part. When you fast you are working with Mother Nature. God and Mother Nature won’t perform a miracle until we are willing to bring our lives and habits into conformity with Their Eternal Laws of Health.

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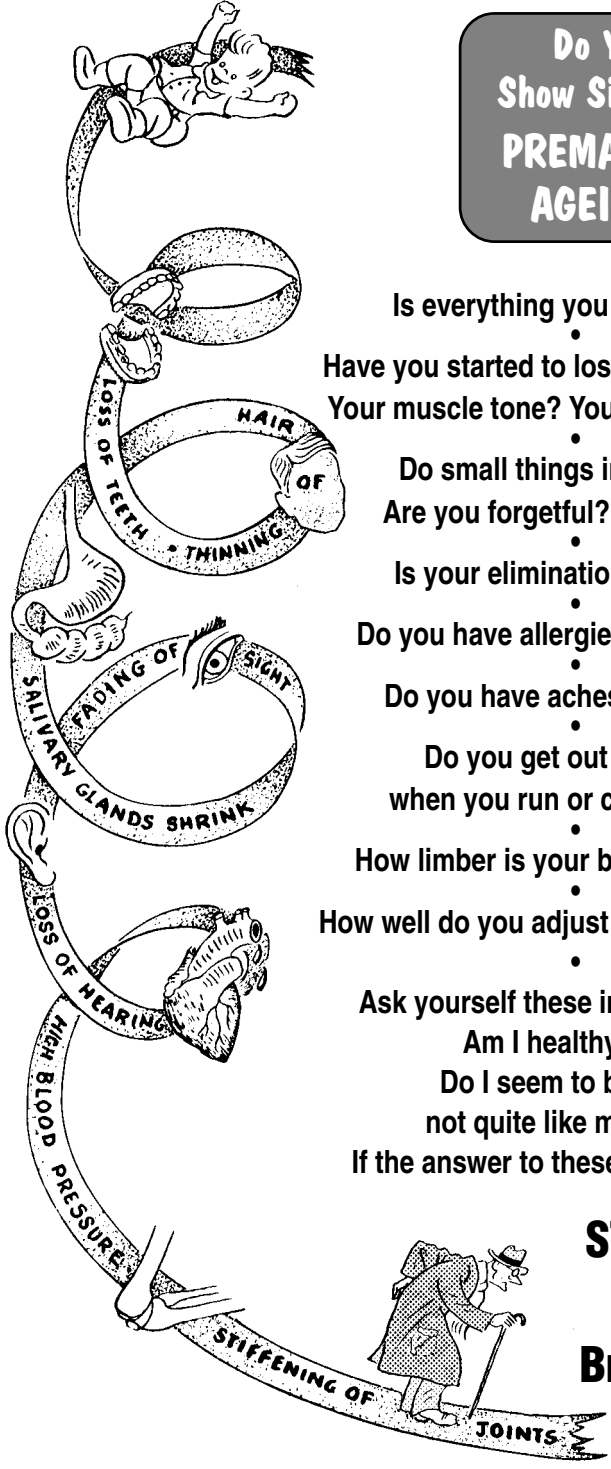
It’s my honest and sincere belief that nobody should ever promise to cure anyone of their physical misery. To promise anyone a cure means that someone is trying to play both God and Mother Nature and no human can promise you the results that They can perform!

By combining fasting and eating only healthy, natural foods, you can attain a more youthful, healthful life. Healing is an internal biological function that only the body can perform. By fasting you are helping your body do its cleansing work efficiently. Mother Nature is continually working to keep you alive and well. So when Mother Nature starts a healing crisis (colds, flu, etc.), she knows what she is doing, be thankful and fast and help your body detox.

Fasting is the greatest assistance you can provide your body, because you are letting all of your Vital Force push the toxic poisons out of your entire body so you can be cleaner and healthier and more youthful!



Fasting is for internal cleansing, purification, to stay healthy and youthful.



Do You Show Signs of PREMATURE AGEING?

- Is everything you do a big effort?
-
- Have you started to lose your skin tone?
- Your muscle tone? Your energy? Your hair?
-
- Do small things irritate you?
- Are you forgetful? Confused?
-
- Is your elimination sluggish?
-
- Do you have allergies? Joint pains
-
- Do you have aches and pains?
-
- Do you get out of breath when you run or climb stairs?
-
- How limber is your back and body?
-
- How well do you adjust to cold and heat?
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Ask yourself these important questions:
Am I healthy and happy?
Do I seem to be slipping and not quite like myself anymore?
If the answer to these questions are "Yes,"

START TODAY
Living The
Bragg Healthy
Lifestyle!

Outwit Premature Ageing

Take This Quiz and The Mirror Test Now & Each Month After to Monitor Your Well-Being

Go to your mirror nude now and take this Mirror Test: Are you happy with what you see? • Do you look old and tired? • Does your body sag? • Do you have poor skin and muscle tone? • How's your hair? • How's your posture? • Are your eyes dull and lifeless? • Do you have a pale, sallow complexion? • Are you trim and fit?

After making a careful examination of your body, how would you describe it? • Youthful? • Ageing? No one can answer these questions more honestly than you. You're the only one that can take charge of your life!

Let us go farther than mere looks. How do you really feel today? • Are you bursting with energy and vitality or do you have bothersome aches and pains? • What about the moveable joints of your body? • Are you stiff and sore? • Does your lower back plague you with pain? • How did you sleep last night? • Did you get up fresh and feeling alive? • Did you go to bed tired, yet unable to sleep? • Did you face the new day feeling energyless as if all your energy had drained away? • How is your appetite? • Do you relish every mouthful of food you eat? • Are you plagued with gas pains after meals? • What about your elimination? • Is it perfect or are your bowels clogged? • Above all things, were you happy today? • Yesterday? • Or are you depressed and blue?

• Do you feel that you are ageing rapidly? • Is life passing you by? • Can you honestly say, "I am getting younger as I live longer?" • Or will you have to admit that the longer you live, the older you feel? • I know you want to look and feel youthful and not get old before your time. • So begin NOW to live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle! You will see results – take this quiz monthly.



Mother Nature, time and patience are three great physicians. – Irish Proverb

Fasting is a Miraculous Rebirth & Resurrection!

Let me tell you honestly what fasting can do for you. This natural miracle can help reverse the premature ageing process for you. From this minute on, you could take a new lease on life! It has been proven by some of the world's greatest scientists that fasting is the magic key that opens the door to agelessness and youthfulness.

Scientists have been experimenting for years on worms, white rats and guinea pigs, and they have discovered some remarkable scientific facts. They fasted these laboratory animals and, in between fasts, they fed them scientifically balanced, natural diets. A miracle occurred – they got younger and lived longer! These scientists are single-minded and want only facts, and the facts revealed the truth. (*We praise these honest scientists and all dedicated health crusaders.*)

See this interesting research website: www.walford.com

Fasting not only slows down the ageing clock, but it produces a healthy youthfulness and rebirth in the body. In my years supervising fasts, I have seen thousands of unbelievable miracles happen to people of all ages.

I remember a Bragg health student named Martin Cornica who had spent many years working in the film industry. He was about 40 when he realized he was ageing prematurely. He regarded himself as a middle-aged man. And why shouldn't he? Since the average life expectancy of an American today is 76.7 years if lucky, he decided that at 40 he had lived half of his life. So he slowed his pace to that of a typical middle-aged man, as millions do.

In his younger days Martin Cornica had been a champion tennis player. But he had discarded his tennis racket because he felt the game was only for the young. Then someone at Universal Studios told him about The Bragg Health Crusade. Martin said that out of sheer curiosity, he attended one and it was the turning point in his life. It was the lifesaver that introduced him to continual youthfulness and endless energy. *You're next!*



A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a mentor, a teacher, a guidepost and a counsellor. – Henry Ward Beecher

Wisdom thoroughly learned, will never be forgotten. – Pythagoras

Recharged, So at 70 World Tennis Champ

Martin Cornica learned the same facts that I have given to thousands of people all over the world. When you know the science of taking care of the body, you have the secret of a naturally healthy and youthful life. Martin wanted to look and feel youthful. He was eager to try Mother Nature's plan of living as I taught it.

He went on a 24 hour fast the day after he attended my Health Lecture. He began to eat a healthy and perfectly balanced diet. Through fasting and living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle he dropped years from his age. Even though he was 40 years old and considered long past the age to play champion tennis, Mr. Cornica felt stronger than when he was 20! His energy and vitality was super, so he joined the Los Angeles Tennis Club and started to play again. He continued to do this weekly 24 hour fast and live on a natural food diet. Every day he improved in every way. His endurance soon was so great that he was playing the champion tennis players of the world! For the next 30 years he played in one major tournament after another and won many championships. Tennis is often seen as a game for only the young and vigorous, but here was a man supposedly long past his prime playing with young champions and winning!

Martin Cornica became The Champion Tennis Player of the World for all men over 70! People in the tennis world were completely amazed when they saw this man in his 70s playing a smashing, championship tennis game.

The average person believes that by the time a man is 70 he is either half dead or used up. Martin Cornica is the living proof that this is a fallacy! It's not the number of years you live on this earth, it is how you have lived! I am very proud because he has absolutely proven that anyone can attain agelessness and be reborn by following Mother Nature's and God's Laws of Living. Regardless of your age, Mother Nature will give you the opportunity to make a comeback. Yes, you can step out of that tired, prematurely ageing body and rebuild a strong body that will become healthier and more youthful! Start Today!!!

No one can violate Nature's Laws & escape her penalties. – Julian Johnson



After a year of periodic fasting combined with living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle, you can look in the mirror and be happy with the big improvement you have made. If you continue to live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle as described in this book, the physical transformation will make your friends and relatives take notice and marvel at your wonderful rejuvenation. You will not only see the difference in yourself, you will feel the difference! But you can only make this metamorphosis if you are willing to exercise absolute mastery of your body.

Start as Martin Cornica did with a 24 hour fast. Read the chapter on correct eating. The 9 Doctors of Mother Nature will aid you in your rebirth. They are always ready and willing to help those who help themselves. There is just one sad note that I must mention. As you get younger and more vital, you will see those you love the most begin to decay and pass out of this life long before their time because they refused to learn the “greatest law of life,” which is “The Survival of the Fittest”. The same thing has happened in my personal life. I have had to watch many friends I loved the most sicken, suffer and die long before their time simply because they would not live a healthy lifestyle.

Here's The Opportunity of Your Lifetime

Revolt! Refuse to grow old! Refuse to lose any of your precious years of a full life! Mother Nature is waiting for you to make your positive decision this minute!

Good! You have decided to take the Health and Happiness Road to Higher Health. There will be a few rough spots as you begin, but soon you'll be hiking along the Highway of Health and Long Lasting Youthfulness!

You can't fail when working with God and Mother Nature, two powerful miracle forces that want you healthy and fulfilled. Begin your 24 hour fast today. You will soon laugh at birthdays. They will mean nothing to you! You are beginning to live in the blessed state of Agelessness!

There's a positive side and a negative side and at every moment you decide.

—Sister Corita

Don't give up trying to do what you really want to accomplish. — Ella Fitzgerald

Fasting Keeps Arteries Youthful

Cardiovascular disease is responsible for 42% of the deaths in the United States, according to the American Heart Association. This should alarm you! Often we are shocked to hear that 200 people have died in an airplane crash, but are blasé about the fact that each day over 2,600 Americans die from this disease! Disease of the heart, arteries and blood vessels is not only epidemic in America, it's the #1 killer! This enemy of mankind targets men and women, the old and the young! More than 1 in 4 Americans is currently suffering from some sort of cardiovascular disease! During the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars, autopsies revealed that many young service people suffered from deteriorated and degenerated arteries – sadly, long before their time!

Diseases of the heart do not build up rapidly. It takes a long time to harden and block an artery! Heart disease has many causes . . . tobacco, alcohol, an unhealthy diet heavy in hydrogenated and saturated fats such as those in meats and dairy products and lack of exercise. Heart disease is a silent killer! Too frequently, blockage in the arteries is built up to the danger point while the victim is totally unaware! It is possible for a person to have half-blocked arteries all over their body without the slightest indication that anything is wrong. This person might even receive a clean bill of health from the best doctors! This happened to one of our past American Presidents – 1 week after a thorough physical with a good health report, he had a major heart attack and almost died!

The substances responsible for obstructing the arteries are cholesterol, fats, inorganic minerals and fibrous tissues. As the blockage builds up slowly, the inner passages of the arteries can become so narrow that not enough blood can flow through to properly nourish the powerful heart muscle. Coronary occlusion is caused when this serious narrowing of the arteries occurs.



You Are as Old as Your Arteries

Degeneration of the arteries begins early in life, slowly building up to obstruct and block! Then, one fine morning, someone gets up as usual to start the day's activities and suddenly, in the blink of an eye, they drop dead from a heart attack or if they survive, live with a very serious chronic condition after the attack.

Constant vigilance must be maintained if the arteries are to be kept free of blockage and obstruction by substances that can cause a heart attack. The heart arteries are small; the largest is no wider than a thin soda straw. In the average person who eats the average (S.A.D.) diet, the blockage grows silently, insidiously until the blood can no longer flow freely through the arteries and disaster strikes (heart attacks, strokes, etc.).

Most people wait until something happens to their arteries before they do anything about it. Because no pains are evident, they continue to eat the bad foods and live with the bad habits that destroy their arteries.

Again let me repeat the statement, "We are all as old as our arteries." Remember that arterial blockage starts even in the very young and slowly builds up until around 50 to 60 years of age, when most heart disasters take place.

I want it definitely understood that fasting is not a cure for all heart problems. Fasting is a cleanser of internal impurities! This is exactly how we want to help our arteries – to keep them clean and free of substances that prevent the free flow of blood into the heart and throughout the entire arterial system (page 137).

Shocking Heart Facts About the #1 Killer

- *Cardiovascular diseases claimed over a million lives in the United States last year, accounting for almost half of all deaths!*
- *Every 33 seconds another American dies from cardiovascular disease!*
- *Heart disease doesn't just kill the old; 1 out of every 6 is under 65!*
- *Heart disease affects both men and women; lately men accounted for 49% of heart related fatalities, while women accounted for 51%.*

***Don't let cardiovascular disease affect you! Protect your heart!
Live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle – start now!***

What You Eat and Drink Becomes You

We have, in the final analysis, a human pipe system that carries our precious 5 quarts of blood throughout the entire circulatory system. Our blood circulation must be kept constantly moving, rhythmically and steadily. For instance, if the flow of blood into the brain is stopped for a fraction of a minute, we could suffer a massive stroke. If it happens in the eye, hemorrhaging can occur that may blind us. The arteries must remain open so the bloodstream will flow to every square inch of the body.

Today you will find men and women in their 70s, 80s and even 90s who have clear, clean, unobstructed, elastic and flexible arteries. Regardless of their calendar years, they are young and active because their arteries have not degenerated to the point of becoming obstructed and inflexible. These are the most fortunate people in the world because if all the organs of their bodies are free from obstruction and toxic materials, there is no reason why these ageless people cannot live for many years.

The Bible states, before the great flood, people lived as long as 900 years. We laugh this off by saying that these people measured their years in an entirely different way than we do, but how can we be sure of that? It is quite possible that these people knew how to eat and live to keep their arteries in perfect working order. Health is an orderly, harmonious functioning of the body, and this state of harmony continues as long as the heart, arteries and blood do their work effectively.

When we speak of people being prematurely old, we mean they didn't know how to live a healthy lifestyle or keep their arteries unobstructed and healthy. When these blocked arteries can't do their work correctly the blood can't get into the brain, and people become senile, often lapse into a second childhood, and some get Alzheimer's. They are dying a slow, lingering death.



There is truth in the saying that man becomes what he eats. – Gandhi

Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other – it doesn't matter who it is – that smile will help you grow in greater love for each other. – Mother Teresa

Eat Healthy – Live Healthy – Live Longer

When we fast for a 24 to 36 hour period, or from 3 to 10 days, all the Vital Force in the body is used for internal purification . . . which includes purification of all the arteries. That is why after a 10 day fast there's a feeling of lightness in the body. The mind becomes keener, more alert and the memory improves. The craving for physical activity will often become intense. Fasting helps to keep the arteries clean, healthy, elastic and more youthful.

I must reiterate the importance of a thorough check of the urine. During the 10 day fast, it should be bottled each morning and saved for observation. The faster will note a tremendous amount of heavy foreign substances that have been eliminated from the body, particularly the heavy mucus toxins that appear in the urine.

In my opinion, we can add years to our hearts with a systematic program of fasting, coupled with The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle program of natural food which reduces the waxy cholesterol that clogs arteries. We must think of our arteries as the key to life if we want to win the greatest battle in life – staying alive on this earth. When you stuff yourself on high-fat meals day after day you are bound to accumulate cholesterol, obstructions and toxins. Retribution is bound to come. Americans are the biggest eaters of fat in the world. Consequently we lead the world in cardiovascular, heart and stroke diseases.

This is one reason that I believe in the No Heavy Breakfast Plan. I have known many young, healthy men and women who made it a habit every morning to eat a so-called hearty breakfast of ham and eggs or bacon and eggs, buttered toast, fried potatoes and coffee loaded with cream. Many of these supposedly healthy people were stricken early with heart attacks or strokes that either killed them or made them invalids the rest of their lives.



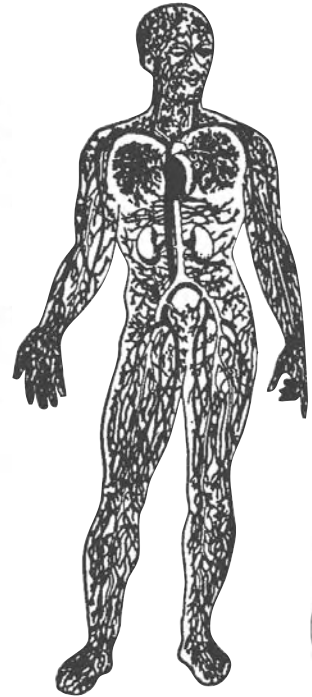
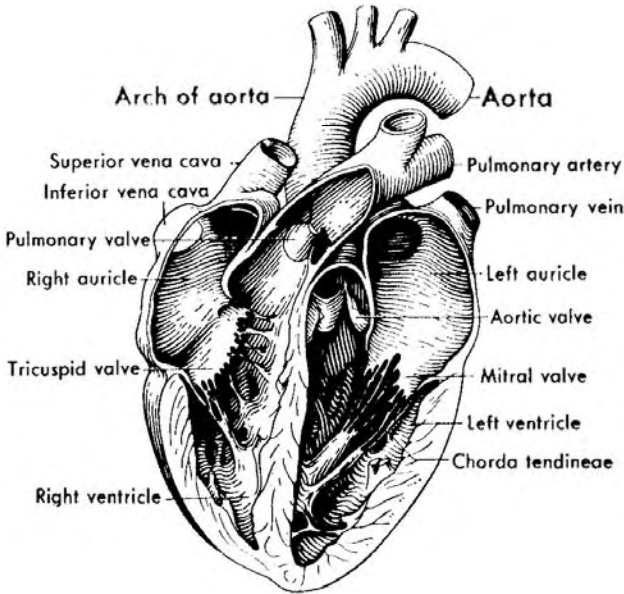
What a person eats and drinks becomes his own body chemistry.

Knowledge is love and light and vision.

–Helen Keller, beloved author; blind and deaf since 2 years old.

Your Miracle Heart and Circulatory System

Circulatory System's Arteries and Veins



The heart is really a double pump – each side is composed of 2 powerful chambers, an auricle and a ventricle.

You cannot eat any food simply because you think it agrees with you! You won't make this mistake if you know about the physiology of your body. Hippocrates, father of medicine said, "*Nutrition shall be your medicine.*" Eating is a science, it's more than tickling the palate. Eating is a serious function, especially if you want to keep your arteries clean, unobstructed and unblocked and healthy for a long, active life.

Before you go on the program that I have outlined in this book, get a thorough physical examination by a good health doctor. Have him acquaint you with the condition of your heart, arteries and blood. Know your blood pressures, pulse and blood cholesterol (chart page 138) and then follow this healthy lifestyle for a year. Then return to your doctor for an examination again. I believe your doctor will say you have made a miraculous transformation in your body in one short year. Again, remember you are only as young as your arteries and cardiovascular system – your river of life.

HEALTHY HEART HABITS FOR A LONG, VITAL LIFE

Remember, *organic live foods make live people. You are what you eat, drink, breathe, think, say and do.* So eat a low-fat, low-sugar, high-fiber diet of organic whole grains, sprouts, fresh salads, organic greens, vegetables, fruits, raw seeds, nuts, fresh juices and chemical-free, purified or distilled water.

Earn your food with daily exercise, for regular exercise, walking, etc. improves your health, stamina, go-power, flexibility and endurance, and helps open the cardiovascular system. Only 45 minutes a day can do miracles for your heart, arteries, mind, nerves, soul and body! You become revitalized with new zest for living to accomplish your life goals!

We are made of tubes. To help keep them open, clean and to maintain good elimination, add 1 to 2 tbsps of psyllium husk powder daily – hour after dinner – to juices, herbal teas and even the Bragg Vinegar Drink. Another way to guard against clogged tubes daily is add 1 to 2 tbsps soy lecithin granules (*fat emulsifier-melts like butter*) over potatoes, veggies, soups and to juices, etc. Also take one cayenne capsule (40,000 HU) daily with a meal. Take 50 to 100 mgs regular-released niacin (B-3) with one meal daily to help cleanse and open the cardiovascular system, also improves memory. Skin flushing may occur; don't worry about this as it shows it's working! After cholesterol level reaches 180 or lower, then only take niacin twice weekly.

The heart needs healthy balanced nutrients, so take natural multi-vitamin-mineral food supplements & extra heart helpers – mixed vitamin E, C, CoQ10, magnesium orotate, MSM, selenium, omega-3, zinc, beta carotene & amino acids L-Carnitine, L-Taurine, L-Lysine & Proline. Folic acid, CoQ10, B6 & B12 helps keep homocysteine level low. Hawthorn Berry extract brings relief for palpitations, arrhythmia, senile hearts and coronary disease. Take bromelain (from pineapple) and a multi-digestive enzyme with meals – aids digestion, assimilation and elimination.

For sleep problems try 5-HTP tryptophan (an amino acid), melatonin, calcium, magnesium, valerian in caps, extract or tea, Bragg vinegar drink, sleepytime herbal tea. For arthritis, osteoarthritis, pain/stiffness, try aloe juice or gel, glucosamine, chondroitin & MSM combo (caps & liquid), helps heal & regenerate. Also capsaicin & DMSO lotion helps.

Use amazing antioxidants – natural vitamin mixed E, C, Quercetin, grapeseed and grapefruit extract, CoQ10, selenium, SOD, etc. They improve immune system and help flush out dangerous free radicals that cause havoc with cardiovascular pipes and health. Research shows antioxidants promote longevity, slows ageing, fights toxins and helps prevent disease, cancer, cataracts, jet lag and exhaustion.

Recommended Blood Chemistry Values

- **Homocysteine:** 6 - 8 mcm/L • **Total Cholesterol:** Children; 140 mg/dl or less
- **CRP (C-reactive protein high sensitivity):** lower than 1 mg/L low risk, 1-3 mg/L average risk, over 3 mg/L high risk
- **Total Cholesterol:** Adults; 180 mg/dl or less; 150 mg/dl is optimal
- **HDL Cholesterol:** Men; 50 mg/dl or more; Women; 65 mg/dl or more
- **HDL Cholesterol Ratio:** 3.2 or less • **Triglycerides:** 100 mg/dl or less
- **LDL Cholesterol:** 100 mg/dl or less is optimal • **Glucose:** 80-100 mg/dl



You Have Nine Doctors At Your Command

Mother Nature's 9 faithful Doctors are ready to help you attain radiant, glorious health! They are all specialists in their particular fields of health building. They have had years and years of experience with millions of people. Their cumulative record is 100% perfect! They have never failed a patient. Patients have failed them, turned their backs on them and ignored them! But they are kind and understanding and, no matter how many times patients have failed them, they still stand ready to render perfect professional service. They have but one prescription and that is elixir of life! They are the kindest Doctors in the whole universe! They are anxious and willing to help everyone who comes to them for Higher Health. Their professional services are available to all – the young, the old, the rich and the poor. They perform no operations, except bloodless ones. They give no toxic drugs, not even any so-called "wonder drugs".

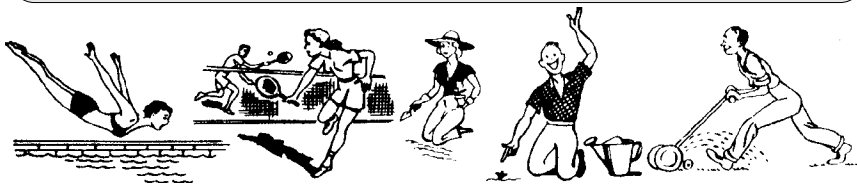
You are all familiar with these 9 wonderful life-changing Doctors – we all need them. I want you to call on these 9 Doctors frequently. They are so eager to help you help yourself to supreme health, youthfulness, longevity and agelessness! This is the Highest Health you can have; you should have it your entire long life!

These wonderful Doctors will never, ever fail you. They want to be your personal care givers and also your friends. It gives me a most secure feeling that I have at my command, every day, the world's great Doctors and it's my pleasure to introduce you to them. From this day on, please feel free to call upon them. First, I want you to meet the Father of them all, the most eminent and the greatest healer and giver of life to everything on the face of this earth . . . Doctor Sunshine.



The laws of health are inexorable; we see people going down and out in their prime of life because no attention is paid to them! – Paul C. Bragg

KEEP HEALTHY & YOUTHFUL BIOLOGICALLY WITH EXERCISE & GOOD NUTRITION



Always remember you have the following important reasons for following The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle:

- The ironclad laws of Mother Nature and God.
- Your common sense, which tells you that you are doing right.
- Your aim to make your health better and your life longer.
- Your resolve to prevent illness so that you may enjoy life.
- Make an art of healthy living; you will be youthful at any age.
- You will retain your faculties and be hale, hearty, active and useful far beyond the ordinary length of years.
- You will also possess superior mental and physical powers!

WANTED - For Robbing Health & Life

KILLER Saturated Fats
CLOGGER Salt
DOPEY Caffeine
PLUGGER Frying Pan
DEATH-DEALER Drugs
GREASY Overweight
HOGGY Overeating

CHOKER Hydrogenated Fats
DEADEYED Devitalized Foods
HARD WATER Inorganic Minerals
JERKY Turbulent Emotions
CRAZY Alcohol
SMOKY Tobacco
LOAFER Laziness

What Wise Men Say

Wisdom does not show itself so much in precept as in life – a firmness of mind and mastery of the appetite. – Seneca

I saw few die of hunger – of eating, a hundred thousand. – Ben Franklin

Govern well thy appetite, lest Sin surprise thee, and her black attendant, Death. – Milton

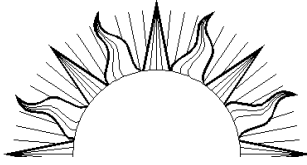
Your health is your wealth. – Paul C. Bragg

Our prayers should be for a sound mind in a healthy body. – Juvenal

Health is a blessing that money cannot buy. – Izaak Walton

*The natural healing force within us is the greatest force in getting well.
 – Hippocrates, Father of Medicine, 400 BC*

*Of all the knowledge, the one most worth having is knowledge about health!
 The first requisite of a good life is to be a healthy person. – Herbert Spencer*



Doctor Sunshine

Doctor Sunshine's specialty is heliotherapy and his great prescription is solar energy. Each tiny blade of grass, every vine, tree, bush, flower, fruit and vegetable draws its life from solar energy. All living things on earth depend on solar energy for their very existence. This earth would be a barren, frigid place if it were not for the magic rays of the sun. The sun gives us light and were it not for sunshine, there would be no you or me. The earth would be in everlasting darkness.

Human beings were never meant to have pale skins, not even the fair northern races. Man's skin should be lightly tanned by the sun and should take on a darker pigment according to his original skin tone. It has been found that even fair, red-headed people can slowly tan. Pigmentation is a sign that solar energy has been transformed into human energy. By enjoying the early morning or late afternoon gentle sunshine man can gain more health, vitality and happiness. The people who are indoors too long have sallow-looking skin. This is why many women hide sun-starved skins with makeup.

The person who is starved of the vital rays of the sun has a half-dead look. He is actually dying for the want of solar energy! Weak, ailing and anemic people are all sun-starved and – in my opinion – **many people are sick simply because they are starving for gentle sunshine.**

The sunshine's gentle rays have powerful germicidal properties. As the skin gathers these gentle rays, it stores up enormous amounts of this germ-killing energy. The sun provides one of the finest remedies for the nervous person who is filled with anxiety, worry and frustration.



Doctor Sunshine, the great healer, soothes and sparkles your body inside and outside! – Paul C. Bragg

Sunshine Brings Peace, Relaxation to Nerves

When nervous people lie in the sunshine, its soothing, gentle rays give them what their nerves and body are crying out for – relaxation! Sunshine is a health tonic and a Great Healer! As you bask in the warm sunshine, millions of nerve endings absorb the solar energy and transform and store them into more Vital Force energy for your nerves and body.

Perform this experiment to determine the value of sunshine in the matter of life and death. Find a beautiful patch of lawn where the grass is like a green carpet. Cover up a small space of that beautiful lawn with a small piece of wood or metal. Day by day you will notice that the beautiful grass that was so full of plant blood, or chlorophyll, will start to fade and turn a sickly yellow. Then the tragedy happens. It withers and dies - death from sun starvation! The same thing happens in your body without the life giving rays of the sun. This also happens when you fail to eat an abundance of sun-grown foods such as ripe, organic fruits and vegetables.

We must have the direct rays of the sun on our bodies and our diet must contain 60% or more of food that has been ripened by the sun's rays. When we eat fresh fruits and vegetables we absorb the blood of the plant – the rich, nourishing chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is the solar energy that the plant has absorbed from the sun, the richest and most nourishing food you can put into your body. "Chlorophyll is liquid sunshine." Green plants alone possess the secret of how to capture this powerful solar energy and pass it on to man and every other living creature.

When you put sunshine on the outside of your body and 60% to 70% raw fruits and vegetables in your daily diet, you are going to glow with radiant health! But these are powerful and must be taken in small doses at the start, because your sun-starved body has to slowly get used to these cleansing, solar-powered foods.



The law, "Whatsoever a man sows that he shall also reap," is inscribed in flaming letters upon the portal of Eternity, and none can deny it, none can cheat it, none can escape it. – James Allen

Gentle Sun Rays are Soothing and Best

When you take your first sunbath, start with short time periods until you can condition your body to longer exposure. The best time for a beginner to start taking gentle sunbaths is in the early morning sunshine. Or you may sunbathe in the late afternoon gentle sunshine. Five to ten minutes on the nude body is sufficient at first. Avoid the burning rays between 11 am and 3 pm. The best cool rays of the sun are in the early morning.

The same caution should be taken in eating sun ripened foods – the raw fruits and vegetables. The average person who has been eating mainly cooked foods will find that if great amounts of raw juicy fruit and vegetables are suddenly put into the body they can cause a reaction. It's wiser to add more sun-grown foods to the diet gradually. Overdoses of solar energy, both on the outside and inside of the body, go slowly. Regarding exposure to the sun, it's quite necessary to use good judgment and always proceed with caution!

At this point I must add a personal touch. At 16 years of age I had been sentenced to death with deadly tuberculosis. The greatest doctors in the United States declared me "Hopeless! Incurable!" By the Grace of God I was led to Dr. August Rollier of Leysen, Switzerland, the greatest living authority on Heliotherapy (Sun Cure). High in the Alps, Dr. Rollier exposed my sick, wasted body to the healing rays of the sun and fed me a healthy abundance of sun-grown foods. Presto—a miracle happened! In 2 short years I was transformed from a bed-ridden invalid to a strong, healthy, young man.

I have enjoyed a wonderful long life and I am still a powerful, healthy man. Through these long years I have kept the glorious light of the sun's gentle rays on my body. I regained my health through the gentle healing of "Doctor Healing Sunshine". He helped save my life and that is why I love God's own precious sunshine.

Every man is the builder of a temple called his body. We are all sculptors and painters, and our material is our own flesh and blood and bones. Any nobleness begins at once to refine a man's features, any meanness or sensuality to imbrute them. – Henry David Thoreau

I Love Being With Doctor Sunshine

Patricia and I love the great sunshine state and have a home in the Santa Monica mountains so we can enjoy the mountain sunshine. We have a modest home in the California Desert, where the sun shines 354 days a year, and a cottage and our organic veggie garden and flowers in Santa Barbara near our office, and 2 places in Hawaii – Maui and Diamond Head near Free Bragg Exercise Class (page iii). We don't use toxic chemical sunscreens. We make safer green tea and spray on skin when in mid-day sun, plus we wear straw hats. We love beach walking and spend time in winter and summer, on the sun drenched beaches of Hawaii, Florida, France, Australia and New Zealand while on our Health Crusades. Seek gentler sunshine (before 11 am & after 3 pm) and health follows by leaps and bounds.



NEGATIVE

The choice of which road to take is up to the individual. He alone can decide whether he wants to reach a dead end or live a healthy lifestyle for a long, healthy, happy, active life. – Paul C. Bragg

POSITIVE

Eliminate the negative, latch onto the affirmative and accent the positive!

The secret of longevity is eating and living intelligently. – Gayelord Hauser

Deprivation of food at first brings a sensation of hunger, occasionally some nervous stimulation – but it also determines certain hidden miracle phenomena which are more important. The sugar of the liver and the fat of the sub-cutaneous deposits are mobilized, and used in order to maintain the blood, heart and brain in a normal condition. Fasting purifies our entire body and profoundly cleanses and modifies our tissues.

– Dr. Alexis Carrel, Nobel Prize winner, author of Man, the Unknown

The strongest principle of growth lies in the human choice. – George Elliot

Always do what is right – despite any public opinions.

Doctor Fresh Air



Macfadden & Bragg

A thousand Happy Bragg Health Students Enjoying Hiking, Exercise and the Fresh Air on The Trail to Mt. Hollywood, California, summer of 1932. In the left foreground is Bernarr Macfadden, Father and Founder of the Physical Culture Movement and Publisher of popular Physical Culture Magazine and, to the right, Paul C. Bragg, Health Crusader and Life Extension Specialist. These Health Pioneers enjoyed leading Health and Fitness Crusades across America.

Doctor Fresh Air is a health specialist, and his greatest prescription for you is to “Breathe Deeply of God’s Pure Fresh Air.” The first thing we do when we are born is take a long, deep breath and the last thing we do is take a last gasp before we stop breathing. Between birth and death, life is completely maintained by breathing.

Doctor Fresh Air wants you to have a long active life and he feels, as a specialist, that you will if you follow his simple instructions and breathe deeply. You must always be conscious that, with every breath you take, you are bringing into your body the Breath of God . . . which is life-giving oxygen. People who fail to obey this doctor’s orders about getting plenty of fresh air every day and night are inviting some severe complications.

Breathing deeply, fully and completely energizes the body, it calms the nerves, fills you with peace and helps keep you youthful. – Paul C. Bragg

Our Body is a Breathing Machine

Let us examine very closely the function of breathing. First, it is invisible food. It is the only food that we cannot be deprived of for over 7 minutes or death will take us. We not only receive life-giving oxygen that is so necessary to every cell in our bodies from the air, but when we breathe, oxygen is carried by the blood to the lungs where a great miracle takes place. There the life-giving oxygen is exchanged for deadly carbon dioxide, in which form many of the deadly toxins of the body are released. In other words, we create toxic poisons in our body during the very process of living. These are collected by the blood as it circulates and, after the blood brings carbon dioxide to the lungs, it's expelled as the new life-giving oxygen enters. Carbon dioxide is also burned up through the process of metabolism and during the creation and destruction of the cells of the body.

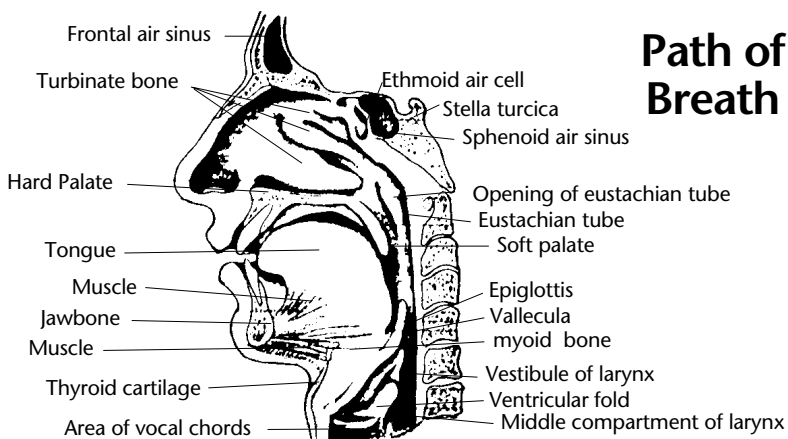
If a person doesn't get enough fresh air – or if they are a shallow breather – and the oxygen intake doesn't equal the outgo of carbon dioxide, then these toxic poisons build up within the body structure. This can result in serious physical problems as the retained carbon dioxide can concentrate in other parts of the body to cause intense physical suffering.

Enervation, the lack of nerve energy, can lower the Vital Force so much that the body's great bellows – the lungs – cannot pump in enough air to flush the carbon dioxide out of the body. See how important it is that you not only breathe fresh air, but always be conscious of the fact that you must breathe deeply in and out.

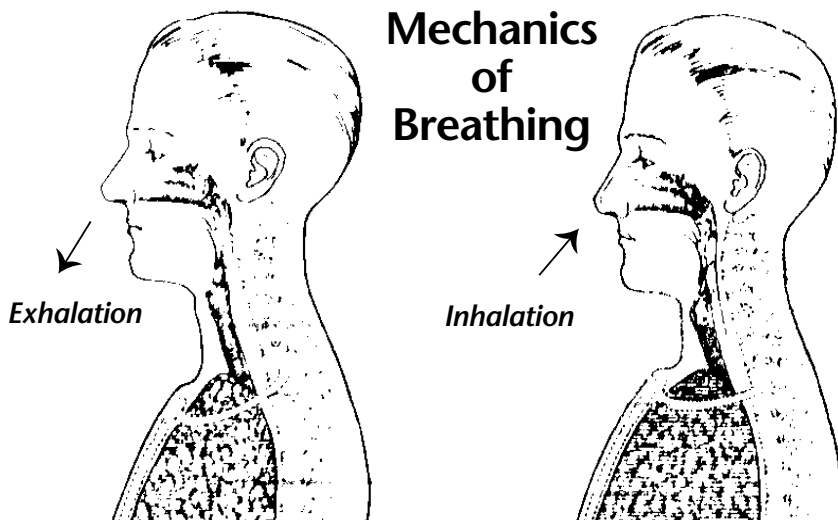
We are air machines. Oxygen not only purifies the body, but is also one of the great energizers of the human body. We are air pressure machines. We live at the bottom of an atmospheric ocean approximately 70 miles deep. This air pressure is 14 pounds per square inch. Between the inhalation and the exhalation of a breath, a vacuum is formed. As long as we continue to have this rhythmical intake and output of oxygen, we will live. We can go without food for 30 days and more and still survive but we can go without air only a few minutes.

Deep Breathers Live Longer & Healthier

Air is one of the important energizers of the human body. The more deeply you breathe pure air, the better your chances are for extending your life on this earth. For over 75 years, I have done extensive research on long-lived people and I've discovered the one common denominator among them all– they are deep breathers! I have found that the deeper, therefore fewer breaths a person takes in one minute, the longer they live. Most rapid breathers are the nervous, short-lived people.



Path of Breath



The mechanics of breathing, showing the position of the diaphragm and ribs at exhalation and at inhalation



Breathing is the greatest pleasure in life. – Papini

Yes, rapid breathing humans shorten their lives and this also applies to the animal world. Rabbits, guinea pigs and all kinds of rodents are rapid breathers. They are the shortest-lived animals. For years I have made it a practice when I first get up in the morning to do my long, slow, deep breathing exercises and practice them several times throughout the day.

India's Holy Men Practice Deep, Slow Breathing

On my expeditions to India I found holy men at secluded retreats who had devoted their lives to building a physically powerful body as an instrument for high spiritual advancement. They spent many hours daily in the practice of rhythmic, long, slow, deep breathing. These holy men of India were in utterly fantastic physical condition because the deep breathing of fresh air kept their skin and muscle tone ageless! I met a holy man in the foothills of the Himalaya Mountains who told me that he was, at that time, 126 years old! This man had no reason to lie to me because his whole life was spent in getting closer to God. It was he who taught me the system which I teach all over the world known as "Super Power Breathing." I do not have sufficient space in this book to detail the full program that this holy man taught me, but do read our book *Bragg Super Power Breathing*.

To go into further detail in describing this holy man physically, he had perfect vision and he had a beautiful head of hair with not one gray hair in it. He had all his teeth and he possessed the endurance and stamina of an athlete. He spoke seven languages fluently. He was one of the most amazing men that I have ever met in my life! When I asked him to what he owed his great strength and mentality, his answer was, "I have made a lifelong practice of breathing deeply and practicing faithfully all of my breathing exercises daily."

As a man, I don't like to guess the age of any woman. But while I was on a trip to India I met a woman whose age I guessed to be around 50. I was amazed when she told me she was 86! She was beautiful with no signs of ageing. When I asked her the secret of her beauty and

her agelessness, I got the same answer I did from the holy man. This beautiful woman was totally aware of the importance of deep breathing for her health.

You must have noticed children playing and running, jumping rope, roller skating and bicycling. While they are doing these activities, they are breathing in large amounts of oxygen, and that is what we must keep in mind. We must keep active and take long, brisk walks and cultivate the habit of deep breathing. When I find people living sedentary lives, no longer getting vigorous exercise, I know that they are shortening their lives.

At 100 Deep Breathing Secret of Endurance

A friend of mine for many years was Amos Stagg, the famous football and athletic coach. Mr. Stagg lived to be over 100 years of age. I once asked him his secret of long life and his answer was, "I have all of my life indulged in running and other vigorous exercises that forced large amounts of oxygen into my body."

I had another friend in New York, James Hocking, who was one of the greatest long distance walking champions America has ever known. I asked him on his hundredth birthday the secret of his long active life and super health. His answer was "I have always walked vigorously and breathed deeply." So you see, oxygen is a detoxifier. It is like fasting, it continually helps remove all the toxins from the body.

I not only practice deep breathing personally, but I also believe that people should expose their bodies to a current of freely moving air. Air baths are important to good health. You should sleep with your windows wide open and with a cross ventilation of air moving across your bed. I find that I sleep better and have a deeper night's rest if I don't wear sleeping garments and when I do, I wear light cotton or silk. Under the covers it's warm and if you pile on extra sleeping garments you close off the skin from its supply of oxygen.



*The quality of the blood depends largely upon its oxygenation in the lungs.
Don't regret ageing gracefully and living longer. It's a privilege denied to many.*

Americans Are Becoming Lazy Sitters

If you sit for hours, you must compensate for this inactivity because it's then that your breathing slows down. If your occupation requires a lot of sitting, you should compensate with outdoor walking and physical activities. You will find that you can solve most of your problems during a brisk 2 mile hike in the fresh air. I do this and it helps me. I believe that after the evening meal everyone should make a practice of taking a walk, even if it has to be up and down your driveway or hall.

Today we are a society of sitters! We sit at our desks, the movies, concerts, sports events and watching endless television. We are air and oxygen-starved. We can't get the toxic carbon dioxide out of our bodies, so we are full of aches and pains and prone to premature ageing. This is all because we are too lazy and too indifferent about being active, vigorous people! Everywhere you look you will see mostly overweight, unhealthy, and exhausted people. Many of their problems are due to lack of oxygen. That's why it's so important to fast; because it helps to clean up any stored carbon dioxide that failed to leave your body through deep breathing.

So when you are fasting, and feel up to it – enjoy a short walk. Between fasts, make it a part of your life to be an active person. This means getting out in the fresh air to enjoy brisk walking, hiking, running, swimming, tennis, etc. Join a gym and try dancing, also. You must not allow carbon dioxide to pile up in your body! This brings serious health consequences.



Idleness is the burial of a living man. – Jeremy Taylor

Living under conditions of modern life, it is important to bear in mind that the preparation and refinement of food products either entirely eliminates or in part destroys the vital elements in the original material.

– United States Department of Agriculture

You can increase the oxygen currents of nerve force with the breath and send it to heal parts of your body. – Paul C. Bragg

The world belongs to the energetic. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Deep Breathing Builds Powerful Body

So, along with your fasting program, make it a point every day of your life to have a brisk 2 to 5 mile walk and, during that walk, breathe deeply. Every time you think of it during your waking hours, you must take long, slow, deep breaths. Remember what I told you – the more long, slow, deep breaths you take, the longer you will live. When you combine deep breathing with fasting you are adding years to your life! You are building energy and vitality. You are going to break free of many miseries by fasting and deep breathing. Remind yourself every day that Doctor Fresh Air is your constant friend.



The Bragg System of *Super Power Breathing*
Built Paul C. Bragg A Powerful, Healthy Body. Do read
the book *Super Power Breathing*. See back pages for booklist.



Breathing deeply gives you more energy, go-power and sparkles up your life.

– Patricia Bragg, Health Crusader

Fluorine is a Deadly Poison!

Millions of innocent people have been brainwashed by the aluminum companies to erroneously believe that adding sodium fluoride (their waste by-product) to our drinking water will reduce tooth decay in our children. Americans get sodium fluoride in their drinking water without thinking about it. Sodium fluorine, a chemical “cousin” of sodium fluoride, is used as a rat and roach killer and a deadly pesticide. Yet this deadly sodium fluoride, injected almost by government edict into drinking water in the proportion of 1.2 parts per million (PPM), has been declared by the US Public Health Service to be “safe for all human consumption”. Every chemist knows that such “absolute safety” is not only false and unattainable, but a total illusion! *See facts on websites.*

Keep Toxic Fluoride Out of Your Water!

Most of the water Americans drink has fluoride in it, including tap, bottled and canned drinks and foods! The ADA (American Dental Association) is insisting that the FDA (Food and Drug Association) mandate the addition of fluoride to all bottled waters! Defend your right to drink pure, nonfluoridated tap and bottled waters! Challenge and stop local and state water fluoridation policies! Call, write, fax or e-mail the President, your Governor, Senators and state officials (see web: firstgov.gov) and send them a copy of the Bragg Water book.

CHECK FOLLOWING WEBSITES FOR FLUORIDE UPDATES:

- www.fluoride-journal.com • www.keepers-of-the-well.org
- www.fluoridation.com • www.slweb.org/bibliography.html
- www.bragg.com • www.fluoridealert.org • www.nteu280.org
- www.bruha.com/fluoride • www.rvi.net/~fluoride/ethics.htm

These 11 Associations Stopped Endorsing Water Fluoridation In 1996

- American Heart Assoc. • American Academy of Allergy & Immunology
- American Cancer Society • Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Action Network
- American Diabetes Assoc. • National Institute of Law Municipal Officers
- American Chiropractic Assoc. • American Civil Liberties Union • Soc. of Toxicology
- National Kidney Foundation • American Psychiatric Association

The power of pure water is the vital chemistry of life!



Doctor Pure Water

The Water You Drink Can Make or Break Your Health!

Doctor Pure Water is a vitally important healer and splendid friend. Water is involved in nearly every body process (page 155). I have thoroughly explained the importance of drinking distilled water, the best for your health, in another part of this book. Water makes up about 70% of your body, so you need a continuous replacement to keep your water level normal and healthy. Optimum is 8 to 10 glasses daily. When you eat fruits and vegetables you are also adding their liquids (distilled by nature) to your diet.

There's so many health benefits from water you can enjoy. A good warm bath is a tonic and a relaxer which soothes irritated nerves and quiets emotions. Every day of the year in the United States people enjoy swimming in water at the seashore, in lakes, rivers, streams and swimming pools. Swimming is one of the best exercises anyone can perform. It puts no strain on the joints or the heart. Swim as often as you can. If you can't swim, go to a professional who can teach you how to swim. You will never regret it because it is one of the most relaxing, but exhilarating of exercises. It can be enjoyed regardless of age. Don't fear it! Learn to love it.

Water therapies have been used for man's miseries since the beginning of time. In my world travels I have found many different types of therapies. It's been proven that the ancient civilizations of the Egyptians, Assyrians, Hebrews, Persians, Greeks, Hindus, Chinese and other cultures, including Native American Indians, have used water therapies for the relief of human ailments.

The noblest of the elements is pure water. – Pindar

Most Ancient Healers Used Water Therapy

400 years before the birth of Christ, on the Greek island of Cos in the Aegean Sea, Hippocrates, the father of medicine developed a complete system of water treatments. His records state that a cold bath followed by a hot bath and a massage improves the circulation. We agree with this! The cold, then hot bath followed by a coarse friction rub is one of the best circulation builders.

I have visited great health (water) spas around the world. For years we had a home in Desert Hot Springs, California, so we could enjoy their healing waters. It's located directly on the San Andreas fault where many earthquakes originate. Under this fault there is a great river of hot mineral water. Wells are piped down to this underground river and the hot mineral water is brought to the spas. People from all over the world come to Desert Hot Springs to bathe in its soothing mineral water.

I do not regard hot mineral water as a cure for any human ailment. But I believe that hot water, particularly at 104°, is a purifier and a detoxifier that increases the body's circulation. This is why I recommend a hot Epsom salts or apple cider vinegar bath (1 cup) as a detoxifier and relaxer. It should be taken in bath water anywhere from 98° to 104°, for 10-15 minutes. The special bath can be a very important part of your health program. Usually it's best not to take a hot bath during your fasts, but warm water is O.K. and diabetics always warm only.

Always remember that clean, pure water inside and outside is the best to use. It's one of Mother Nature's wonderful ways of building a healthy body. Distilled pure water is the best for drinking and all food uses.



The Health Miracles of Pure Water

*To the days of the aged water addeth length;
To the might of the strong water addeth strength;
It freshens the heart, water brightens the sight;
Water is like drinking a goblet of morning light.*

Water is More Important than Food

More than 70% of the human body is water. The bones in your body are even 30% water. To lose a tenth of your body's water supply is dangerous, and to lose a fifth can be fatal. Losing lesser amounts disturbs body functions and impairs chemical and physical processes necessary to good health. Yet the body itself can take lots of punishment. Half your proteins and almost all of your fat and glycogen can be lost without causing death. Only that important 70% of your body – water – requires that it be kept at a consistently high level.

A practical example of the body's demand for water can be drawn from mountain climbing histories. In their assault on the Himalayas, men working and climbing in high altitudes cut down on the weight they carried in an attempt to conserve body energy. None were notably successful until a team conquering Mount Everest scientifically considered the effect of the altitude on the body's water metabolism. These men increased their fuel load in order to melt snow and ice into water. They were assured of an average of 6 pints of water daily per person, much more than any previous teams had considered as adequate water rations. While water was not the sole contributing factor to their success, it was recognized as helping to prevent the fatigue experienced by former teams during their final assaults. The rest of us may not need water for anything as demanding as climbing the Himalayas, but this serves as an example of how important water – or the lack of it – in our diets can be.



Water is the Key to All Body Functions!

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| • Heart | • Muscles | • Glands |
| • Circulation | • Metabolism | • Sex |
| • Digestion | • Assimilation | • Energy |
| • Bones & Joints | • Elimination | • Nerves |

There is only one water that is clean and that is steam distilled water. No other substance on our planet does so much to keep us healthy and get us well as distilled water does! – James F. Balch, M.D., Author of *Dietary Wellness*

How Our Body Uses Water

Almost every fluid connected with life and living things is based on water. Protoplasm (the substance regarded as the physical basis of life) cannot exist without water. Nor can a blade of grass, a cactus, an insect, a bird or a fish, etc. Dry out a living cell and it will stop working. It must have liquid to survive and live!

Human cells are the very same. Even food is brought to them via fluid in the form of blood. There are about 9 pints of blood in your body. After food is consumed by the cells, the waste is carried away in a water-based liquid, your urine. Even oxygen cannot be absorbed by your lungs except through a moist surface. The same is true of the waste by-product of oxygen, carbon dioxide.

Water is Necessary For Digestion

Food can't be digested without water! There is an actual chemical process that goes on in your body that's known as "hydrolysis". It involves changing proteins, starches and fats into foods that various cells require in order to work properly. But water is also necessary to stimulate gastric glands in the stomach. In the intestines it helps facilitate the absorption of solids and the most important excretion of wastes.

Water is important to digestion. It begins with the intake of food at the mouth. Here the fluid known as saliva – which is 99.5% water – begins the digestion of carbohydrates. The gastric juices we've mentioned earlier are 90% water – they work on the food passed on to the stomach from the mouth. The food, now fairly liquid, is next passed to the duodenum, or upper section of the small intestine, where enzymes, the liver secretions and the pancreas (90% water) finish the digestion of food.

Food is passed through the intestines and absorbed through the intestinal walls in a watery state. The largest portion of this absorption occurs in the colon. Diarrhea results from unabsorbed water which is passed as waste. This is a dangerous situation for infants who, because of their size have only a small supply of water. This can result in dehydration, bad digestion and even death.

Somewhere between 7 and 11 quarts of water are needed just for proper digestion. Breaking this down, it comes to 3 pints of saliva, a couple of quarts of gastric juice, plus an equivalent amount of bile and other glandular and intestinal secretions. Fortunately, the body is thrifty and most of this moisture is absorbed and recycled. Its first job after being absorbed is to transfer the newly digested foods to the cells through the bloodstream where the blood cells themselves use and reuse the water in their own process of living.

Water is Vital in Removing Body Waste

Water plays an important role in the excretion of waste through the intestine. The other forms of soluble waste also rely on water. The kidneys, bladder, skin and lungs all depend heavily on water to rid themselves of any body poisons and excretions on a regular basis.

The lung walls are composed of tiny air sacs that, in order to function properly during the intake of oxygen and the expulsion of carbon dioxide, must be moist. The linings of the nose, throat, trachea and bronchial tubes are also always moist – or should be. Because of all this contact with air, the body loses about a pint of water every day solely through exhalation. When the air is very dry, even more moisture is lost. Many people replace this moisture by using a vaporizer in their homes.

A large quantity of water can be lost through the skin. Here water is used as a vehicle for waste. The kidneys use water rapidly, but the amount they use depends on the quantity of fluid you drink. For every quart of water passed through the kidneys, 1½ ounces of waste are carried in it. This is normal, but water (as urine) never falls below a level of a little more than a half of a pint. Kidneys never stop working and constantly demand water, even when none is available. The body is then forced to supply it through dehydration to live. All of these body functions occur without any chemical transformation of the water. Water always remains water.



Pure water performs miracles internally and externally for well-being – Patricia Bragg

Blood Plasma is 90% Water

Sure, blood is thicker than water . . . but only by about 10%! Blood plasma is 90% water which permits it to circulate through the body freely. It carries all sorts of nutrients and gases, organic salts and products, and items needed for body functions, activity and growth.

Everything used by body cells is transported by plasma, including the material the cell is made from. Anything made by these same cells which is needed in other parts of the body – or to be excreted – is carried by the same plasma. Yet plasma remains fairly identical in composition at all times throughout the body. As it absorbs foods and fuels from the digestive and respiratory processes, it has the same substances taken from it by body tissues, including the kidneys and lungs. If this important balance is to be always healthy and well maintained, it's vitally important to have sufficient pure water for your blood and your entire body.

Water Helps Keep You Cool and Healthy

Automobiles have water in their radiators to help cool their engines. It's much the same with the human body. The reason is that water absorbs heat readily. In living organisms, where constant internal temperatures are often critical, water acts as a vital and efficient coolant. The human body has a constant temperature level. Measured orally, this is 98.6° F. It shouldn't vary much despite the climate or temperature surrounding the body.

This internal temperature is controlled by external skin evaporation to a large degree. Just about a fourth of the heat created by the processing of oxygen and food by the body is eliminated through normal perspiration and the process of breathing. But under exceptionally dry conditions, the body can lose up to a quart of water an hour through the sweating process alone. Obviously, this water has to be replaced or other functions of the body are impaired. When it's cold, the body can actually



Pure water is the cheapest form of medicine to a dehydrated body.

– F. Batmanghelidj, M.D., watercure.com, Author of – *Water Cures: Drugs Kill and Your Body's Many Cries for Water ~ You Are Not Sick, You Are Thirsty.*

cease perspiring and water is further withdrawn into the tissues. The evaporation of water from skin surfaces results in cooling – Mother Nature’s air conditioning and fevers are in a way related. When you sweat and feel hot, perhaps you have a temperature. When your skin is dry and you feel chills, perhaps your body temperature has dipped. These often are signs of illness.

In humid weather, evaporation is more difficult. So we feel hotter though we’re sweating. Our body has a harder time cooling off and ends up working harder to keep it cool. Researchers have found that the average man, doing nothing, will lose about 23 ounces of fluid via the lungs and skin on a day that has normal humidity. A long distance runner, on the other hand, will lose as much as 8 pounds. Football players can shed almost 14 pounds of water in about an hour’s time!

Because the body is more than 70% water, and because excretory processes depend so much on it, water is easy to lose. Many so-called diets are based on lower water consumption or increasing water loss. This can be very dangerous, especially if practiced over a period of time. Fatigue is one of the first signs of water deficiency. It should be heeded by drinking lots of water!



Water – The Body’s Vital Lubricant

The body, in its own way, is greased and oiled automatically. The body’s basic lubricant is water. It permits organs to slide against each other – such as when you bend down. It helps the bones to move in their joints. You couldn’t bend a knee or elbow without it. Also, it acts as a shock-absorbing agent to ward off injury from blows. Applied hydraulically in various parts of the body, it is used to build and hold pressures. The eyeball is a good example of this particular function of water. Muscle tone cannot be maintained without adequate water, for the muscles are $\frac{3}{4}$ ’s water. This is another reason why fatigue hits the dehydrated body.

Water flows through every single part of your body, cleansing and nourishing it. But the wrong kind of water – with inorganic minerals, harmful toxins, chemicals and other contaminants can pollute and clog your body, and gradually stiffening it painfully. – Paul C. Bragg

The Body's Three Sources of Water

Your body has to obtain its water somehow, to survive. The **first source** is obvious. You drink water or a fluid containing it such as fruit juice, soup, beverages and the like. The **second source** is regular foods, which are mostly water. The delicious organic fruits and vegetables have the highest water content. Don't forget your body is about 70% water. A peach is almost all water, it is 90%. And even something as dry as a hard roll is $\frac{1}{4}$ water!

The **third source** of important water is metabolism. This is called metabolic water and it's made by the body from raw materials taken into the body. In other words, it's a chemically made water. It results from the cells' conversion of ingested food to cellular food. A perfect example of this type of water production is that biological water factory known as the camel. Now, the camel doesn't store water. It stores fat in the hump on its back. It also eats carbohydrates. In using these foods, the camel creates a great deal of water as a by-product and then uses the water in its body chemistry just as if it had drunk the water! Some insects are able to do this too, even though they eat exceptionally dry, low-water content foods. The average man consumes only about $2\frac{1}{2}$ quarts of water a day by eating and drinking, but he uses up a full $2\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 quarts. The difference in this amount is his production of metabolic water.

Body Dehydration Causes Health Problems

When the body doesn't get enough water, it reacts and suffers! The precious secretions of important glands are drastically deprived. Saliva dries up and membranes dry out. We're thirsty. The body signals quickly that a drink of water is imperative! After losing more than a little water without replenishing the supply, other symptoms develop. Headaches, nervousness, inability to concentrate, digestive problems and lack of hunger are some of these. Water quickly alleviates these symptoms. American soldiers in the Arctic experienced personality problems when forced into low-water rations. To be deprived of water for just a few days can be deadly. The body needs 8 glasses of water a day to ensure health and survival. Do read Bragg Water book.

The Bragg Organic Apple Cider Vinegar Drink Helps Urine Keep A Healthy Acid Balance

This organic apple cider vinegar drink (recipe page 230) taken first thing in the morning, performs miracles, plus helps keep the urine in a normal acid condition, for urine is naturally acidic. This shows the kidneys are doing their duties efficiently, flushing out the body toxins. The drink is truly amazing and once you start having it 3 times a day, you will see the miracles – no wonder Hippocrates (*circa 400 B.C.*) used it for patients.

Go to any drugstore and get Nitrazine litumus paper. Dip a small piece of this paper in your urine or saliva sample before meals. See chart on the Nitrazine container to determine acidity. If it's yellow, the urine is normal (pH 6.0 - 6.8) – that means it's acid. Levels of pH below 7.0 are acidic, those above 7.0 are alkaline. The chart gives truthful figures. Bragg Apple Cider Vinegar, apples, grapes, raspberries, strawberries, cherries, cranberries and their juices will help keep your urine at normal acidity.

Distilled water is one of the world's best and purest waters! It is excellent for detoxification and fasting programs and for helping detox and cleanse all the cells, organs, and fluids of the body because it helps flush out so many harmful substances! (*See Bragg Water Book at bragg.com*). Water from chemically treated public water systems and even from wells and springs is likely to be loaded with poisonous chemicals and toxic trace elements. Depending upon the kind of piping that the water has been run through, the water in our homes and offices, schools, hospitals, etc., is likely to be overloaded with zinc (from old-fashioned galvanized pipes) or with copper and cadmium (from copper pipes). These trace elements are released in excessive quantity by the chemical action of the water on the metals of the pipes.

The #1 food I recommend is Bragg's Organic Raw Apple Cider Vinegar for maintaining the body's vital acid-alkaline balance.

– Gabriel Cousens, M.D., Author of *Conscious Eating*

Astronomers Find Vinegar in Distant Space: In a stellar cloud 25,000 light years from Earth, researchers found organic vinegar, a molecule that may have played a role in the formation of life. – University of Chicago



Pure Water is Essential For Health!

Yes, pure water is essential for health. You get it from the natural juices of vegetables, fruits and other foods, or high purity water obtained by steam distillation which is the best method. Another effective method combines de-ionization and reverse osmosis.

The body is constantly working for you, breaking down old bone and tissue cells and replacing them with new ones. As the body casts off the old minerals and other products of broken-down cells it must obtain new supplies of the essential elements for the new cells. Scientists are beginning to understand that various kinds of dental problems, many types of arthritis and some forms of hardening of the arteries are due to imbalances in the body's levels of calcium, phosphorus and magnesium. Disorders can also be caused by imbalances in the ratios of various minerals to each other.

Each healthy body requires a proper balance within itself of all the nutritive elements. It is just as bad for any individual to have too much of one item as it is to have too little of that one or of another one. It takes appropriate levels of phosphorus and magnesium to keep calcium in solution so it can be formed into new bone and teeth. Yet, there must not be too much of those nor too little calcium in the diet, or old bone will be taken away, but new bone will not be formed.

In addition, we now know that diets which are unbalanced and inappropriate for a given individual can deplete the body of calcium, magnesium, potassium, and other major and minor elements. Diets which are high in meats, fish, eggs and grains or their products may provide unbalanced excesses of phosphorus. This will deplete calcium and magnesium from the bones and tissues of the body and cause them to be lost in the urine. A diet high in fats will tend to increase the uptake of phosphorus from the intestines relative to calcium and other basic minerals. Such a high-fat diet can produce similar losses of calcium, magnesium, and other basic minerals compared to a high-phosphorus diet.

Pure water is the best drink for a wise man. – Henry David Thoreau

Mineral Imbalances are Dangerous

Diets excessively high in fruits or their juices may provide unbalanced excesses of potassium in the body and calcium and magnesium will again be lost from the body through the urine. The body likes a healthy balance! Deficiencies of calcium and magnesium, for example, can produce all kinds of problems in the body. They range from dental decay and osteoporosis to muscular cramping, hyperactivity, muscular twitching, poor sleep patterns and excessive urination frequency or uncontrolled patterns of urination. Similarly, deficiencies of other minerals, or imbalances in the levels of those minerals, can produce many other problems in the body.

That's why it's important to detoxify and clean the body through fasting and through using pure, distilled water as well as healthy, organically-grown vegetables and fruits and their juices. At the same time, it's also important to provide the body with adequate sources of new minerals. This can be accomplished by eating a wide variety of organic garden salads and vegetables. Also include kelp granules – great sprinkled over foods, salads, etc. and try other sea vegetables. These help produce healthy mother's milk for infants. Give the healthier Rice Dream, nut (almond, etc.) or soy milks to children and adults who are affected (mucus, colds, asthma, etc.) by milk products. We don't endorse dairy products (page 223).

But despite dietary sources such as these, many adults and children in so-called civilized cultures will be found to have low levels of essential minerals in their bodies. These deficiencies are caused by coffee, tea, carbonated drinks, colas and long-term bad diets (*too much sugar, fats, salt, refined foods, and toxic additives*) and lack of exercise.

In addition, the body's organ systems can be thrown out of balance by continuing stress and toxins in our air and water, and disease-produced injuries and by prenatal deficiencies in the mother's diet or lifestyle. As a result people may need to take a natural mineral supplement such as the chelated multiple mineral preparations and also a multiple vitamin supplement.



Natural supplements are good insurance to insure that you are getting enough minerals, vitamins and nutrients to maintain your health.

Ask Yourself These Important Health Questions:

- How can I stop chemicals and inorganic minerals from stiffening or hardening and turning my brain and body into stone?
- How can I stop my body's joints and back from becoming painful, stiff and cemented?
- How can I help stop the formation of gallstones, kidney stones and bladder stones?
- How can I protect my arteries, veins and capillaries from the unnatural hardening of arteriosclerosis?
- How can I prolong my youthfulness?
- How can I prevent sickness and premature ageing?

I say "Drink pure distilled water", and follow The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle outlined in this book. Also for more info on the importance of pure water do read the Bragg book:

Water – The Shocking Truth That Can Save Your Life!



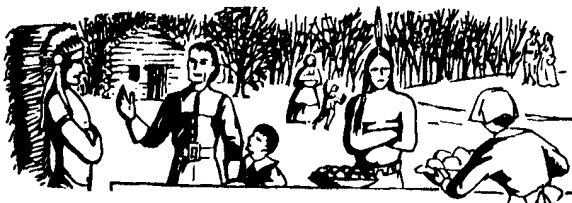
Drinking 8 glasses of distilled water daily is vital, but drinking water with meals impairs functioning of digestive juices and reduces the assimilation of essential nutrients. It's best to wait 1 hour after any meal before taking liquids.



Keep World's Plant Seeds Alive – Not Sterile! **Protest Terminator Sterile Seeds – They Threaten Food Freedom!**

Terminator Seeds are sterile crop seeds patented and marketed by the Monsanto Corp. that have been biologically altered to sprout a permanently infertile plant. The large scale use of these seeds (which is already underway in over 78 countries) could directly threaten the well-being of 1.4 billion people who now depend on food grown with fertile seeds. This would present a huge risk to the world because it could spread and sterilize all living plants, trees, etc. Farmers (and their neighbors, with plants 'accidentally' cross-pollinated by Terminator plants) would be forced to buy new seeds every year. For many of these farmers financial ruin would result and bring on misery and famine for millions worldwide. Monsanto's seed program has no benefits for the world – only for the company's greed and pocketbook. Discover Monsanto's fiendish plot to control world's seed industry. Please protest to stop this: call, fax or e-mail the President, and your Governor, Senators, and state officials. Websites: rafi.org & sedos.org/Food/terminator.html & firstgov.gov & bragg.com

No man can violate Nature's Laws and escape her penalties! – Julian Johnson



Doctor Healthy Natural Food

Your body is the most gloriously accurate instrument in this universe. Given the correct fuel, pure air, exercise, sunshine and internal cleansing by fasting, your body will function perfectly and last almost indefinitely. A healthy body is an efficient chemical factory. Given the correct raw materials, it should be capable (except for accidents) of developing strong tissues and good resistance against most bacteria, viruses and other environmental toxic factors.

It is the only fine machine I know of that contains its own repair shop. It'll work wonders if you give it the proper tools! It is constantly working for you. Its cells are being destroyed and renewed every second. Biologically, it has no age limit. In fact, there is no biological reason for man to grow old at all. The body has the seed of eternal life. Man does not die. He commits slow suicide with his unhealthy habits of living.

Scientists tell us that almost every cell in our body is renewed every 11 months. Then why should anyone speak of being old? Don't you believe the moth-eaten fallacy that man, as he gets older, must face decrepitude, decay, senility and death! If people knew what to eat and only ate what they should, Old Father Time would shoulder his scythe and walk off in the other direction!

Most people are suffering from mineral and vitamin deficiencies. Research shows that millions are victims of malnutrition. The body's millions of red blood cells are constantly dying and being replaced; some are being renewed every second. They can't be rejuvenated properly without the right substances and these must come from healthy, natural foods.



Let food be your medicine, and medicine be your food. – Hippocrates

The first wealth is health. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Healthy Foods Build & Maintain Your Body!

The person you are today, tomorrow, next week, next month and 10 years from now depends on what you eat! You are the sum total of the food you consume. How you look, feel and carry your years all depends on what you eat! Every part of your body is made from food - the hair on your head, your eyes, teeth, bones, blood and flesh. Even your expression is formed from what you eat, because the healthy man is a well-fed, happy man. We often jokingly say, "What are we going to feed our faces?" when it is plain that we mean our entire bodies (including our faces) are ready for nourishment.

We can begin anywhere in the body, but it's best starting with the skeleton which supports all other tissues. Superficially, our bones are largely minerals – mostly calcium and phosphate. One might suppose that once the skeleton is formed, nutrition of the bone stops. This is far from true! Using "isotopic tracers" biochemists have found that, even in an adult body, minerals are constantly leaving and entering the bones. This means that bones are alive and are dynamic rather than static. Bones contain living cells which require not only minerals for building bone, but all the other food nutrients that living cells need to remain healthy.

An emergency need for these cells arises when a bone is broken. If these cells had ceased to live and function when the adult skeleton became formed, a broken bone would remain broken for the rest of one's life. When a bone is broken, nourishment of these cells is crucially important. They not only need the minerals required for repairing the damage, but the cells themselves need to "eat" and keep healthy. These bone cells, like all other cells, can be nourished at various levels of efficiency. This is related to the fact that bones sometimes knit slowly and sometimes rapidly. The rate of healing can be slowed dramatically by poor nutrition of the cells, or it can be stepped up by improving the cell's nutrition.

When recovering from accidents, fractures, etc. take extra mineral and vitamin supplements to nourish and help your body heal faster.

The Whole Body Needs Healthy Foods

Good physicians who treat fracture cases, especially doctors who are nutrition and health-minded make sure that every possible measure is taken to promote the finest nutrition possible to mend and build new bone cells!

The cells in our skin, including the hair-building cells, need continual healthy nourishment. This becomes more evident and compelling when we remember that skin is constantly being shed and replaced, and that hair grows continuously – day and night, year after year.

Those who handle farm animals, pets or racing animals know that skin and hair sleekness is an important index of health and well being. If an animal's hair or fur is well-nourished and healthy, it's an indication the cells of its body are at least fairly well nourished. Laboratory experiments with mammals and fowl show that many entirely different nutritional deficiencies will cause the skin, hair, or feathers, to become unhealthy. Doctors recognize the appearance of healthy skin and are often able to judge a patient's condition on this basis. Several gross vitamin deficiencies in humans become obvious by their unhealthy skin.

That national epidemic, constipation, is often a manifestation of bad nutrition of the intestinal tissues. There are many involuntary “smooth” muscles which, when they are stimulated, cause stomach and intestinal movements. These wavelike motions keep the partially digested food moving along until the final residue reaches the large bowel and is soon eliminated. All these smooth muscles are made up of living cells which must be well nourished if the whole process is to proceed with efficiency. In order to prevent constipation in the intestinal tract, irritating substances (powerful laxatives) are often used. These stimulate and “drive” the muscle cells, sometimes mercilessly, when usually all that the muscle cells need to function efficiently is some fiber and ample water, coupled with good nutritional habits.



Man does not die; he commits suicide with living an unhealthy lifestyle.

– Paul C. Bragg

The Body is a Mass Factory of Living Cells

The system of arteries, veins and capillaries which carries blood and nourishment to all parts of the body are not inert pipes; their walls contain indispensable living cells which must be nourished satisfactorily in order to remain alive and well. They do not always stay well, as in the case of so-called hardening of the arteries that results from an unhealthy “corroded” condition which can be aggravated by improper nutrition.

The center of the circulatory system, the heart, is very much alive and its continual nourishment is crucially important. The heart is a powerful muscle (*your master pump*) which utilizes a tremendous amount of energy. Its cells need to be “fed” a highly “natural diet” because it pumps blood all over the body. If an artery supplying blood to the heart becomes unhealthy and corroded, it is more likely to be stopped up by a small blood clot. In that case, the heart muscle cells which depend on the artery for sustenance become starved and could die.

If the starvation, particularly of oxygen, is extensive and lasts even a fraction of a minute, the victim may die of a coronary heart attack. In this case, the quality of the blood may be satisfactory, but it cannot get through to the heart muscle cells, and thus cannot carry its nutrients to them. The heart cells die and this causes all the cells in the body to die. This is another example in which failure of cells to get what they need in one area can cause severe damage elsewhere in the body.

There are various special organs in the body that have extraordinary and distinctive nutritional requirements. All the important hormone-producing glands in the body (the thyroid gland, the pituitary, the adrenals, the sex glands, the insulin producing cells in the pancreas, the parathyroids) are made up of living cells. Like all other living cells, they need continuous and complex nourishment to keep the organs and body healthy.



The greatest tragedy that comes to man is emotional depression, the dulling of the intellect and the loss of initiative that comes from nutritive failure. – Dr. James McLester, Former A.M.A. President

Iodine from Kelp is Important

One of the vital hormones is particularly interesting because it contains a specific chemical element – iodine. The cells that produce the thyroid hormone are among the most differentiated cells in the body . . . they absolutely need iodine if they are to perform their unique function. In certain parts of the world, such as the Great Lakes region, the Pacific Northwest and Switzerland, iodine is at a low level in soil and vegetation. As a result, many have thyroid glands that are relatively starved for iodine. They become diseased and highly swollen, resulting in the condition known as endemic goiter. They simply cannot do the job of producing the required hormone adequately unless they are furnished with enough iodine to create it. When sufficient iodine is furnished from (*delicious*) sea vegetation (kelp, seaweed, Irish moss, etc.) or supplements, the enlarged thyroid gland shrinks to its' normal size and diseased condition disappears. Example: by limiting different degrees of iodine given a mammal, it's possible to produce any condition between severe goiter and normal functioning.

Healthy Foods Have Good Effect on Brain

At first glance, no connection between food and thinking is apparent. Yet I assure you that, just as surely as food affects the different parts of the body, it also affects our thinking! Our thoughts are influenced directly by what we have eaten; especially what we eat habitually.

The brain is given credit for the processes of thought, though some profess to doubt this and maintain that thought originates outside of us, in the ethereal universe. But wherever it originates, the processes are certainly governed by some parts of the body. The brain occupies the most strategic position in the body for direction of thoughts and impulses. It is the logical seat for emotions, motivating impulses and conscious thinking. The brain is the great reflex center, from which radiate all the nerves that control motion and sensation. Just as the brain depends on the blood for fresh oxygen, what we eat determines the health of the blood we have.

Strong, healthy body makes a strong mind. –Thomas Jefferson, 3rd U.S. President

Alcohol, Toxins and Drugs Are Killers!

A brain nourished by blood full of toxic poisons isn't able to function at its greatest efficiency. Toxins can so befuddle the brain that clear thinking is impossible. Life-threatening comatose states can result from unusually deep types of intoxication, as in alcohol and drug overdoses.

To have a crystal clear, alert and sharp brain you must keep the toxic poisons in your blood at the lowest level possible. You must eat a diet that will supply all your brain cells with proper nourishment. Keeping toxic poisons at the lowest levels calls for regular fasting and a diet that supplies all the nutrients the brain needs.

Refined, Processed Foods, High in Fat, Salt & Sugar, Produce Learning Disabled Children

To demonstrate the effect that toxic poisons and malnutrition have on children, I have talked to many educators across America. They have thousands of children between the ages of 6 and 17 that are having difficulty being educated. Their brains are sick and slow from toxic poisons and malnutrition because of the standard American refined Diet (S.A.D.). These children have been fed on breakfast, lunch and dinner foods that had most all the nutrients refined out of them, then toxic preservatives added. Although the schools are blamed for turning out uneducated students, often this isn't the fault of the teacher. The blame lies on the parents for their children's unhealthy lifestyle!

Parents are often misled by TV, radio, magazine and newspaper advertising. These tell the parents to give the children processed foods which are largely composed of refined starch, sugar and fat. These "empty calorie" junk fast foods quickly satisfy a child's appetite, but contain practically no healthy nutrients to build long-term health.

The Fast Foods Industry and their thousands of restaurants serve millions of meals daily and have greatly accelerated the growth of fast foods that has changed America's eating habits! – Marion Nestle, Author of Food Politics, How the Food Industry Influences Nutrition and Health

One fourth of what we eat keeps us, and the other three fourths we keep at the peril of our lives. – Abernethy

Worthless Enriched Breads and Cereals Are Fed to Our American Children

They are told to give the children “Blunder bread” and “Ghost toasties” that have been “enriched”. This is virtually an admission that essential food values have been extracted in the processing, and that the product needs to be “enriched”. Mothers feed their children fast foods, hot dogs, luncheon meats and the refined bleached breads (*staff of death*), that are all loaded with toxic chemical additives! Millions of American children are overweight, malnourished, and they drink harmful sugared cola drinks, that are filled with “empty calories” which may give a short surge of energy, but contain no basic health nutrients such as vitamins, minerals and nutrients.

They eat ice cream which is high in sugars (that trigger diabetes) and is filled with toxic additives and commercial fillers. Plus they eat sugared candy bars, cookies, donuts, cakes and pastries. These foods could be called “deprived” foods. They satisfy a child by making him feel well-fed when he is truly being partly starved by spoiling his appetite for more nourishing healthy foods. How in heaven’s name can you feed a child’s brain on such “junk foods” as potato chips or french fries with salt and gobs of catsup smeared over them? It’s little wonder our nation’s test scores are so low and still falling.



Most Young American Men Are Unfit

Is it any wonder that 58% of all the young men who enter the military service are physically unfit? The United States Army Planning Officer, stated, “Even though standards have not been raised, there is a worsening condition of the unfit, overweight American youth. The percentages of failures due to their inability to meet minimum service requirements has been alarming.”

The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, flatly states that: “Nutrition is the most important single factor affecting health. This is true at age 1 or 101. But too often, this fact is overlooked in the development of new health programs. Nutrition is a specific factor in the prevention and control of many chronic diseases.”

America Leads The World in Sickness

Medical Science notes that: "One of every 14 boys and 1 of every 17 girls under the age of 20 are hospitalized in a year and their hospital costs are high, according to the experience of one insurance company."

An editorial in the *London Times* said, "The food industry . . . is in for a turbulent time and had better take steps at once to remedy its shameful neglect of basic research in nutrition."

In *World Medical Journal*, Dr. G. Burch, Professor of Medicine at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, states, "Even in the young age group, the incidence of neoplastic diseases such as leukemia (cancer of the blood) is increasing. The collagen diseases such as acute arthritis are also becoming common among youth."

Boys made a sad showing in physical examinations while the nutritional status of girls – the mothers of tomorrow – is even more serious. Most nutritionists, doctors and teachers agree that basically two factors are to blame: dietary ignorance and the lack of parental direction! One of the immediate consequences is the inability to resist infectious disease. Major childbirth complications are another result of poor nutrition. A woman whose nutrition is not adequate for her own body cannot expect to produce a healthy baby.

America leads the world in the highest standard of living, the largest supplies of food and highest health care costs! These factors should make it the healthiest nation in the world, not one of the sickest! Yet, America has the gloomiest health forecast and leads the world in degenerative diseases. Why? Maybe because Americans consume more processed, chemicalized, toxic foods.



Three Needed Health Habits

There are 3 habits which, with but one condition added, will give you every thing in the world worth having, beyond which the imagination of man cannot conjure forth a single additional improvement! These habits are:

• The Health Habit • The Work Habit • The Study Habit

If you have these habits, and also have the love of someone who has these same habits, you are both in paradise now and here. – Elbert Hubbard

American Adults Are in a Sad Physical and Mental Condition

If you think school age children are befuddled in their thinking, consider the adult population. If you think the young population is half sick or completely ill, our adult population is even worse! I have noted that 58% of our youth between 18 and 25 would be unfit for military service. If we examined our adult population aged from 25 to 75, what a group of physical and mental wrecks we would find!

If a group of 15 adults are gathered together in a room for a social evening and the conversation turns to health and disease, you can be sure that 99% of these people have some chronic ailment eating away at one or more of their vital organs. It seems that everyone has something wrong with them! They talk of the shots they are taking, the operations they have had or are going to have, the pills they are taking and the misery they are suffering. They calmly admit to each other that they are seeing a therapist, as if it were natural to be in a confused condition!

The longer the adult person lives on the standard civilized diet, the worse he gets mentally and physically. This is proven by the many convalescent and nursing homes in America. These places are packed with prematurely old adults, many who are senile, feeble, forgetful humans. I ask you, "Is this the way that God and Mother Nature intended us to end our days on earth?" If you are going to eat a diet deficient in the essential nutrients and let your body become loaded with toxic poisons, the answer is, "Yes!" Just because we live a limited number of years, there is absolutely no need for us to break down mentally or physically.

Since the mind is supported by purely physical processes, it is not hard to see the connection between foods and thinking. Our physical functions depend so completely on what we eat that we cannot disassociate our state of mind from the quality of our foods.

The freedom and ease you experience during fasting enables you to discover new undreamed depths to the meanings of life. – Herbert Shelton

Kindness should be a frame of mind in which we are alert to every chance to do, to give, to share and to cheer.

Mental, Physical and Spiritual Rewards

During fasts, when the body nears a purified state, the mind is on such a high level that the subconscious mind becomes very active and sharp. One can almost seem to experience the supernatural. Some of the greatest mental feats have been performed during a fast. You experience higher mental efficiency for long periods following the fast. Because fasting helps clear the system of toxic debris that allows the brain to be nourished by a purer blood stream so it can reach amazing heights of efficiency.

America has achieved miracles in inventions and science; but how much more might we have achieved if we had known the simple facts of fasting and proper nutrition as a foundation for thinking more efficiently?

The ancient Greek philosophers placed proper diet first in training their students. Their rigid use of foods shows clearly it's importance in their philosophy. Socrates, Epicurus, Plato and many others placed great emphasis on fasting and food and its relation to the mind as a background for philosophical study. They practiced what they preached – they fasted regularly.

The philosophy of these sages is respected today as thinking on a very high plane. It's been said that the sayings of these men contained wisdom so far advanced that it appeared divinely inspired! I believe this.

Out of a toxic body come foul, evil thoughts and, conversely, a clean, purified body emits clean thoughts. The responsibility for clear thinking arises from the quality of eating along with living a healthy lifestyle.

As the body becomes cleared of toxic debris, we begin to think on a higher plane. **“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he,”** is more than a trite saying. When the body is cleared of waste material, the mind soars to heights not formerly glimpsed by toxin-filled minds. New worlds open to the cleansed, reborn body and mind.



Follow steps of the godly, and stay on right path to enjoy life to the fullest.

– Proverbs 2:20-21

Observe and respect the laws of Mother Nature and God.

Healthy Lifestyle Eating is a Natural Science!

Most of the worthwhile things in life are those things that have helped others. The greatest accomplishments for ages have been achieved by those who placed accomplishment before idle pleasure! You will never find gluttons among those great minds who eat a healthy, vital, live food diet to maintain brain power.

Healthy eating should be a required science and of importance to everyone. Eating is such a fundamental thing. We depend on food for efficiency, health, happiness and longevity. Good nutrition should be a basic rule of every person's early training...to eat for health!

It's never too late to start eating healthy foods and living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle. The minute you begin a natural diet, your body, mind and spirit will start to improve! In 11 short months you can build a whole, new, wonderful, youthful feeling body by fasting to clean out the half-dead cells and using healthy foods to build new, healthy cells. This is the great health secret of life.

You will become the Master Builder of a brand new body, free from miseries! You will develop a sharp and alert brain. Your spirit – your soul, will soar to greater heights! There is no greater treasure than living on the highest planes of the physical, mental and the spiritual existence. Doctor Healthy Natural Food will be your guide to achieve the Higher Life. Trust in Him, for He wants you to have a perfect healthy life while you're on earth.



CREATIVE MEDICINE FOR HEALTHY LIVING

It is no over-simplification to say that our health comes from the soil. No matter how many physicians and health professionals we train, and how much curative or preventative medicine they may practice, we cannot attain optimum health until our attention is focused on preventive medicine, and thereby learn to keep and even improve our health. To build and maintain healthy soil is the real fundamental service. Creative medicine must be founded on growing healthy, NON-GMO organic foods. We can create real health for our people – only through creating a sound, healthy and prosperous organic-based agriculture in America and the world.

– Dr. Jonathan Foreman, *The Land*

It is never too late to be what you might have been – just get started. – George Elliot

Healthy Fiber for Super Health

- **EAT BERRIES**, surprisingly good sources of fiber.
- **KEEP BEANS HANDY**, probably the best fiber sources. Cook dried beans and freeze in portions. Use canned beans for faster meals.
- **INSTEAD OF ICEBERG LETTUCE**, choose deep green lettuces (romaine, bib, butter, etc.), spinach or cabbage for variety salads.
- **LOOK FOR “100% WHOLE WHEAT”** or whole grain breads. A dark color isn’t proof; check labels, compare fibers, grains, etc.
- **WHOLE GRAIN CEREALS**. Hot, also cold granolas with sliced fruit.
- **GO FOR BROWN RICE**. It’s better for you and so delicious.
- **EAT THE SKINS** of potatoes and other fruits and vegetables.
- **LOOK FOR CRACKERS** with at least 2 grams of fiber per ounce.
- **SERVE HUMUS**, made from chickpeas, instead of sour-cream dips.
- **USE WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR** for baking breads, muffins, pastries, pancakes, waffles and for variety try other whole grain flours.
- **DON’T UNDERESTIMATE CORN**, including popcorn, corn tortillas.
- **ADD OAT BRAN, WHEAT BRAN AND WHEATGERM** to baked goods, cookies, etc.; whole grain cereals, casseroles, loafs, etc.
- **SNACK ON SUN-DRIED FRUIT**, such as apricots, dates, prunes, raisins, etc., which are concentrated sources of nutrients and fiber.
- **INSTEAD OF DRINKING JUICE**, eat the fruit: orange, grapefruit, etc.; and vegetables: tomato, carrot, etc. – www.berkeleywellness.com

Most Common Food Allergies

- **CEREALS:** *Buckwheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Wheat*
- **MILK:** *Butter, Cheese, Cottage Cheese, Ice Cream, Milk, etc.*
- **EGGS:** *Cakes, Custards, Dressings, Mayonnaise, Noodles*
- **FISH:** *Shellfish, Crabs, Lobster, Shrimp, Shadroe*
- **MEATS:** *Bacon, Chicken, Pork, Sausage, Veal*
- **FRUITS:** *Citrus Fruits, Melons, Strawberries*
- **VEGETABLES:** *Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower, Celery, Eggplant, Legumes, Onions, Potatoes, Spinach, Tomatoes*
- **NUTS:** *Peanuts, Pecans, Walnuts*
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** *Chocolate, China Tea, Cocoa, Coffee, Palm and Cottonseed Oils, MSG, Salt, Spices*

Nature’s Wonder Working Phytochemicals Help Prevent Cancer

Make sure to get your daily dose of these naturally occurring, cancer fighting biological substances, abundant in apples, tomatoes, citrus fruits, onions, garlic, beans, legumes, soybeans, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, etc. The winners, apples and tomatoes, which contain 10,000 different phytochemicals (page 235)!

Doctor Fasting

Fasting is accepted and recognized as being the oldest form of therapy. It is mentioned 74 times in the Bible. It is the universal therapy even used by sick animals in the wilds the world over. As we study the ancient healers of the world, we find that fasting heads the list for helping Mother Nature heal the sick and the wounded.

There is a misconception about fasting that must be clarified. It must be definitely and positively stated that fasting is not a cure for any disease or ailment. The purpose of a fast is to allow the body's Vital Force full range and scope to fulfill its own self-healing, self-repairing and self-rejuvenating functions to the best advantage. Healing is an internal biological function. Fasting gives the body a physiological rest and permits the body to become 100% efficient in healing itself. Fasting under proper care or with workable knowledge is probably the fastest way and the safest means of regaining health ever conceived by the human mind!

Even if I have to repeat myself, I want to make it clear and positive that fasting does not cure anything. Fasting puts the body in a condition where all the Vital Force of the body is used to flush out the causes of body miseries. Fasting helps the body help itself. We who have made a life study of the Science of Fasting and conducted and supervised thousands of fasts know the miracles that the body itself can perform during the period of complete abstinence from food. It gives the overworked and overburdened internal organs ample rest and time for rehabilitation. It enhances the internal power and vitality of the body to flush out toxic poisons and wastes that have been stored in the body for years. It raises the



On a fast day . . . you shall read the words of the Lord. – Jeremiah 36:6

Vital Force to its highest point of efficiency. Thus, it promotes the elimination of inorganic chemical accumulations, toxins and other pollutions that cannot be flushed from the body by any other means.

The prophets of old fasted for spiritual enlightenment and a closer contact with the Godhead (Divine Force). We know that fasting sharpens and hones the mental faculties to a keen edge. Fasting improves the organs of mastication, digestion, assimilation and elimination of food. The mighty liver – which is known as the chemical laboratory of the human body and is typically the most abused organ – at last has a chance during the fast to rehabilitate and gain more Vital Force. Thus, after a fast, the liver functions more efficiently. In particular, all the sensory powers possessed by human beings are exhilarated and raised to a much higher efficiency level than normal during and after a fast.

No process or health therapy ever fulfilled so many indications for restoration of vigorous health as does fasting. It's Mother Nature and God's very own prime process and their first requirement in nearly all cases. After a fast the circulation is better, food can be assimilated better, and endurance, stamina and strength are increased. After a fast the mind becomes more alert and receptive to logic and living a sensible, natural healthy lifestyle.

After the fast the mind becomes so powerful that it can take full control of the body. It becomes the complete master and, if a person does not go back to his old habits, he can maintain this mastery of the body for the rest of his life. Fasting instills personal confidence. Fasting gives a person a positive mental attitude. Fasting promotes tranquility of mind and a glow of well-being that no other therapy can offer. Fasting renovates, revives and purifies every one of the millions of cells that make up the body. Fasting is the Royal Road to Internal Purity!



Actress Cloris Leachman is an ardent health follower who sparkles with health. She hates smoking, coffee, alcohol, sugar and meat. One of her solutions to health problems is to fast. "Fasting is simply wonderful. It can practically cure anything. It is a miracle; it cured my years of asthma."

I humbled my soul with fasting. – Psalm 69:10



Doctor Exercise

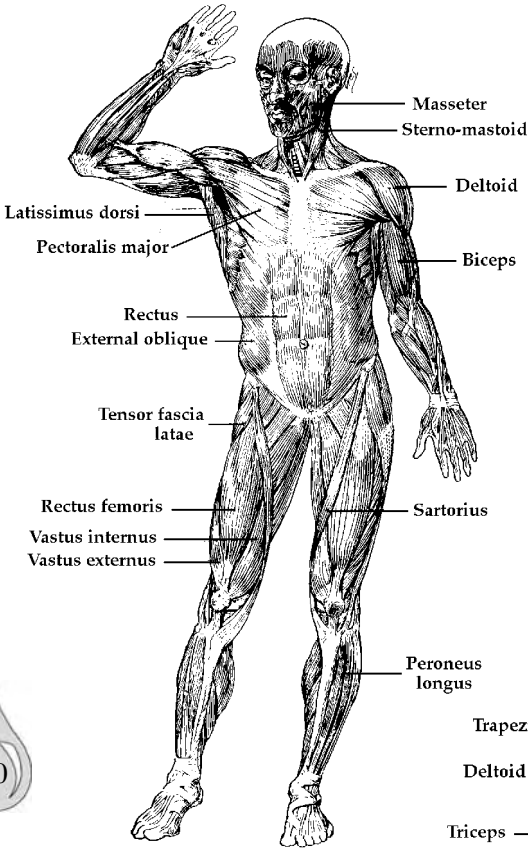
Doctor Exercise makes this statement, "To rest is to rust!" And rust means decay and destruction. In other words, the good doctor tells us that activity is life and stagnation is death. The good doctor further informs us that if we do not use our muscles, we lose them! In order to keep muscles firm, strong, vigorous and youthful, they must be continually used. Activity is the law of life! Action is the law of well-being. Every vital organ of the body has its specialized work, and its performance depends on its development, strength and health.

When we use the body, we build endurance, strength and vigor. When we become lazy and do not use our muscles, it brings decay and slow death. Daily exercise quickens and equalizes the circulation of the blood, but in laziness, the blood does not circulate freely and the changes in it that are so vital to life and health do not take place. We have poor muscle tone and the muscles become flabby and unable to perform vigorous activity.

People who do not exercise often have poor skin tone. Exercise brings on healthy perspiration in the 96 million pores of our body. The skin is the largest eliminative organ in the entire body. If someone would shellac or gild your body and thus clog the pores, you would die within a few minutes. With exercise, you bring on healthy perspiration. Impurities and toxins are expelled when you exercise and perspire freely – you are allowing the skin to perform its natural function of eliminating poisons. If you don't exercise daily to the point of perspiring, the work that the pores are not doing throws a double burden on the other eliminative organs and then you get into health problems.

As I stride along on my daily 2 to 4 mile brisk walk with hand weights that help keep my bones strong, I say to myself, often out loud, Health, Strength, Youth, Vitality, Joy, Peace and Salvation for Eternity! – Patricia Bragg

The Major Muscles of the Human Body

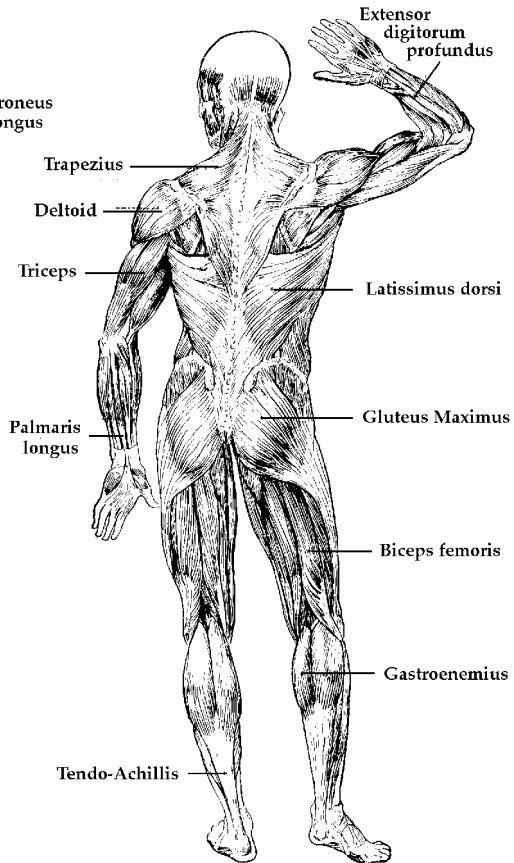


Body Muscles. Front View.

Front View

Your Miracle Muscles

The Body has over 640 muscles. All physical functions of the body involve muscle activity. These functions include skeletal movements, contraction of the heart, in the gut and many more. Three different types of muscles are responsible for these activities: the skeletal muscles, cardiac muscles, and smooth muscles, all of which have the same characteristics.



Body Muscles. Back View.

Back View

Exercise Helps Normalize Blood Pressure

Exercise helps to normalize blood pressure and create a healthy pulse. Exercise is an anticoagulant, meaning that it keeps the blood flowing smoothly and not clotting (called a “thrombus” which could cause a heart attack).

Every creature seeking to eliminate internal waste does so by means of muscular action. Inside your intestines there are 3 muscular layers which undergo a rhythmic, wavelike action called peristalsis. A serious condition results if you allow the internal and external muscles, through inactivity, to become flabby and fat instead of muscular. The muscles lose their tone and power to contract, resulting in intestinal clogging. The abdominal muscles play an important role in the evacuation effort. What happens when the internal and external muscles become flabby, soft, sick and infiltrated with fat? They refuse to work and we pile up intestinal waste that should have been eliminated. This brings about autointoxication, or the building of large amounts of toxic poison. Again, inactivity is the avoidable cause of many diseases.

Fasting and diet are 2 allies in your struggle for long lasting youth, health and symmetry. When it comes to fighting fat, diet and fasting come first. But when it comes to keeping fit, it is exercise that matters most! However, they all help each other, for by exercising regularly you may be more generous in your diet and, up to a certain point, your extra food will make for increased vitality. The human machine loves exercise, outdoor activities, and can work at top performance when fit and healthy. As with all machines, it improves with intelligent use. Nothing betrays its weak spots like inactivity and rust.

Walking for Health, Fitness and Longevity

I believe in all of the many forms of exercise, but without hesitation I will tell you that brisk walking is the best all-around exercise. Of all the forms of exercise, walking brings most of the body into healthy action.



To insure good health: Exercise, breathe deeply, eat lightly, live moderately, cultivate cheerfulness, and maintain an interest in life. – William Loudon

Walking – The King of Exercise

As you walk, grasp yourself in the small of the back and feel how your entire frame responds to every stride. Notice how almost all of your muscles are functioning rhythmically. No other exercise gives us the same body harmony of movement and improved circulation. Brisk walking is the best exercise for almost everyone.

Your walking should never be done consciously. No “heel and toe” business. No getting there in a certain time. Let it be fun and natural. Of course, you will carry yourself well. Walk naturally with head high, spine and chest lifted up. You will feel elated, so you will carry yourself proudly, straight, erect and with arms (*your extra pumps*) swinging.

Vow to become a health walker and make the daily walk a fixed item in your health program all the year around, in all kinds of weather. Go at your own stride with your spirit free. If the outer world of nature fails to interest you, turn to the inner world of the mind. As you walk, your body ceases to matter and you become as near poet and philosopher as you will ever be. Each to his own taste, but to my mind this is better than golf! Life has so much to teach us that it is a pity to waste big chunks of time trying to get a ball into a hole in a stroke less than the other fellow. However the end is the same, the healthy functioning of your muscles and quickened blood circulating with a sense of balanced harmony and happiness.

Gardening is another rewarding form of exercise. It may give you enough exercise in the open to help keep you in good physical condition. But gardening may not prevent weight gain if there is too little movement and because you are bent over more instead of being erect. For this reason, I prefer some of both – it is best for you. Satisfy your conscience by applying your energy productively in your health garden, then take the kink out of your back with a healthy brisk walk. In my personal life, I combine a system of calisthenics with brisk walking, weight lifting, swimming, and tennis to stay in good shape.



Brisk walking performs physical, mental and spiritual miracles and improves circulation, helps normalize weight, blood pressure and cholesterol.

The Importance of Abdominal Exercises

I believe that the most important exercises are those that stimulate all of the muscles of the human trunk from the hips to the armpits. These are the binding muscles which hold all of the vital organs in place. When you develop your torso's muscles, you are also developing your internal muscles and posture. As your back, waist, chest and abdomen increase in strength and elasticity, so will your lungs, heart, stomach, kidneys, etc. gain in efficiency.

The widened arch of your ribs will give free play to your lungs. Your elastic diaphragm will allow your heart to pump more powerfully. Your rubber-like waist will, in its limber action, stimulate your kidneys and massage your liver. Your abdominal muscles will strengthen and support your stomach with controlled undulations. All of this strong, clean development of your torso will stimulate and help maintain the sound walls of your house and fortify the interior to resist the ravages of time. Trunk exercise acts like a massage of the vital organs (page 118). For that reason alone, it has a positive influence over the whole body that cannot be underestimated (*see Bragg exercises on web: bragg.com*).

The more you fast, the more poison you clean from your body. As your body increases in internal cleanliness, your muscles will have more tone and vitality. You will find after a fast that the old sluggish, lazy feelings are gone. It's replaced with a desire for more exercise and more physical activity. You will bubble with new found energy.

Should You Exercise While Fasting?

This is a question which only the faster can answer. If there is no inclination for physical activity during a fast, then you should not exercise. The fast is giving you a physiological rest and – unless you have a tremendous, overwhelming urge for physical activity – you should rest as much as possible. Your body is using all of its Vital Force for internal purification. But if you should feel, during a 7 to 10 day fast, that you need some stretching or walking, by all means respond to the urge. It is between fasts and in your daily program of living that you should spend a portion of every day of your life pursuing outdoor exercises.

Between your fasts, you must promote vigorous circulation, because sluggish circulation is one of the main causes of unhealthy discomfort, pain and misery in the body. Please reread and follow pages 138, 140 and 218.

When people don't exercise, their ankles and legs often swell because there is not enough blood circulation to remove the waste from the cells and carry it back to the organs of elimination. There should be no excuse for not exercising because, regardless of your physical condition, it's vitally important some exercise be part of your life. Daily exercise prevents sickness and premature ageing. It builds a fund of endurance and resistance. It helps build a strong heart and a rich bloodstream, giving proper balance of white and red corpuscles to attack and overcome any harmful germs that may invade the body.

Exercise helps to maintain a serene and tranquil mind. A 3 to 5 mile walk in the fresh air will help to soothe any unhealthy emotional upset. Exercise will help increase your confidence, for there is no better way than the satisfying knowledge of improved mental and physical abilities. Exercise gives you a positive attitude. It cultivates willpower and it helps give you absolute mastery of your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual self which promotes personal efficiency for a smoother, happy life.

Exercise is the greatest health tonic one can give oneself! You will attain the feeling of radiant, glorious living by following your fasting program and exercise regime. You will feel better and look better! Satisfying the body's craving for physical activity produces the miraculous feeling of agelessness and youthfulness.



Body and Mind Work Together

Whatever occurs in the mind affects the body and vice versa. The mind and the body cannot be considered independently. When the two are out of sync, then both emotional and physical stress can erupt.

– Hippocrates, The Father of Medicine

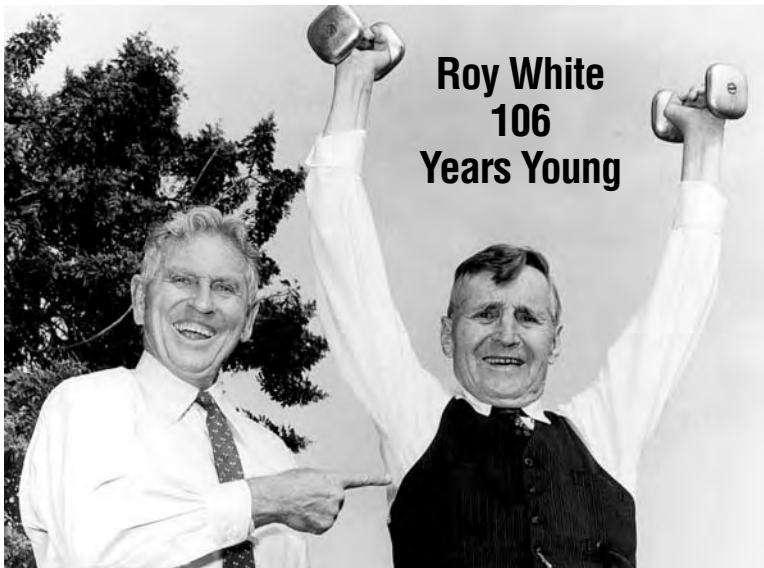


Iron Pumping Oldsters (ages 86 to 96) Triple Muscle Strength in U.S. Government Study

WASHINGTON, In a landmark study – ageing nursing home residents in Boston study “pumping iron”, Elderly weightlifters tripling and quadrupling their muscle strength? Is it possible? Most people would doubt it! But government experts on ageing answered those questions with a resounding “yes” thanks to the results of this amazing landmark study!

visit web: www.jcaaa.org/liftingweights.htm

They turned a group of frail Boston nursing home residents, aged 86 to 96, into weightlifters to demonstrate that it's never too late to reverse age-related declines in muscle strength. The group participated in a regimen of high-intensity weight-training in a study conducted by the best Agriculture Department's Human Nutrition Research Center on Ageing at Tufts University in Boston. “A high-intensity weight-training program is capable of inducing dramatic increases in muscle strength in frail men and women up to 96 years of age,” reported the study director, a dedicated researcher, Dr. Maria A. Fiatarone.



Paul C. Bragg and His Youthful Friend, Roy White

Paul and Roy practiced progressive weight training 3 times a week to stay healthy and fit. Scientists proved that weight training works miracles for all ages by maintaining more flexibility, energy and youthful stamina!

Amazing Health & Fitness Results in 8 Weeks

“The favorable response to strength training in our subjects was remarkable in light of their advanced ages, extremely sedentary habits, multiple chronic diseases, functional disabilities and nutritional inadequacies. The elderly weight-lifters increased their muscle strength by anywhere from three-fold to four-fold in as little as eight weeks.” Fiatarone said that many were stronger at the end of the program than they had been in years!

Fiatarone and her associates emphasized the safety of such a closely supervised weight-lifting program, even among people in frail health. The average age of the 10 participants, for instance, was 90. Six had coronary heart disease; seven had arthritis; six had bone fractures resulting from osteoporosis; four had high blood pressure; and all had been physically inactive for years. Yet, no serious medical problems resulted from the weight-training program, only positive health outcomes!

Study Shows Fitness Improves Wellness

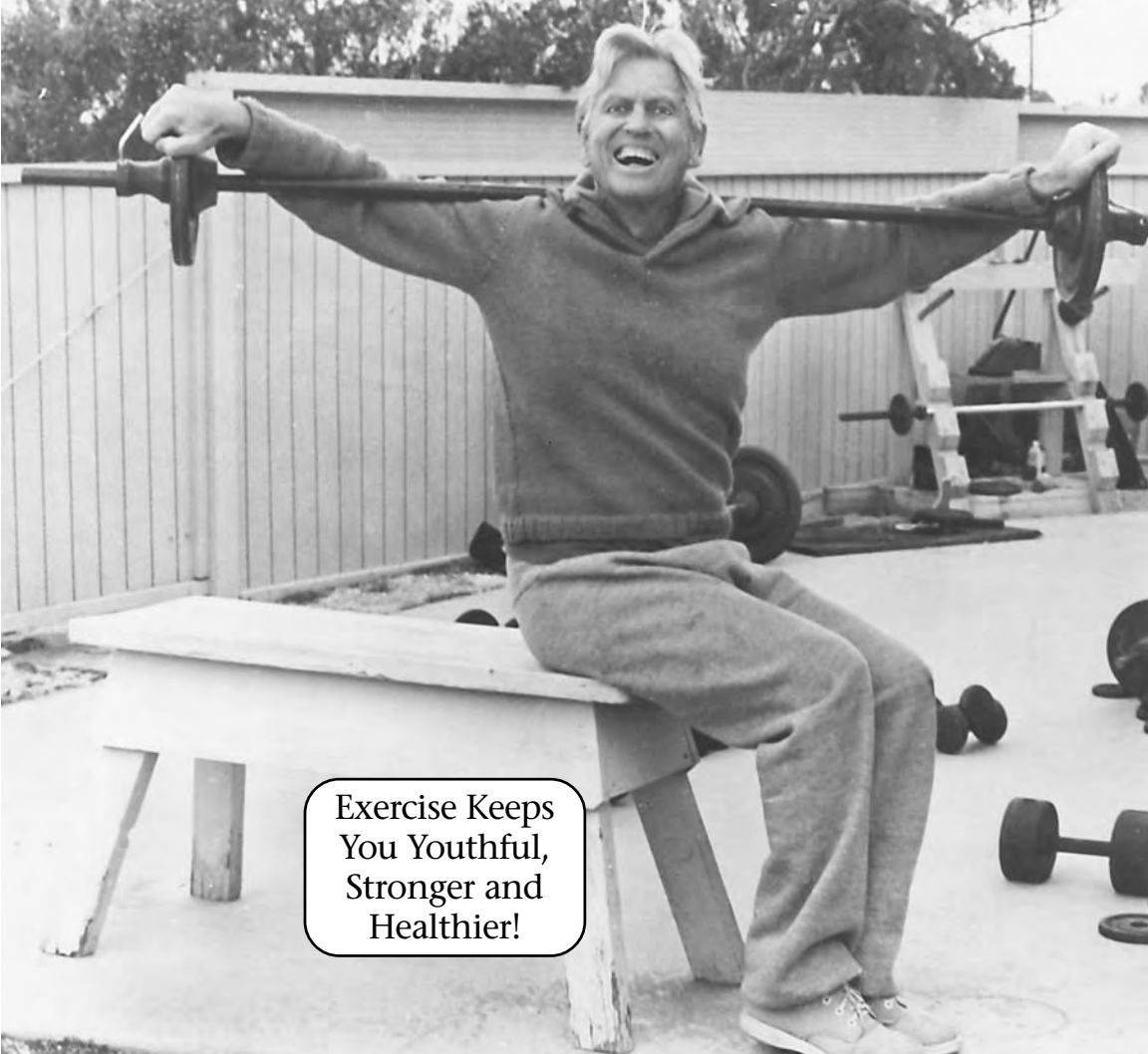
A few of the patients did report minor muscle and joint aches, but 9 of the 10 completed the program. The study participants, drawn from a 712 bed long-term care facility in Boston, worked out 3 times a week. They performed 3 sets of 8 repetitions with each leg on a weight-lifting machine. The weights were gradually increased from about 10 pounds initially to about 40 pounds at the end of the eight week program.

Fiatarone said the study carries some important implications to improve the wellness and fitness of older people, who represent a growing proportion of the U.S. population. A decline in muscle strength and size is one of the more predictable features of premature ageing.

Muscle strength in the average adult decreases by 30% to 50% during the course of life. Experts on ageing do not know whether the decrease is an unavoidable consequence of ageing, or the result of mainly a sedentary lifestyle and other controllable factors.



The body is the soul's house. Shouldn't we take care of our house so that it doesn't fall into ruin? – Philo, Alexandrian philosopher

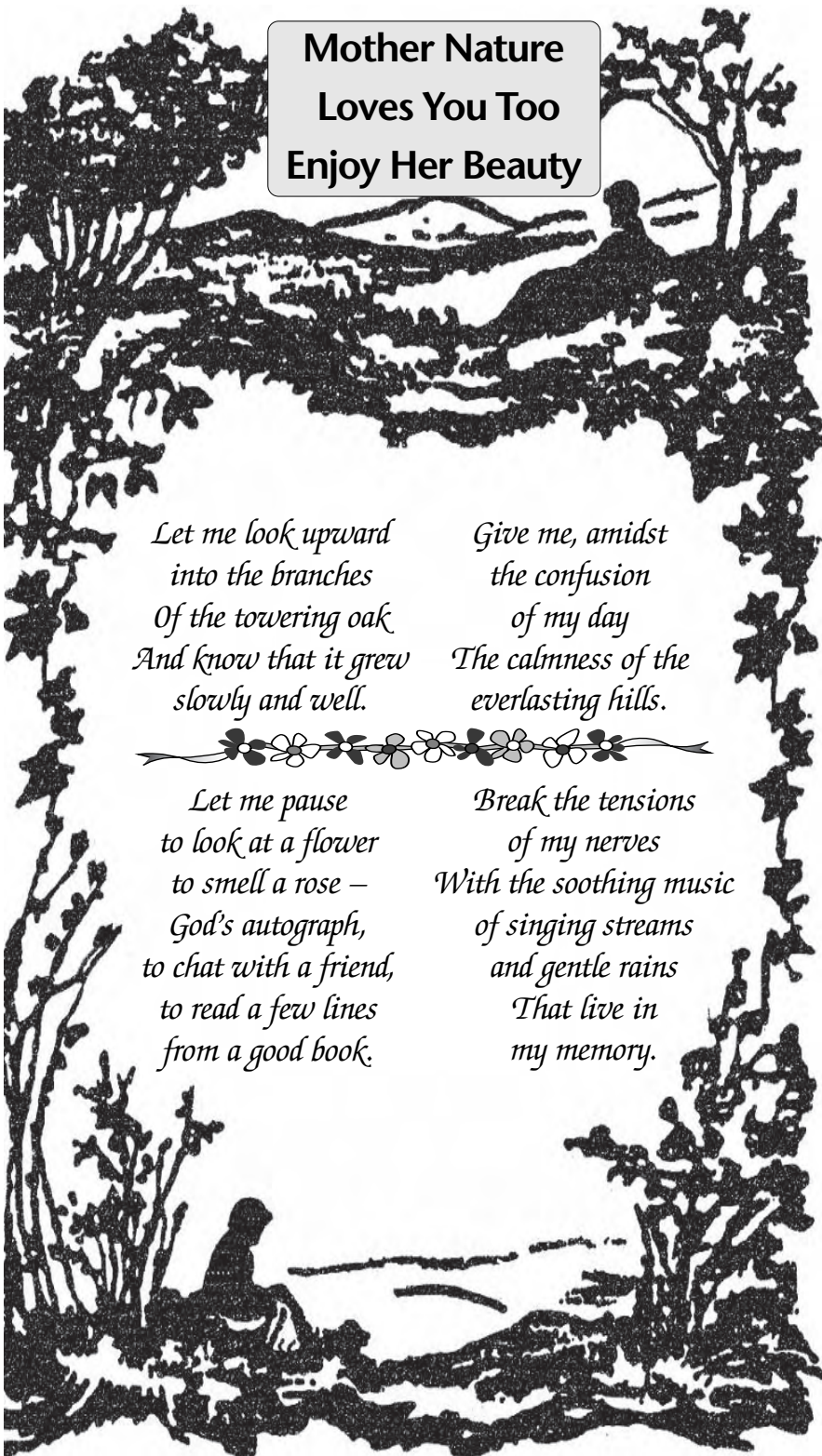


Exercise Keeps
You Youthful,
Stronger and
Healthier!

Paul C. Bragg Lifts Weights 3 Times a Week

Muscle atrophy and muscle weakness are not merely cosmetic problems in elderly people, especially the frail elderly. Researchers have linked muscle weakness with recurrent falls, a major cause of immobility and death in the American elderly population. This results in millions of dollars yearly in staggering medical costs.

Previous studies have suggested that weight-training can be helpful in reversing age-related muscle weakness. Dr. Fiatarone said physicians have been reluctant to recommend weightlifting for frail elderly with multiple health problems. This new government study might be changing their minds. Also, this study shows the great importance of keeping the 640 muscles as active and fit as possible to maintain general good health.



**Mother Nature
Loves You Too
Enjoy Her Beauty**

*Let me look upward
into the branches
Of the towering oak
And know that it grew
slowly and well.*

*Give me, amidst
the confusion
of my day
The calmness of the
everlasting hills.*



*Let me pause
to look at a flower
to smell a rose –
God's autograph,
to chat with a friend,
to read a few lines
from a good book.*

*Break the tensions
of my nerves
With the soothing music
of singing streams
and gentle rains
That live in
my memory.*

Doctor Rest

Doctor Rest is another specialist who is always at your command to help you win Supreme Vitality. I believe the word “rest” is the most misunderstood word in the dictionary. Some people’s idea of resting is to sit down and drink a cup of a strong stimulant such as alcohol, coffee, tea or a soft drink. This is particularly evident in the modern coffee break for employees. Rest means repose, freedom from activity, quiet and tranquility to me. It means peace of mind and spirit. It means to rest without anxiety or worry. It means to refresh oneself. Your rest should refresh your whole nervous system and entire body.

It does not mean sitting with one leg crossed over the other. When you sit with your legs crossed you are putting a tremendous burden on the main artery that supplies the feet with blood. You also cut off nerve energy. So if you sit with one leg crossed over the other you are not resting – you are giving the heart a tremendous load of work to do! Don’t cross your legs when you sit down – keep both feet on the floor (page 201 for more reasons).

To properly rest and be still, it’s also important to wear no restricting garments that might hinder your blood circulation. Are your shoes too tight? Your collar? Your hat? Your belt? Your bra and undergarments? * Your stockings? If so, then you are not really resting when you sit still or lie down. The best rest is secured when you have loose or better yet wear little clothing. Any clothes and shoes you are wearing should be comfortably loose and never binding!

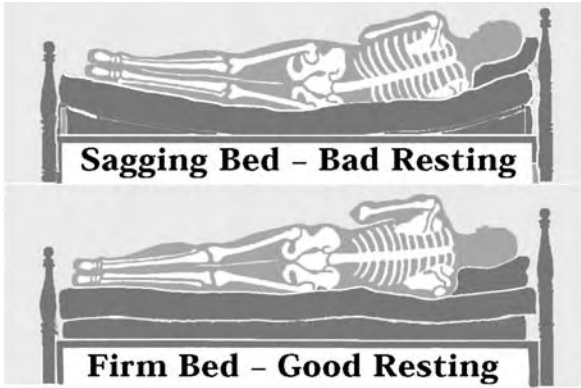


Help me to know the magic of rest and relaxation and the restoring power of sleep.

Nothing in all creation is so like God as stillness. – Meister Eckhart

*Read *Dressed To Kill*, by Sydney Singer, on breast cancer & bra studies.

CHECK YOUR MATTRESS



Why Do We Rest?

You often hear people say “I must take a break”. But when they sit down to rest, they nervously thump their fingers on a table or desk or keep squirming and moving restlessly. The art of resting must be acquired and concentrated upon. Among the best various ways you can rest is to lie down on a firm bed or couch unclothed or with as few loose clothes on as possible. Another fine way to rest is take a sunbath because, if there is anything that will relax the muscles and nerves, it's the soothing gentle rays of the sun. You must learn to clear your mind of anxiety, worries and emotional problems, and allow the muscles and nerves to relax. Then the heart action slows – especially when you take slow, deep breaths. This will bring deep relaxation and total, peaceful rest.

Another form of resting is a short nap. When taking this nap, you should command your muscles to become completely relaxed. Your mind controls your muscles and the nerves, so you must be in complete command of your body when you rest. The Master Teacher said to His Disciples, when they were worn and weary, “Come Ye and Rest a While.” The Master did not lead them into the busy streets of Jerusalem where there was noise.

For sleep problems try melatonin, calcium, magnesium, valerian caps and extracts, 5-HTP tryptophan (an amino acid), Bragg Vinegar Drink, valerian & Sleepytime herbal teas.



The average persons spends about 23 years of a 75 year lifespan asleep.

He didn't even take them into the synagogue, but into the quiet of nature's wide open spaces, under the blue sky. Here they could rebuild, relax and revive every organ of their exhausted bodies and revitalize, refresh, and invigorate their weary minds. Under the blue sky in the clean, fresh air is the greatest place to relax, rest, recharge and renew your precious Vital Force – your power force.

Sleep is the greatest revitalizer, but so few people get a long, peaceful and refreshing night's sleep. Most people habitually use stimulants: tobacco, drugs, coffee, tea, alcohol, sugar, chocolate and cola drinks. All of these whip the tired nerves, so people who use these stimulants can never have complete rest and relaxation because their nerves are always in an excited "on" condition!

Rest and Sleep Must Be Earned

Most people do not earn their rest. Rest is something that must be earned with physical and mental activity, because they go hand in hand. Many people have come to me seeking help, telling me what poor sleepers they are and how they roll and toss all night long. Today, millions of people regularly take some type of drug to induce sleep – but this is not true sleep. No one can get restful sleep from a drug! You may drug yourself into unconsciousness, but you cannot drug yourself into a restful, normal, healthy and satisfying sleep.

A body full of toxins is a constant irritant to all the nerves. How is it possible to get a good night's rest with irritated nerves? In my many years of experience with fasting I found when people discard their stimulants when fasting, they become deep, restful sleepers. You will notice as you purify your body you will be able to relax more. You will be able to enjoy naps and enjoy the benefits of a recharging night sleep. Rest is important! The Bible tells us God appointed one day of rest every week for man, an important factor in the maintenance of super health. Along with our busy days, we must add recreation to our activities. We have all heard the wise saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."



The Lord gives strength to those who are weary. – Isaiah 40:29

Life is To Be Enjoyed – Not Hectic & Rushed

Today we live in a mad, competitive world which is called “The Rat Race.” It is dog-eat-dog, so we build up tremendous pressures, tensions, stresses and strains. I believe this is the reason why so many people turn to tobacco, drugs, coffee, alcohol and other stimulants. There is not only competition in the business world, but the desire to uphold status. People are always trying to impress one another and create an image. Thus, a false image is created and it takes a tremendous amount of energy to portray a false image! Women are told that gray hair makes them look old and they spend time and money being a slave to having their hair colored. They constantly try to keep up with the Smith’s, the latest fashions, etc., etc., and allow others to push them beyond their limits. This is all stress and takes energy!

It’s no wonder America has created over 15 million chronic alcoholics and millions of drug addicts. Have we completely forgotten that life is to be lived and to be enjoyed? Leisurely living is something few people in our modern society enjoy. Life is rush and more rushing. Where are we rushing to? Where? In this hectic age – maybe the hospital or the cemetery.

Plan, plot and follow through so your days have time for rest, recreation, exercise and a good night’s sleep. You can’t get a good night’s sleep if you overload your stomach and nervous system. Your body will have a good night’s sleep if you have some vigorous, out-of-door exercise as a brisk 2-3 mile walk, garden work, etc. It’s also vital to nourish your body with healthy foods and distilled water. Let it have plenty of fresh air, quiet and gentle sunlight. Have balanced program of exercise and repose. Let Mother Nature do the rest. Treat yourself as if you were a fine, purebred race horse and, as surely as it will win prizes, so will you! It’s all too easy to sneer and laugh at the “Back to Nature” people, but we who believe in Mother Nature will always have the last laugh.

Knowing these teachings will mean true life and good health. – Proverbs 4:22

Humor is healthy – it improves blood circulation, boosts immune system, and helps relieve stress. – Dr. Joel Goodman, Author of Laffirmations

Mother Nature Knows What's Best!

One of the predominant suggestions of this book is a gradual return to Mother Nature and her natural way of living. In food, clothing, rest, sleep and a simplicity in living habits, try to reach a nearness to Mother Nature that makes you almost one with her. When you feel that the same pure forces that express themselves in a beautiful pine tree are expressing themselves in you, you have made a big stride toward a healthy ideal.

Begin to live as Mother Nature wants you to live. Seek to feel that she claims you and you are part of all glad, growing things. Put yourself into her hands and let her have her way with you. Leave to the young the smog-filled, air-polluted and microbe-infested cities. You will rekindle your own youth in the quiet beauty of hill and meadow. If you would grow young, begin by believing you can and that Mother Nature is eager to aid you. Better than any human or divine agency, she can run that ill-used machine of yours and, if it breaks down while in her hands, it is because its usefulness is really at an end. If you are a prisoner of the city, make it a point to get out to the country or the seashore where you can really find true rest, tranquillity and serenity.

In a loving way, Patricia and I have tried to stress these points. **First**, you should demand of yourself a higher standard of health and happiness. You cannot receive higher health unless your body gets its rest periods to develop new vitality and energy. **Second**, you should regard your body as a machine under your care and control. Every machine must have rest periods. If not, you will build up too much friction. That's what Americans do in their busy lives, they create too much nerve irritation. **Third**, with increasing years, you should draw closer and more intimately to Mother Nature. You should cease to look for thrills and over-stimulation; instead, seek a peaceful life. By living in simplicity and purity, you will be filled with more peace, joy and love.

A fool thinks he needs no advice, but a wise man listens to others, then decides.
– Proverbs 12:15

Nervous Tension can ruin your health in dozens of ways and diminish your productivity and even shorten your lifespan. – Dr. E. Jacobson, *You Must Relax*

Relax and Enjoy Your Life – It's No Crime

Let health, air, sun and complete rest work for you. With a serene clear eye and confidence, put yourself in Mother Nature's hands. Let her run your machine, heal your hurts and comfort you in sickness and adversity. Then, when you have lived a long life of usefulness and happiness, let her call you back home. Make Mother Nature your partner and – when you are resting, relaxing, and recreating new energy – she will always be there with her loving hand on your shoulder. So be a child of Mother Nature. Don't look for sophisticated thrills, but find your joy and diversion in relaxation, reading, fun, friends, exercise and other pursuits that are simple, down to earth and are at one with Mother Nature. Your rewards will be many – including renewed health, a calmness of spirit and a new awareness of the great out of doors she has bestowed upon us so generously to enjoy.

In America we are prone to look down on the person who wants to relax or live a leisurely life – they are called lazy. It seems we must be doing something constantly. We must be busy talking, listening to music, watching TV, etc. We have to attend parties, movies, athletic events and programs of all kinds. We are constantly pushing and driving our bodies and minds. No wonder so many people have emotional problems. The psychiatrists and psychologists are all overworked. Americans tend to rush and keep too busy. Please don't be ashamed to relax and get off the hectic treadmill. At times it's fun to do nothing, it's healthful and necessary – try it.

You have a natural, built-in tranquilizer located in the muscle cells which you should be using. Don't expect to take sedatives and still be skilled in relaxation. Barbiturates and true relaxation are not bedfellows! I've known people who needed natural sedatives for a few months and after fasting they were able to discard them.



How beautiful a day can be when kindness, love and Mother Nature touches it.

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. – Joseph Addison

*Love is the cement that binds families together, but
it is friendship that makes them happy. – William Hazlitt*

Some Relaxation Techniques

To relax yourself to sleep, darken the room and turn off the TV or radio. Then lie flat on your back, hands down at sides without touching your body, to reduce sensory stimulation to a minimum. Let your hands rest, palms down, on the bed. Your legs should be extended with the feet approximately a foot apart. Your head may rest on a small pillow or directly on the bed, whichever is more comfortable. Permit your eyes to remain open at first, looking at an area, not at a point, directly in front of you – that is, on the opposite wall or ceiling, not up or down or to either side.

After the movements of your eyes have ceased, blinking movements of the lids may continue for a while. These won't interfere with the relaxation of the eye muscles. Thinking is always accompanied by eye movements. By relaxing your eyelids and eye muscles, you are slowing down your thought processes – and the end result of relaxation of the eyes and of other parts of the body is a natural, quiet and restorative sleep. If you have insomnia, reading just before going to sleep or reading to put yourself to sleep is not helpful because your eye muscles are probably already over-fatigued. Reading will tire them more, increasing the eye muscle tension and interfering with the process of relaxation which, uninterrupted, would inevitably lead to sleep.



Avoid Interruptions

Disregard all minor muscular discomforts while lying perfectly still and permit all of your muscles to relax without interruption. Don't tighten or move any muscles unless absolutely necessary. Movements of an arm or leg, or a change in your position, will interrupt the entire relaxation process and those muscles which have already attained a certain degree of relaxation must then begin the process all over again. Muscles that are tense may be uncomfortable, but if you move them you will only prolong their discomfort. Permit them to relax and the distress should disappear within 10 to 15 minutes. A relaxed muscle is a comfortable muscle and, if you are relaxing efficiently, you will feel comfortable.

Tips for Healthful Sound Sleep

- *Avoid and don't use stimulants such as caffeine (found in coffee, tea, cola drinks, chocolate) and nicotine (found in all tobacco products).*
- *Don't drink alcohol to "help" you sleep, it disturbs normal sleep patterns.*
- *Exercise regularly. Get gentle sunshine. Finish workout 2 to 3 hours before bedtime. Yoga and stretching quiets the mind and body.*
- *Establish regular, relaxing bedtime routine. For example, try a relaxing aromatherapy warm bath or shower.*
- *Associate your bed with relaxing sleep – don't use it to work or watch TV. Keep sleep area quiet and dark.*
- *If you suffer from insomnia, don't take naps until problem is corrected.*

Fasting Helps Insomnia Vanish

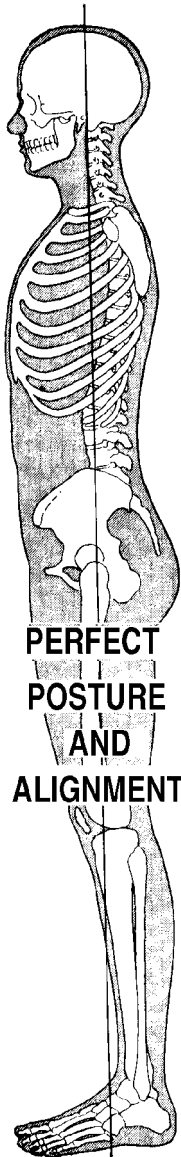
Those who are willing to devote 15 minutes a day in training themselves to relax can learn to break the insomnia habit, if they will faithfully follow The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle with the fasting program. Insomnia usually responds to relaxation techniques within 10 days. Then sweet, beautiful sleep will be yours every night. You will wake up to each new glorious morning with its challenges as bright and fresh as a healthy, newborn baby! In the practice of relaxation, beginners have told me many times that they cannot possibly lie on their backs and go to sleep in that position. In observing the training of several hundred individuals, I have yet to prove the truth of that statement. If this is your belief, disregard it, for no matter how deeply entrenched this idea may be in your mind, you will be able to prove it is false.

Here are some common complaints we hear: "I always have to sleep on my right side." "I always sleep on my stomach." "I must curl up when I sleep." "I have to change my position frequently." "I cannot sleep at night if I have a nap in the daytime." "I must have my hand resting on my stomach." "I can go to sleep when I go to bed, but I wake up around 2 or 3 am and can't go back to sleep." "I sleep until 5 am, but then I am wide awake until I get up at 7 am and then am tired out by 2 pm." Your fasting program is going to help you secure complete rest, relaxation and sound, sweet sleep. Toxins put pressure on your nerves and muscles. Fasting releases these pressures and allows your body to relax and rest. Quality sleep is a important powerful recharger.

Fasting is Mother Nature & God's Miracle – it cleanses, renews & rejuvenates!

Doctor Good Posture

Why should emphasis be placed upon resisting the pull of gravity? This is very easy to explain. In the past, as long as your muscles were strong enough they held up your skeleton – with its many points and sections – in proper balance and free from strain or discomfort. Maybe now your muscles are losing the battle with gravity. Maybe you have become prematurely older, heavier or inactivity has weakened your muscles just enough to cause you pain and an uncomfortable state of balance causing poor posture.



Such sagging stretches the ligaments of your back and causes backache, etc. Ligaments that are unduly stretched are painful. Ligaments are meant to serve only as stops for the joints and they cannot be forcibly stretched without pain. When the ligaments in your back are made uncomfortable by stretching, it is only natural for your muscles to try to oppose the sagging of your back which results from the pull of gravity.

When your muscles are too weak to do their proper job, then they rapidly become exhausted and develop the terrible misery of fatigue, making your back even more uncomfortable. Check your symptoms! Do you notice a deep aching and soreness along the spine from stretched ligaments? Are your back and shoulder muscles achy and tired? Is your backache basically due to weak muscles? If it is, it's about time you did something sensible to relieve it, like strengthening those weak muscles by proper exercise.

Your Posture Can Make or Break Your Health.

Take the Mirror Posture Test


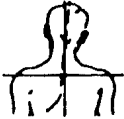




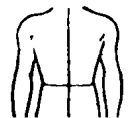
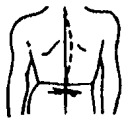










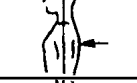

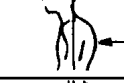


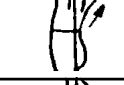
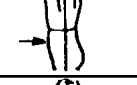
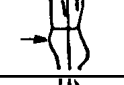
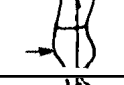



Look at yourself in the mirror. Do your shoulders slump? Is your upper back round? Do you have a potbelly? Are you a swayback? Can you now see the reasons why your back has the right to ache? The bending, slumping, ligament-stretching force of gravity has taken its toll. But even though you are presently a sufferer of backache due to weak muscles and bad posture, don't despair. You can restore back comfort with this posture exercise and The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle.

It has often been said that backache is the penalty man must pay for the privilege of standing and walking upright on two feet, often wearing uncomfortable shoes. Every infant struggles to stand instinctively on his own two feet and walk. He need not be taught. He will attempt this bipedal gait even if left alone most of the time and never instructed. It is natural for a human being to stand and walk in this manner. This is interesting, because there are no animals which spend all of their standing and walking hours on two feet, not even gorillas or chimpanzees. These apes use their hands and arms to help them move about. The world's strongest gorilla would be unable to follow a busy person, walking erectly, for more than a short time. This is because human beings are meant to walk erect and animals are not.

Bragg Posture Exercise Gives Instant Youthfulness

Before a mirror, stand up, feet 8" apart, stretch up spine. Tighten buttocks and suck in stomach muscles, lift up rib cage, put chest out, shoulders back, and chin up slightly. Line body up straight (nose plumline straight to belly button), drop hands to sides and swing arms to normalize your posture. Do this posture exercise daily and miraculous changes will happen! You are retraining and strengthening your muscles to stand straight for health and youthfulness. Remember when you slump, you also cramp your precious machinery. This posture exercise will retrain your frame to sit, stand and walk tall for supreme health, fitness and longevity!

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

POSTURE CHART			
	PERFECT	FAIR	POOR
HEAD			
SHOULDERS			
SPINE			
HIPS			
ANKLES			
NECK			
UPPER BACK			
TRUNK			
ABDOMEN			
LOWER BACK			

Your posture carries you through life from your head to your feet. This is your human vehicle and you are truly a miracle! Cherish, respect and always protect it by living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle. – Patricia Bragg

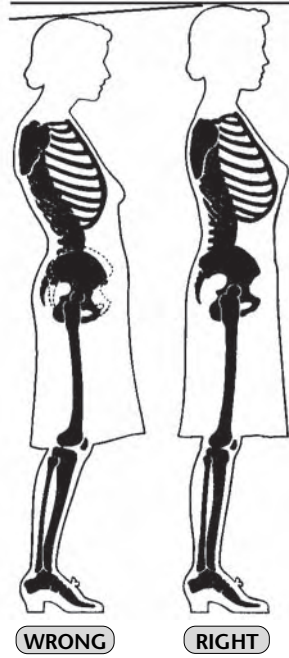


Remember – Your posture can make or break your health!

Good Posture is Important For Health

The spines of human beings have natural curves which enable the muscles to oppose gravity and hold their backs erect. As long as the muscles are strong and able to maintain the balance of these curves and to prevent back and shoulder sagging, the back is comfortable. When the muscles are too weak, the back sags, ligaments are stretched which causes backaches.

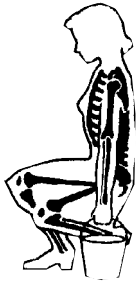
To maintain oneself in a healthy state involves many factors: the right natural food, rest, exercise, sleep, fasting, control of emotions and mind and, last but not least, good posture. If a body is properly nourished and cared for, good posture is not a problem. When the body lacks the essentials, poor posture is often the result. Once poor habits have been established, one must faithfully each day practice corrective exercises and good posture habits.



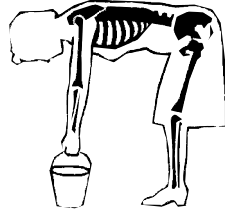
How to Sit, Stand and Walk For Strength, Health and Youthfulness

When walking, one should imagine that the legs are attached to the middle of the chest. That gives long, sweeping, graceful, springy steps because, when one walks correctly with this swing and spring, he then automatically builds energy. Habit either makes or breaks us, and good posture habits make graceful, strong bodies. Just as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined.

When in a sitting position, see that the spine is stretched up and well back against the chair. Put shoulders back and lift chest up and off the stomach, head high and never forward. Be sure to have both your feet on the floor and never sit with your legs crossed! Under the knees run two of the largest arteries, carrying nourishing blood to the muscles below the knees and to all the nerves that are found in the feet.



Right way to lift



Wrong way to lift



*Don't
Cross
Legs!*

Wrong way to sit!

When you cross your legs you immediately cut down the blood flow to almost a trickle. When the leg and knee muscles are not nourished and don't have good circulation, the blood goes stagnant in the extremities which can lead to varicose veins or broken capillaries. Look at the ankles of people over 40 who have made it a habit of crossing their legs and you'll see broken veins and capillaries. When the muscles and feet don't get their full supply of blood, the feet become weak and poor circulation sets in. Cold feet torment leg-crossers.

A well-known heart specialist was asked once, "When do most people have a heart attack?" The heart specialist answered, "At a time they are sitting quietly with one leg crossed over the other." So you can see that when you sit down, you should plant both of your feet squarely on the floor and never cross your legs. People who are habitual leg-crossers always have more acid crystals stored in the feet than those who never cross their legs while sitting. Crossing of the legs is one of the worst postural habits of man! It throws the hips, spine and the head off balance and can become one of the most insidious causes of a chronic backache. Poor posture of any kind can bring unbearable pain throughout the body, especially in the neck and lower back.


One very simple habit that is most beneficial to establish for your health is to stand, walk and sit tall and never sit with your legs crossed! Good posture does not require an exaggerated unhealthy position. It's simply stretching up your spine and standing erect – which gives all your body's machinery room to operate and keep you healthier! When you maintain good posture, soon your body becomes more toned and healthier.

**“The Illness That Cannot Be Cured By Fasting,
Cannot Be Cured By Anything Else”** – German Proverb

Dr. Nikolayev, director of a famous European fasting clinic, often quotes this old, wise German proverb above. Fasting permits the miracle cleansing and healing powers of the body, the mind and the soul to assert themselves.

Dr. Nikolayev – who fasts several times a year in 10 to 15 day stretches – stated, “I usually fast for health and spiritual reasons. I have also fasted several times for a scientific experiment. I always feel excellent when I fast. It is always a happy occasion and a good rest.”

Dr. Nikolayev discovered his patients responded to fasting when all other forms of therapy had failed. The patients had been chronically ill and felt hopeless about their future! Most of them would never have functioned again. The famous doctor, Allan Cott, M.D. noted in his book *Fasting, The Ultimate Diet* that 75% of those treated by fasting improved so remarkably that they were able to resume a more youthful, happier, active life!



Now, stop and think! *Our Creator has presented you with the world’s most miraculous machine – your own body! This incredible factory has its own non-stop motor (the heart), its own fueling system (the digestive system), its own filtration system (the kidneys), its own thinking computer (brain and nervous system), its own temperature controls (sweat glands), etc. Indeed, this miraculous creation even has the power to reproduce itself!*

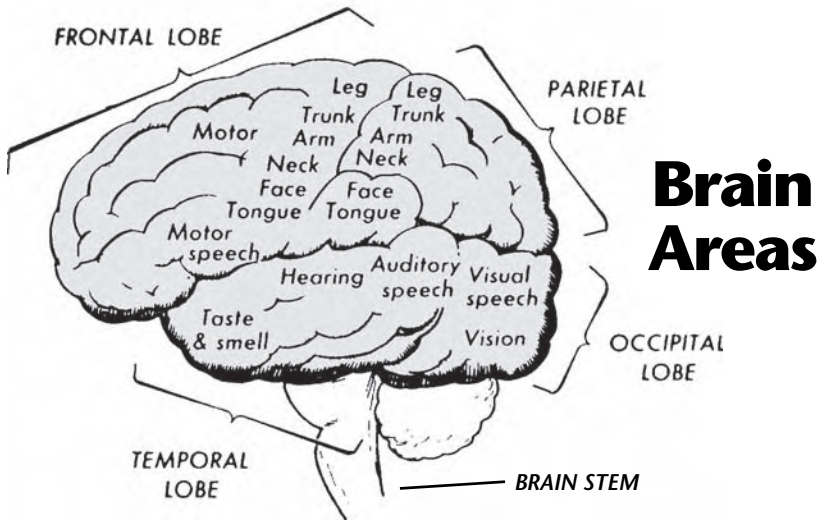
“Relieved of the work of digesting foods, fasting permits the body to rid itself of toxins while facilitating healing. Fasting regularly gives your organs a rest and helps reverse the ageing process for a longer and healthier life.”

– James Balch, M.D., *Prescription for Nutritional Healing*
“Bragg books were my conversion to the healthy way.”

Christian Century magazine advised its readers to fast out of enlightened self-interest and with the objectives to improve health and make the body more vibrant and beautiful. “Fast because it is good for you,” the magazine urged; it can be an “exercise to get the body in shape to be alive to itself. This process frees the self to be more sensitive to the Creator and to ourselves.”

That fasting is a normal part of our walk with God is taken for granted by the Lord Jesus. Immediately following the Lord’s Prayer, He said: “Moreover when ye fast . . .” – Matthew 6:16

Doctor Human Mind



Brain Areas

There is an old German saying: “Alle gute dinge sind drei,” or “All good things are three.” We, as Christians worship a God represented by a trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Man, too, is composed of a trinity. The **soul** is the first man, the ego, the individual, the personality, which makes each of us unique. The **mind** is the second man, through which the soul or the first man is expressed; the soul’s only means of expression. The **body** is the third man, the physical, visible part; the means by which the mind expresses; also its only means, and its only mode of contact with environment. These three are one, just as the Godhead (Divine Force) is one, each making a part of this miracle called man.

Healthy Mind Habits Promote Health & Longevity

Wake up and say - Today I am going to be happier, healthier and wiser in my daily living! I am the captain of my life and am going to steer it living a 100% healthy lifestyle! Fact – Happy people look younger, are healthier, and live longer! – Patricia Bragg

Your Body Is Your Precious Home – Protect It

The body is composed of many members, yet is one body. If one of the members suffer, all others suffer with it. We recognize that the body is a whole, cannot be divided and is made up of a community of closely grouped and interrelated organs, tissues, and cells; each an individual unit, yet so closely related that not one of them can exist apart from the whole. For too long the public has viewed these various organs as unrelated, or loosely related, units. Most people are inclined to treat each more or less individually, not realizing that if one part of the indivisible whole suffers, all the rest suffer.

The body is the most wonderful miracle example ever created of widely diversified functions in one whole and it must be treated always as a unit. What is good for one part is good for all; what is bad is bad for all the parts. If the toe is affected by gangrene, does not the whole body suffer with it? Not only is the pain inflicted on the whole man, but the absorption of decaying material has to be taken care of by the whole body – the loss of appetite, the headache, the nausea, the fever and the chills – yet the toe is the only affected member that can be seen. In the science of fasting, we are concerned with the whole person – including the soul, mind and body!

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Correct Thinking is Important for Health

In the Book of Life, the Bible, Proverbs 23:7 tells us:

“For as man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

When a sick person constantly convinces himself that he will never get well, it becomes almost certain that his negativity and troubles will carry him to the grave.

Flesh is dumb! We never want you to forget that statement. That is the reason we use it over and over again. The mind, your computer, is really the controlling factor in your entire makeup. Flesh cannot think for itself because only the mind does all the thinking. That is why you must cultivate Positive Thinking.



Everything in excess is opposed by Nature.

– Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine

Your Mind Must Control Your Body!

The mind must have a will of iron and always be in command of the body. From this day forward learn how to substitute thoughts. When negative thoughts (page 144) as, “I am losing my energy because when you get older you start to lose energy” – enters your mind, replace it with positive thoughts that say, “Age cannot in any way affect my energy. Age is not toxic! I am ageless!” Keep in mind always that whatever the mind tells the flesh, that is exactly what the flesh is going to believe and act upon. Your mind influences flesh. You must let your mind make decisions for your body, because if your body rules your mind, you face a life of misery and slavery!

Drugs Control Addict’s Mind!

The “drug addict” is the extreme example of the body ruling the mind! This is why the world is over-populated with drug addicts. The body’s craving for drugs is forcing the mind to command the body to commit crimes of violence for money so that it may satisfy the body with the drugs it craves. This is why the world is becoming crime riddled by drug addicts.

We maintain most of our bad habits simply because our minds are enslaved by our bodies. This applies also to alcohol, coffee, nicotine and other stimulants. The body rules by the false philosophy of “*Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die*”. You don’t die tomorrow, but if you continue to live by this wrong philosophy, 5, 10, 20 years later you will burden your family, friends, and yourself with a sick, prematurely aged body that will torment you daily!

Remember always that you are punished by your bad habits of living. Not *for* them, but *by* them! That is Mother Nature’s Eternal Law. Sickness, aches, pains and physical suffering are ills that you are responsible for personally. You committed the crimes against your body because you did not use your God-given reason and intelligence to rule your body with your mind and live by natural laws.

New Harvard Study showed strong importance of mind/body connections in health of mind and body. Improving the mind with meditation, prayer, relaxation therapy, yoga, diet and positive thinking brought amazing improvements. – Harvard www.med.harvard.edu

A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body

What has your mind to do with health and long life? Far more than the majority of men and women realize! Think of your thoughts as powerful magnets, as entities which have the ability to attract or repel, according to the way they are used. A majority of people lean either to the positive or the negative side mentally. The positive phase is constructive and goes for success and positive achievements, while the negative side of life is destructive, leading to futility and failure. It's self-evident it's to our advantage to cultivate a positive healthy mental attitude. With patience, persistence and living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle this can be accomplished.

There are many negative and destructive forms of thought which react in every cell in your body. The strongest is fear, and its child, worry – along with depression, anxiety, apprehension, jealousy, ill-will, envy, anger, resentment, vengefulness and self-pity. All of these negative thoughts bring tension to the body and mind leading to waste of energy, enervation and also slow or rapid poisoning of the body. Rage, intense fear and shock are very violent and quickly intoxicate the system. Worry and other destructive emotions act more slowly but, in the end, have the same destructive effect. Anger and intense fear stop digestive action, upset the kidneys and the colon, causing total body upheaval (diarrhea or constipation, headaches, pains, fever, etc.).

Fear, worry and other destructive habits of thought muddle the mind! A crystal clear mind is needed to reason to your best advantage, enabling you to make sound, healthy decisions. An emotionally clouded mind often makes unwise and unhealthy decisions and might be unable to reach any positive conclusions at all!

What are the positive healthy mental forces or expressions? They are the ones that lead to peace of mind and inner relaxation, as opposed to the destructive habits which cause a tightening up of the entire system. This very second, let your mind take over your body.

Before you speak, always ask yourself – Is it good? Is it kind? Is it necessary?

Let Your Mind Guide You to Health!

In your mind, form an image of the person you want to be. Now, with Mother Nature's 9 Doctors as your helpers, you can make yourself exactly what you want to be! Believe in the power of positive thinking! Practice thought substitution. Never ever let a negative thought take over your mind. In this way, you set your own pattern of living and you make your mind a powerhouse of healthy, constructive thoughts. Strengthen your mind so thoroughly that if any weak, fearful relatives or friends tell you that fasting is starvation and that only harm can come from your health program . . . you can let their remarks slide out of your mind like water off a duck's back. You should feel sorry for these uninformed, fearful people because you will live to see many of them suffer and go to an early grave long before their time.

Mind – Soul – Body Miracle Rewards with Fasting:

- Each time you fast, your mind becomes stronger, more positive and peaceful.
- Each time you fast, you will continue to eliminate fear, worry and other negative emotions.
- Fasting helps you spiritually. That is why Jesus, His followers and other spiritual leaders were fasters.
- Fasting elevates the soul, the mind and the body. What greater miracle rewards can you desire in life?

By fasting, you can create the person you have always desired to be. That is, you can if you faithfully pursue and seek only the best that life can offer!

Only when the body and mind are in harmony will there be opportunity for proper spiritual development; never forget that the spiritual man comes first, the mental is second and the physical is third. Only when the second and third aspects are in harmony can there be a proper balanced spiritual life!



**Ten Little, Two-Letter Words Of Action To Say Daily:
If it is to be, it is up to me!**

Inner Spiritual Harmony is Important

Spirituality depends far more on proper harmony of the rest of the man than is generally thought. We all have this power to create inner harmony through understanding the relationship of the body, mind and soul.

Use your mind to help you attain your desires by developing a constructive philosophy of life. Think constructively about health. Know the requirements and rules of healthy living and employ your determination, mind and willpower to live accordingly and to continue to do so. Health in soul, mind and body will be yours. Join hands with God and Mother Nature in making yourself a truly balanced, healthy living trinity.

Fasting and The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle can take you to the heights of true living that few experience on this earth. Let your mind take control of your body this instant. New doors will open for you. You will be living in the light. Light is life, so let in the brightness of the light of a good and healthy life today and forever!



Slow Me Down Lord

Slow me down Lord and fill me with your love.

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Quiet my hurried pace with a vision of eternal time.

*Give me, amid the confusion of the day,
the calmness of the everlasting hills.*

*Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing
music of the singing streams that live in my memory.*

Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sound sleep.

*Teach me the art of taking minute vacations or slowing down
to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog,
to read a few lines from a good book.*

*Slow me down Lord and inspire me to send my roots deep
into the soil of life's enduring values, so that I may
grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.*

Spiritual Aspects of Fasting

As a crusader for the many miracle benefits of fasting for over 70 years, it is gratifying to see the increased interest among scientists that's developed these past decades. Not only have health professionals rediscovered fasting as Mother Nature's primary method of healing and preventing sickness, but there's also a reawakening to the importance of fasting in spiritual growth.

My own regular program of fasting, as outlined in this book, is one of the main reasons that for my long life! I'm blessed to see the fruition of our world health outreach to help make the world healthier. I am alert and ageless in body, mind and spirit as I approach the century mark. See Web: walford.com and ucla.edu

During the first three quarters of the 20th century, I saw the world becoming more complex, chaotic and unhealthy. Most humans are feeling alienated, lost and confused. Most people are groping for stability in body, mind and soul in their hectic personal and business life.

In time of deep trouble, our natural instincts lead us back to the fundamentals of Mother Nature's Natural Laws. This return is usually made with knowledge gained from hard-learned lessons. Fasting as the means of purifying and healing body, mind and spirit is instinctive with animals, infants and among many cultures. Now we are beginning to learn the power of this simple, natural method. More books and articles are appearing that show the spiritual and physical benefits of fasting.



I humbled my soul with fasting. – Psalm 69:10

Your spiritual condition produces your physical condition. – Ephesians 4:1

Is this not the fast I choose to loosen the bonds of wrongs and evil, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke? – Isaiah 58:6

Fasting Gives Mental & Physical Awareness

As the body cleanses and heals itself through fasting, keener mental concentration and clearer spiritual perception develop. Remember, the brain is the physical instrument of the mind. As the mucus and toxic wastes are flushed from the brain cells, with it go the worries and frustrations from your mind. It becomes free and clear. You can then think intelligently and logically. Your memory becomes sharp and keen. Your creative powers are soon expanded. You are able to face reality and yourself . . . and begin to view your problems objectively to find definite answers – and solutions!

The elimination of toxic wastes releases the mind from physical bondage. The freedom from the bodily necessity of procuring, preparing, eating, digesting and assimilating food frees up and releases a tremendous amount of nervous energy which invigorates the mental and spiritual processes. You attain new levels of great tranquillity, serenity and peace of mind. You become spiritually perceptive and receptive and at one with the Infinite. “Be still, and know that I am God.”

“Fasting does not change God, but man. A cleansing process takes place. The awareness of the purification of the heart builds faith, and faith in God means authority with God.” So stated Rev. Charles F. Stanley in an article on fasting in the *Moody Monthly*.

In *God's Chosen Fast* (Christian Literature Crusade, Ft. Washington, PA), author Arthur Wallis writes, “Without a doubt there is a very close connection between the practice of fasting and the receiving of spiritual revelation. Many non-Christian religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism and Islam also practice fasting because they know its power to detach one's mind from the world of sense, and to sharpen one's sensibility to the world of spirit.”



If the stomach is full and busy, then the mind doesn't like to think.

– German Proverb

Every study in longevity shows that frugal eating promotes health and prolongs life. – Steve Meyerowitz, Juice Fasting and Detoxification

Great Spiritual Leaders Practiced Fasting

It was after fasting for 40 days and 40 nights that Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights fasting in the desert in preparation before starting His ministry.

The founders of the modern world's four major religions – Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism and Islam – taught fasting as a means of communication with the Divine through purification of body, mind and spirit. They instructed that fasting should be carried out with dedication and in private. Similar teachings are found in nearly all religions, ancient and tribal, as well as influential philosophies and moral codes. Zoroaster, the great Persian prophet, taught and practiced fasting. So did Plato, Socrates and Aristotle. Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, considered fasting to be the great natural healer. The genius painter and sculptor Leonardo da Vinci also practiced and advocated fasting.

China's great philosopher and teacher, Confucius, included fasting in his precepts. The Yogis of India and Native Americans practice fasting as a means of spiritual enlightenment. The greatest modern example of the power of fasting is Mahatma Gandhi, who won India's freedom from the great British Empire in a complete and nonviolent victory of spiritual leadership.



My Unforgettable Experience with Gandhi

The date I met Gandhi was July 27, 1946 in New Delhi, which would become the capital of the new Republic of India a year and a month later. (India's independence became official on August 15, 1947.) At Gandhi's headquarters there, I received permission to accompany this amazing man on a 21 day fasting trip eastward through India's villages, where he would talk with the people and help them with their problems. At that time, the average Indian earned about 10 cents a day and starvation was a way of life. To show he shared their plight, this saintly and compassionate spiritual leader was planning to travel the dusty roads from village to village on foot, without food, only water; for 3 weeks.

Gandhi – A Spiritual Miracle

Gandhi was then 77 years of age and looked very frail in appearance. But his looks were indeed deceiving! This man was a tower of strength . . . physically, mentally and spiritually. His stamina, endurance, energy and mental abilities were astounding to everyone!

The trek began at sunup. The heat and humidity were the worst I have ever experienced. I have spent time in some of the hottest spots in the world, including Death Valley in California, the Sahara Desert and across North Africa on an 800 mile bicycle trip in intense summer heat. But never once did Gandhi seem to tire. Never once did he falter in his brisk pace of walking. The only time he sat down was during talks with the villagers. He would speak for 20 minutes, then answer questions for 20 minutes. Then we continued down the hot, dusty road to the next village. Gandhi ate nothing and drank only water flavored with lemon and honey.

Many who tried to travel with him fell by the wayside, suffering from heat and exhaustion. But Gandhi was inexhaustible. I have been an athlete and hiker all my life, but I have never seen anyone who had the physical stamina and energy that Gandhi had. Each day he walked and talked until sundown before stopping for a rest. During the 21 day fasting walk, I had many talks with Gandhi on the power of fasting. Of all I learned from him, this statement seems to me the summation,

“All the vitality and energy I have comes to me because my body is purified by fasting.” – Gandhi

Walking mile after mile from village to village, he gave the people courage and hope that a better life was coming to them. His internal strength and beautiful pure soul were so powerful that weak people felt strong after seeing him and hearing his brilliant wisdom. He gave his unlimited strength to the discouraged and the sick. He brought bright light and love where there was darkness.

There is truth in the saying that man becomes what he eats. – Gandhi

Brisk walking is the king of exercise. With walking you discover the beauty of nature and it awakens and softens your soul and life! – Patricia Bragg

“Fasting Brings Spiritual Rebirth to All Who Cleanse and Purify Their Bodies.”

Gandhi told the people to fast and purify their bodies and they would find peace and joy on earth. Gandhi said,

“The light of the world will illuminate within you, when you fast and purify yourself.”

This trip with the great Gandhi is an experience I will never forget! This physically small man was a spiritual giant. He led millions of people to independence from the mighty British Empire without striking a single physical blow. Yet, with all his power and influence, he was completely without arrogance. Characteristically, on the day of India’s independence, Gandhi took no part in the celebrations that went on all over India; instead he spent the day in fasting and prayer in his garden.

The Grotto Where Jesus Fasted

On one of my trips to the Holy Land, I was in the area of Jericho. It was near the Mount of Temptation, where Jesus is said to have been tempted by the devil after his fast of 40 days and 40 nights. I decided to climb it. It was a long, easy ascent. From the top, which was still 200 feet below sea level, I looked down upon the hot, barren Jordan Valley.

On my descent, halfway down, I came upon a monastery built partly within the rock itself where 10 elderly Greek monks were living in poverty. Following the ancient custom of greeting any stranger as if he might be the wandering Christ, these monks welcomed me with beautiful courtesy. I was taken on a tour of the monastery. It was a fantastic place; parts of it jutted out over deep, brutal chasms while other rooms were carved out of the solid rock. One of these was a grotto which, my guide told me, was “the very spot where Jesus fasted 40 days and 40 nights, and was tempted by the devil.”



He fasted 40 days and 40 nights and was filled with the Power of the Spirit, and afterward He was hungry. – Matthew 4:2

A soft answer turns away wrath, but harsh words cause quarrels.

Fasting Keeps Monks Youthful

The monks told me that they fasted 2 days every week, and once a year they fasted 40 days and nights in the grotto. They felt that this fasting had not only given them great spiritual enlightenment, but had also added vigorous, healthy years to their lives. Their youthful appearance bore out their belief. Although far along in calendar years, these men had great flexibility in their bodies. It required a lot of physical stamina to keep the monastery in good condition in this rugged, barren wilderness and oven-like heat. All were healthy, lean and muscular, with the glow of health to their skin and bright, keen eyes – none of them wore glasses!

Their spiritual quality showed in the genuine brotherly love which they bestowed on me, a stranger. At the end of my visit, one of the monks escorted me to the gate, kissed me on both cheeks and gave me a blessing in Greek.

Looking back, as I descended the long, stony trail, I saw him watching solicitously. We waved to each other and I carried a warm glow of friendliness in my heart from that barren rocky land. Here again was proof of what I have learned from my own experience – that one of the spiritual benefits of fasting is an empowerment of genuine sense of service, kinship and love for all humanity.

The Fast of 40 Days and 40 Nights

There is a significance to the “40 days and 40 nights” of fasting of the great spiritual leaders and of those who seek the highest spiritual enlightenment. This is the practical limit to which the disciplined body can exist without food before it begins to consume itself. The cleansing process has been completed, and all toxic wastes and excess fat have been “incinerated”– burned up into energy. When this limit is reached, starvation begins. The body will then have to feed on sound living tissue and this is harmful to body, mind and spirit. The fast should be terminated before this point is reached!

A long fast should not be attempted until the body has been trained to fast for short intervals, from 1 day up to 10 days, over a period of time.

The 40 days and 40 nights fast is not for the novice! It's only the experienced faster who learns to distinguish between the early cravings of habitual appetite and the warning pangs of genuine hunger.

At the beginning of a fast there is a craving for food which arises from the habit of eating at certain intervals. This may last for several days, but then the craving passes. There follows a short period of several days or more when the faster might feel some weakness and requires more rest. This is probably the most difficult part of fasting.

Gradually this sense of weakness will disappear, signalling that the body has eliminated its worst wastes and toxins. Then comes a feeling of growing strength, with little or no concern about food, and an increasing mental alertness. There is a sense of release and freedom as one ascends to the higher levels of serenity and peace of mind. Spiritual awareness can reach a point of ecstasy!

How long this fast period lasts depends upon the individual. When the process of elimination of all wastes has been completed, the body signals a warning with pangs of genuine hunger. When this happens, whether 2, 3 or 4 weeks, the fast must end to preserve its benefits!



A Sound Mind in a Sound Body

Even the greatest spiritual leaders that the world has known trained themselves by habitual fasting, 1 or 2 days per week, before they undertook longer fasts. Herein lies the difference between genuine fasting and extreme asceticism, which has given fasting a bad name by prolonging it into starvation, which is wrong.

True fasting is psychosomatic (psycho – of the mind or spirit; and soma – of the body). It's truly a natural miracle to achieve “a sound mind in a sound body,” as the Greeks put it, and according to the Bible,

“Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.”



*Stagnation in the body results in ageing and also illness.
Fasting promotes cleansing and healing and reversal of ageing*

God gave His creatures light, air, and water open to the skies; man locks him in a stifling lair, then wonders why his brother dies. – Oliver Wendell Holmes

Your Body is Your Temple And Needs the Best Care

To quote again from famous Pastor Dr. Stanley, "According to medical experts, fasting is the most natural, original process of purifying the body. Since the Lord admonished man to work six days and rest one, would it not be equally wise to rest the digestive system for one day as well? I have found that fasting also sharpens the mind. The physical and spiritual benefits cannot be easily separated. A clear mind is essential to the desire for oneness and direction."

And from Arthur Wallis comes the observation that, "Our physical condition can often influence our spiritual lives more than we realize. Is God glorified when (our bodies) are weak or sickly through neglect of the divine laws that govern their well-being? Is God glorified when we become casualties from over-working, over-feeding or undernourishing our bodies, and failing to give them their 'Sabbath' of rest and relaxation? In an age of pressure, when the breakdown of mind or body is becoming all too familiar, the physical (as well as the spiritual) value of a fast of God's choosing becomes a matter of some importance. Here is a divine provision for health and healing, for renewal of mind and body, that we must further consider."

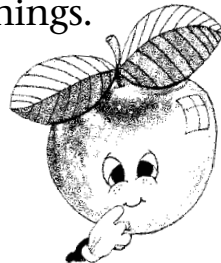
Courage, vitality, energy, endurance, zest and vigor are not mental states to be conjured up at will, but are the mental expression of a physical state. The Bible tells us that, "The kingdom of heaven is within." Fasting purifies all the trillions of cells of the body, including those of the brain. When the brain is free of toxic poisons the mind is liberated both psychologically and then spiritually. It's free from anxieties, boredom, loneliness, tension and fear. It can meet all of life's problems and make wise, better decisions. It can find more peace, joy and realize a fuller, more meaningful, healthier life.

Fasting is a natural tranquilizer with absolutely no negative side effects. A brain purified by fasting pays higher dividends than any other investment you can make. Begin today! Please let this book be your guide and friend! Discover for yourself the Miracles of Fasting!

Take Time for 12 Things

1. Take time to **Work** –
it is the price of success.
2. Take time to **Think** –
it is the source of power.
3. Take time to **Play** –
it is the secret of youth.
4. Take time to **Read** –
it is the foundation of knowledge.
5. Take time to **Worship** –
it is the highway of reverence and
washes the dust of earth from our eyes.
6. Take time to **Help and Enjoy Friends** –
it is the source of happiness.
7. Take time to **Love and Share** –
it is the one sacrament of life.
8. Take time to **Dream** –
it hitches the soul to the stars.
9. Take time to **Laugh** –
it is the singing that helps life's loads.
10. Take time for **Beauty** –
it is everywhere in nature.
11. Take time for **Health** –
it is the true wealth and treasure of life.
12. Take time to **Plan** –
it is the secret of being able to have time
for the first 11 things.

YOUR BIRTHRIGHT
HEALTH
CULTIVATE IT



*Have an
Apple
Healthy Life!*

*Teach me Thy way O Lord, and
lead me in a simple plain path. – Psalms 27:11*

Exercise and Eat for Health



Enjoy The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle For a Lifetime of Super Health

In a broad sense, "The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle for the Total Person" is a combination of physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual components. The ability of the individual to function effectively in his environment depends on how smoothly these components function as a whole. Of all the qualities that comprise an integrated personality, a totally healthy, fit body is one of the most desirable. Start today on your goals for more health, happiness and peace in your life.

A person is said to be totally physically fit if he functions as a total personality with efficiency and without pain or discomfort of any kind. This is to have a Painless, Tireless, and Ageless body. You possess sufficient muscular strength and endurance to maintain a healthy posture. You can successfully carry on the duties imposed by life and the environment, to meet any emergencies satisfactorily and have enough energy for recreation and social obligations after the "work day" has ended. You possess the body power (Vital Force) to recover rapidly from fatigue and stress of daily living without the aid of stimulants, drugs or alcohol. You can enjoy natural recharging sleep at night and awaken fit and alert in the morning for the challenges of the fresh new day ahead.

Keeping the body totally healthy and fit is not a job for the uninformed or the careless person. It requires an understanding of the body and of a healthy lifestyle and then following that lifestyle for a long, happy life. The purpose of "The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle" is to wake up the possibilities, a rebirth within you, of rejuvenation of your body, mind and soul for total, balanced body health. It's within your reach, so don't procrastinate, start today! Daily our prayers and hearts go out to touch your heart and soul with nourishing, caring love for your total health! With Love, Your Health Friends,

Patience Bragg and Paul C. Bragg

*Dear friend, I wish above all things that thou may prosper
and be in health even as the soul prospers. – 3 John 2*

The Science of Eating For Super Health

It is the consensus of opinion among most people that we must eat, “To keep up our strength.” This association of food and strength has been so driven into man’s subconscious mind that he feels he must eat heavy, rich foods 3 times a day . . . “Something that sticks to the ribs.” A person who has a big appetite they falsely think of as a healthy person. If we know a person who has been sick, we are always encouraged when they’re able to sit up and take nourishment.

During my long study and research into the value of food, I have come to regard nourishment as something more than habitual eating. The body can be fed with anything that is put into the stomach to subdue hunger. Food, however, plays an important role in our lives because the body is built from the food we eat. With food we either build strong, disease-free, youthful cells or we build sick cells . . . cells that do not support us as they should. So we must always eat food that builds sturdy, strong cells which are converted into healthy body tissue. We see a lot of people who are amply-fed, but they are far from well-nourished! They have poor skin and muscle tone and lack health and energy, even though plenty of food is going into their bodies.

At one time in our early history, when our food came exclusively from Mother Nature, unprocessed and no toxic chemicals – we had a natural attraction to the kind of food our body needed. We had a superior sensitivity in our selection of food for life. In other words, there was an inner voice that told us what to eat. We can call it a God-given instinct, that the animals in nature possess also. We were, in early times, naturally healthy, beautiful specimens as the Greeks and Romans used to be.



Earth Was A Tropical Paradise For Health

I believe that man originated in the tropics, a natural paradise where his entire body was nourished by the gentle, healing rays of the sun. We know that the skin needs vitamin D, which is produced in response to sunshine. We also know that the skin needs vitamin A. But today man's body has become so degenerated, so filled with mucus, acid toxins, mineral and vitamin deficiencies that he can't spend a great amount of time in the sunshine. There are many people who develop all kinds of skin conditions from exposure to the sun and then falsely put the blame on sunshine. The sun pulls out the impurities below the skin – trying to purify you. Skin cancers spring from toxic cells. This is all the more reason to do your fasting/cleansing detox program!

Man has damaged his skin with the overuse of harsh soaps, chemical lotions, and creams. I haven't used soap on my body for years, with the exception of washing my hands when water and a scrub brush fails to remove the dirt.

I believe that in man's original home, the tropical paradise, his diet was made up of an abundance of raw fruits and vegetables, plus an abundance of all varieties of raw nuts and seeds. I believe that man was able to live for 900 years on this natural diet. His digestive system was perfectly attuned to his natural diet. Man, in his essential structure, has no weapons for killing. Therefore, I believe that the first people who inhabited the tropics of this earth were strictly vegetarians.

Today, humans live in air-conditioned, air-tight homes. We shut our bodies away from fresh air, breathing polluted air. We drink chemically treated water and do not get as much physical exercise as early humans enjoyed. The American man today has a life expectancy of 78 years, whereas men before the great flood may have lived for as long as 900 years. We have lost our tropical paradise. Man today lives in his poisoned cities, drinks his poisoned water, breathes polluted air and eats food that is grown in toxic soils, sprayed with poisons and picked half-ripe. Our living situations have changed dramatically, but we must do more than bemoan our lost Garden of Eden. We must face reality in all its ugliness.

Keep Healthy on the Alkaline Diet

Please understand that this program of eating is designed to give you the best nourishment that the food of civilization can offer you. At the same time, the suggested menus that follow are also for cleansing and purification. That is, you must look upon all organic fruits and vegetables not only as protective foods, but foods that are filled with minerals, vitamins, enzymes and valuable nutrients. Foods that are highly alkaline will help keep your alkaline and acid levels balanced.

Many people studying nutrition become confused because there are so many opposing opinions. Some nutritionists advise a high-protein diet. Some promote a low-carbohydrate diet. There are nutritionists who endorse a raw fruit, vegetarian or lacto-vegetarian diet. Each authority says that his is the best diet. I respect every scientist's views in the field of nutrition. He or she has come to these conclusions by study, research and observation. I believe that it is impossible to lay down absolute nutritional laws except when it comes to eliminating the dead, devitalized, demineralized, processed, sprayed and the empty-calorie commercial fast junk foods of our present day modern civilization.

Today we have a selection of over 200 foods. You can build a healthy, delicious, adequate diet around these foods. As you fast and cleanse, you will purify your body. Also as you cleanse your body, your body itself will guide you naturally to make selections of healthy foods. The main thing is to eliminate the perverted foods of modern civilization. It is not so much a question of what you eat as what you shouldn't eat. On page 237 of this book I have given you the list of foods to avoid. There is an old cliché that says, "A man is either his own doctor at 40 or he is a fool." I must say here that I believe that any person 30 years of age who is not his own conscientious health captain is very soon going to run into some very serious physical problems!

Everyone should be his own wise physician.

We ought to assist and not violate Mother Nature. – Voltaire

The accumulation of toxins in the body accelerates ageing. The elimination of toxins awakens capacity for renewal. Toxins must be identified and eliminated from your body. Fasting is Mother Nature's and God's cleansing miracle.

Activity Draws on Your Vital Force's Energy

Our physical and mental activity draws heavily upon our Vital Force (*the body's power force*). Each of us has different demands. In my case, I push myself physically because I enjoy activity. I also enjoy mental activity. I like problems and enjoy the challenge of solving them. I don't live a soft life physically or mentally. As a man, I am a seeker of spiritual light, comfort, tranquillity and serenity. All of this takes my Vital Force's energy. Physical activity takes energy of one kind, mental tasks require another and spiritual pursuits use another kind of energy.

One cannot give simple answers about nutrition. The nutritionist can give a lot of vital information, but they cannot eat for you or digest food for you or eliminate food for you. What Patricia and I eat may not suit your needs, likes or dislikes. We don't eat as much food as the average person seems to crave and desire.

Every human is unique, as each snowflake is different. I am not trying to persuade you into fast changes. But if you want superior health you must eat a diet of simple, natural healthy foods. I am not going to tell you to be a raw food eater, a strict vegetarian, a lacto-vegetarian or a mixed eater. As you fast and as you purify your body, an inner voice, the natural instinct will gradually assert itself. I don't believe that you can quickly jump from a highly refined diet to a healthy natural diet overnight of 60% raw fruits, salads, veggies, whole grains, herbs, etc.

Mother Nature won't heal in sudden jolts. You ate in a certain pattern for many years, and your digestive and vital organs have adjusted themselves to this unhealthy diet. You have to move slowly. By body purification through fasting and adhering to the dictates of the 9 natural doctors, you will be enjoying the same super health as Patricia and I, plus millions of our followers. In time you will instinctively select healthy, natural foods.

Every day the average heart, your best friend, beats 100,000 times and pumps 2,000 gallons of blood for nourishing your body. In 70 years that adds up to more than 360 million (faithful) heartbeats. Please be good to your heart and live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle for a long, happy, healthy life!

Herbs are easy to grow in pots on a porch or windowsill. Then you can pick them fresh when needed. Use herbs in almost everything you cook!

Work Towards a Balanced, Natural Diet

You can't eat a fresh variety health salad one day and then the next day have an unhealthy high fat, sugar, salt, refined, toxic food meal. Your nutrition should be consistent! Let me illustrate what I mean. If you eat meat, don't eat it over 3 times a week. If you eat eggs, don't eat over 4 a week. If you drink milk, you should gradually eliminate it from your diet, along with all other dairy and meat products. Man is the only creature that clings to milk after he has been weaned and the only creature that drinks the milk of another creature. *See web below.*

Building a good nutritional program is like climbing a ladder. There is the first rung – the elimination of all the devitalized, commercial, dead foods of civilization. That means the elimination of all unhealthy beverages – coffee, tea, alcohol, soft drinks and chemicalized waters. It means eliminating or slowly reducing animal products, eggs and dairy products that you eat daily. It means adding more raw organic fruits and vegetables to your diet until the total amount of raw foods is between 60% and 70% of your diet. As I stated earlier, when adding more fruits and vegetables to the diet, you have to slowly move with caution as you are deep house cleansing your body.

This period of discarding the devitalized foods of civilization and adding more raw fruits and vegetables to the diet is known as the cleansing “transition diet”. Most people, from childhood until death, live on a diet that is predominantly on the acid side. This acid produces autointoxication and in turn, this toxic material causes aches, pains and degeneration of the body. So, if you have been living on a diet with mostly heavy cooked foods – such as meats, eggs, refined white breads, spaghetti, crackers, cookies, pastries, etc. – again let me warn you to slowly add more raw fruits and vegetables. After each weekly fast, you will be able to enjoy and want more raw fruits, salads, greens and raw vegetables, because fasting is purifying your body!



No milk is free of pesticide residues available on the market today, in any part of the United States. – Info from a Congressional hearing.

See web: www.notmilk.com

Eat Simple, Natural Foods to Stay Healthy

After 3 months of faithfully fasting one day a week, you will be able to add at least 40% more raw fruits and vegetables to your diet. Remember these raw foods are the purifiers, cleansers and detoxifiers. These fruits and vegetables contain a lot of sunshine. They dig down into the old pockets of toxic poison and flush them out. This is how you can attain a superior state of Radiant Health! You are now going to keep internally clean and healthy.

People often ask at the Bragg Health Crusades, "Give me the perfect diet." This we cannot do because eating is of such a personal nature – there are so many likes and dislikes that we can only counsel an individual through our books. We can only suggest that you reread and study the menus and food lists that we have included in this book so you can find foods that appeal to you and that will benefit your health. (Keep a daily health journal.)











Nutrition is like a chain in which all of the essential items are the separate links. If the chain is weak or is broken at any point the whole chain fails. If there are 40 items that are essential to the healthy diet, and one of these is missing, nutrition fails just as truly as it would if half the links were missing. The lack of any item (or several items) can result in ill health and even lead to death. An insufficient amount of any one item is enough to bring distress to the cells and tissues which are most vulnerable to this particular deficiency. It is not necessary that every item be furnished in required amounts at every meal, or every day, because our bodies always carry some reserves. As soon as the reserves are lost, be they large or small, they must be replenished.

Here's some healthy foods you can select from when building your daily diet. You can divide your daily nutrition into one, two or three meals. As I mentioned before, I don't eat breakfast, or if you call a pep drink or a bowl of fresh fruit a breakfast, then my breakfast is fruit. I am not advising this practice for everyone; some people enjoy a large breakfast and a small lunch. Everyone's desires are different. I feel that we don't need breakfast and have explained my position fully. (Read, do what's best for you and keep a daily journal.)

Fruit – the Most Healthy Food for Man

I will start with the fresh fruit list since I regard fruit as the prize food of man. Fresh fruit or sun dried fruit can be used as a meal in itself, or it can be used as a dessert.

Organic Fruit – the Prize Food of Man

Apples		Kumquats	
Apricots (fresh & dried)		Lemons & Limes	
Avocados		Mangos	
Bananas (fresh & dried)		Nectarines	
Blueberries		Oranges	
Cantaloupes		Papayas	
Casaba Melon		Peaches	
Cherries		Pears	
Cranberries		Pineapples (fresh & dried)	
Crenshaw Melon		Plums	
Figs (fresh & dried)		Prunes (fresh & dried)	
Grapefruits		Raspberries	
Grapes (fresh & dried)		Strawberries	
Honeydew Melon		Tomatoes	
Kiwi		Watermelon	

Note: Be sure dried fruits are unsulphured! Better yet, buy a dehydrator and enjoy making your own delicious dried organic fruit.

Raw, Unsalted Nut and Seed List

Nuts and seeds are rich in protein, oils, fiber and micronutrients. You can select any 2 of the nuts and seeds when you are planning a meal (*buy in shell – fresher and better*). Enjoy nuts or seeds for your protein. If you have tender gums or unreliable dentures, then you should purchase an electric coffee grinder to make it easier to masticate, assimilate and digest nuts and seeds.

Almonds		Macadamias	
Brazil Nuts		Pecans	
Cashew Nuts		Pine Nuts	
Chestnuts		Pumpkin Seeds	
Filberts		Sesame Seeds	
Hazel Nuts		Sunflower Seeds	
Hemp Seeds, hulled		Walnuts	

Note: Most nuts are to be eaten raw or lightly roasted and unsalted or make nut butters, nut milks, etc. It's best to buy nuts in their shells to maintain freshness.

Organic Vegetables – The Purifiers & Protectors

When planning your perfect health meals, you select the raw vegetables for your salad from this list. For the largest meal of the day, you should select 1 green and 1 yellow vegetable or you can select any other 2 vegetables from this list for your cooked vegetables:

Alfalfa Sprouts

Artichokes

Jerusalem Artichokes

Asparagus

Beets

Bean Sprouts

Broccoli

Brussels Sprouts

Cabbages

Carrots

Cauliflower

Celery

Chives

Collards

Corn

Cucumbers

Dandelion Greens

Eggplant

Endive

Escarole

Garlic

Green Peas

Kale



Kohlrabi

Leeks

Lettuce

Mustard Greens

Okra

Onions

Oyster Plant

Parsnips

Peppers

Potatoes

Potatoes – sweet

Radishes

Shallots

Spinach

String Beans

Squash – many varieties

Swiss Chard

Tomatoes

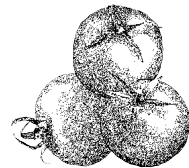
Turnips

Turnip Greens

Wheat Grass

Watercress

Yams



Beans and Legumes

The legumes are one of man's oldest foods. They are healthy, hearty foods everyone can enjoy. They're rich in vegetable proteins, particularly soybeans. (See page 233)

Beans (all kinds)

Lentils

Split Peas

Garbanzo Beans

Lima Beans

Soybeans

The word "vegetarian" is not derived from "vegetable", but from the Latin, homo vegetus, among the Romans meaning a strong, robust, thoroughly healthy man!

Miracles can happen every day through guidance and prayer! – Patricia Bragg

Natural Sweetening Agents

Here's some natural sweeteners, remember they are concentrated sugars and should be used sparingly:

Honey – raw, uncooked
100% Maple Syrup Grade B
Barley Malt
Rice Syrup
Date Sugar – from dates
Molasses – un sulphured
Blackstrap Molasses
Fruit Juices (Concentrate)
Diabetics use: Stevia (herb), Agave syrup (cactus)

Natural Oils

These oils are unsaturated and allowable, but still use sparingly. Read labels: refuse oils that contain harsh chemicals to prevent rancidity. Cold-pressed or expeller-pressed oils available at health stores are the best.

Bragg Organic Olive Oil and Organic Macadamia Oil
Flaxseed Oil
Hempseed Oil
Safflower Oil
Soy Oil
Sunflower Oil
Corn Oil
Sesame Seed Oil
Avocado Oil
Walnut Oil
Almond Oil



Natural Organic Whole Grains, Flours & Cereals

These organic 100% whole grains are best for health. Use for cooking, bread and pastry baking and with cereals. Cereals should not be eaten more than 3 times a week unless you do heavy physical labor or heavy sports training. On your cereal you can use any of the natural sweetening agents and Rice Dream, almond or soy milks.

Whole Wheat, unbleached
Whole Barley
Millet
Corn Meal - Yellow, White & Blue
Oats - steel cut oats (a Bragg favorite)
Brown Rice - all natural & unrefined
Rices are good – long & short grain, Basmati & Wild Rice.
Rye
Flax
Quinoa
Amaranth
Buckwheat
Bulgur



Honey whets the appetite, and so does wisdom! When you enjoy becoming wise, there is hope for you! – Proverbs 24:13-14

Sample Health Menus

For those used to 3 meals daily – here's some suggestions:

Suggestion # 1: Breakfast

After exercise, stretching, etc. have Bragg Pep Drink (pg 230) or some fresh fruit. Optional, hot oatmeal or wholegrain cereal with fruit topping or cold organic granola with sliced banana topping, sweetened with honey or maple syrup and add Rice Dream or soy milk if desired. Herbal tea sweetened with honey (optional).

Lunch

A raw veggie salad. Bowl of veggie soup. Fresh fruit for dessert.

Dinner

Raw vegetable salad. Choice of vegetable protein, beans, tempeh, soy, or tofu. Two cooked vegetables. Fresh fruit for dessert with soy yogurt (optional) and a wholegrain cookie.

Suggestion # 2: Breakfast

Bragg Pep Drink. Optional with wholegrain bran muffin. We prefer our Pep Drink for breakfast – it's super for energy and nutrition and doesn't overload your digestive system!

Lunch

Small variety veggie salad, soup or veggie gardenburger, or steamed zucchini or yellow squash. Fresh fruit for dessert.

Dinner

Raw vegetable salad. (*Salad and dressing recipe on page 231.*) Use salad dressing sparingly and keep in refrigerator. Green peppers stuffed with brown rice and tofu. Choice of cooked fresh vegetable. For dessert – fresh fruit, soy yogurt and 2 dates.

Suggestion # 3: Breakfast

Bragg Pep Drink or fresh or unsulphured stewed fruit, or fresh, fertile egg, two slices of whole grain toast (you may enjoy wholegrain or blue corn pancakes or waffles occasionally).

Lunch

Raw variety vegetable salad, corn on the cob or brown rice and lentil casserole (*recipe pg 231*). Fresh fruit for dessert.

Dinner

Raw vegetable salad. A vegetable protein dish. Baked potato, squash or eggplant, or bowl of steamed greens with tomatoes. Desert – fresh fruit and soy yogurt (optional) or healthy apple pie.

Enjoy a Large Variety of Wholesome, Healthy, Delicious and Nutritious Foods

We have listed over 200 foods that are good health foods to eat and to use in creating your menus. It is our recommendation you go over this list of foods, see what you like and build your menus to suit yourself and your family. Also, be brave and try new healthy foods.

People have built up such strong desires for certain foods that they think it's impossible for them to give up those foods. We are talking about healthy foods that appear on these lists, not the devitalized foods. The Bible tells us that God provided an ideal diet in the Garden of Eden. It plainly states God said . . .

“I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.”

– Genesis 1:29, *Holy Bible, NIV*

In other words, God gave man fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds and grains for a diet that would give health and long life. We read in the Bible that people who ate this diet lived as many as 900 years. If man lived on the simple foods of Mother Nature, he experienced superior health and freedom from all ailments and a long life.

Over the years man started changing, processing and refining his natural food. Many foods which he now eats are dead, foodless foods (page 237). The further man strayed away from his natural foods, the more trouble he got into. As long as he lived on an abundance of raw fruits and vegetables, properly cooked vegetables and the raw unsalted nuts and seeds, he enjoyed a longer life and vitality supreme. Healthy natural foods are the only foods that promote higher health. These are the foods that our digestive system was made to handle, process and use to keep us healthy.

The more natural you make your diet, the better health you are going to have! You have 200 foods here to select from. With these foods and your healthy lifestyle and program of fasting, there's no reason why you shouldn't keep in health and fitness at all times!

HEALTHY BEVERAGES

Fresh Juices, Herb Teas & Pep Drinks

These freshly squeezed organic vegetable and fruit juices are important to The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle. It's not wise to drink beverages with your main meals, as it dilutes the digestive juices. But it's great during the day to have a glass of freshly squeezed orange, grapefruit, vegetable juice, Bragg Vinegar ACV Drink, herb tea or try hot cup Bragg Liquid Aminos Broth (½ to 1 tsp Bragg Liquid Aminos in cup of hot distilled water) – these are all ideal pick-me-up beverages.

Bragg Apple Cider Vinegar Cocktail – Mix 1-2 tsps equally of Bragg Organic ACV and (optional) raw honey, blackstrap molasses or pure maple syrup in 8 oz. distilled or purified water. Take glass upon arising, hour before lunch and dinner (*if diabetic, to sweeten use 2-4 stevia drops*).

Delicious Hot or Cold Cider Drink – Add 2 to 3 cinnamon sticks and 4 cloves to water and boil. Steep 20 minutes or more. Before serving add Bragg Vinegar and raw honey to taste. (*Re-use cinnamon sticks & cloves*)

Bragg Favorite Juice Cocktail – This drink consists of all raw vegetables (please remember organic is best) which we prepare in our vegetable juicer: carrots, celery, beets, cabbage, tomatoes, watercress and parsley, etc. The great purifier, garlic, we enjoy but it's optional.

Bragg Favorite Health Smoothie "Pep" Drink – After morning stretch and exercises we often enjoy this drink instead of fruit. It's delicious and powerfully nutritious as a meal anytime: lunch, dinner or take in thermos to work, school, sports, gym, hiking, and to park or freeze for popsicles.

Bragg Health Smoothie "Pep" Drink

Prepare following in blender, add frozen juice cube if desired colder; Choice of: freshly squeezed orange or grapefruit juice; carrot and greens juice; unsweetened pineapple juice; or 1½ - 2 cups purified or distilled water with:

2 tsps spirulina or green powder, barley, etc.	1 to 2 bananas, ripe
½ tsp raw wheat germ (optional)	1 tsp soy protein powder
1 Tbsp flax oil (or grind Tbsp of flax seeds)	1 tsp sunflower or chia seeds
½ tsp lecithin granules	1 tsp raw honey (optional)
½ tsp rice bran	½ tsp vit C or emer'gen-C powder
½ tsp psyllium husk powder (optional)	½ tsp nutritional yeast flakes
2 dates, pitted (optional)	⅓ cup soy yogurt or tofu

Optional: 8 apricots (sundried, unsulphured) soak in jar overnight in purified water or unsweetened pineapple juice. We soak enough for several days, keep refrigerated – also delicious topped with soy yogurt . Add seasonal organic fresh fruit: peaches, strawberries, berries, apricots, etc. instead of banana. In winter, add apples, kiwi, oranges, tangelos, persimmons or pears, and if fresh is unavailable, try sugar-free, frozen organic fruits. Servings 1 to 2.

Patricia's Delicious Health Popcorn

Use freshly popped organic popcorn (use air popper). Try Bragg Organic Olive Oil or flax seed oil or melted salt-free butter over popcorn and add several sprays of Bragg Liquid Aminos and Bragg Apple Cider Vinegar Yes; it's delicious! Now sprinkle with nutritional yeast (lg.) flakes. For variety try pinch of Italian or French herbs, cayenne pepper, mustard powder or fresh crushed garlic to oil mixture. Serve instead of breads!

Bragg Lentil & Brown Rice Casserole, Burgers or Soup

Jack LaLanne's Favorite Recipe

<p>14 oz pkg lentils, uncooked 4-6 carrots, chop 1" rounds 3 celery stalks, chop, (optional) 2 onions, chop, (optional) 2-3 quarts, distilled water</p>	<p>1½ cups brown organic rice, uncooked 4 garlic cloves, chop, (optional) 1 tsp Bragg Liquid Aminos ¼ tsp Italian herbs (oregano, basil, etc.) 2 tsps Bragg Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil</p>
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Wash & drain lentils & rice. Place grains in large stainless steel pot. Add water, bring to boil, reduce heat, then add vegetables & seasonings to grains and simmer for 30 minutes. If desired, last 5 minutes add fresh or canned (salt-free) tomatoes before serving. For delicious garnish add spray of Bragg Aminos, minced parsley & nutritional yeast (large) flakes. Mash or blend for burgers. For soup, add more water. Serves 4 to 6.

Bragg Raw Organic Vegetable Health Salad

<p>2 stalks celery, chop 1 bell pepper & seeds, diced ½ cucumber, slice 2 carrots, grated 1 raw beet, grated 1 cup green cabbage, chop</p>	<p>½ cup red cabbage, chop ½ cup alfalfa or sunflower sprouts 2 spring onions & green tops, chop 1 turnip, grated 1 avocado (ripe) 3 tomatoes, medium size</p>
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For variety add organic raw zucchini, sugar peas, mushrooms, broccoli, cauliflower, (try black olives & pasta). Chop, slice or grate vegetables fine to medium for variety in size. Mix vegetables & serve on bed of lettuce, spinach, watercress or chopped cabbage. Dice avocado & tomato & serve on side as a dressing. Serve choice of fresh squeezed lemon, orange or dressing separately. Chill salad plates before serving. **It's best to always eat salad first before serving hot dishes.** Serves 3 to 5.



Bragg Health Salad Dressing

<p>½ cup Bragg Organic Apple Cider Vinegar 1-2 tsps organic raw honey ⅓ cup Bragg Organic Olive Oil, or blend with safflower, soy, sesame or flax oil 1 Tbsp fresh herbs, minced or pinch of Italian or French dry herbs</p>	<p>½ tsp Bragg Liquid Aminos 1-2 cloves garlic, minced</p>
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Blend ingredients in blender or jar. Refrigerate in covered jar.

FOR DELICIOUS HERBAL VINEGAR: In quart jar add ⅓ cup tightly packed, crushed fresh sweet basil, tarragon, dill, oregano, or any fresh herbs desired, combined or singly. (If *dried* herbs, use 1-2 tsps. herbs.) Now cover to top with Bragg Organic Apple Cider Vinegar and store two weeks in warm place, and then strain and refrigerate.

Honey – Celery Seed Vinaigrette

<p>¼ tsp dry mustard ¼ tsp Bragg Liquid Aminos ¼ tsp paprika 2-3 Tbsps raw honey to taste</p>	<p>1 cup Bragg Organic Apple Cider Vinegar ½ cup Bragg Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil ½ small onion, minced ⅓ tsp celery seed</p>
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Blend ingredients in blender or jar. Refrigerate in covered jar.

Food and Product Summary

Today, many of our foods are highly processed or refined, robbing them of essential nutrients, vitamins, minerals and enzymes. Many also contain harmful, toxic and dangerous chemicals. The research findings and experience of top nutritionists, physicians and dentists have led to the discovery that devitalized foods are a major cause of poor health, illness, cancer and premature death. The enormous increase in the last 70 years of degenerative diseases such as heart disease, arthritis and dental decay substantiate this belief. Scientific research has shown that most of these afflictions can be prevented and that others, once established, can be arrested or even reversed through nutritional methods.

Enjoy Super Health with Natural Foods

1. **RAW FOODS:** Fresh fruits and raw vegetables organically grown are always best. Enjoy nutritious variety garden salads with raw vegetables, sprouts, raw nuts and seeds.
2. **VEGETABLES and PROTEINS:**
 - a. Legumes, lentils, brown rice, soy beans, and all beans.
 - b. Nuts and seeds, raw and unsalted.
 - c. We prefer healthier vegetarian proteins. If you must have animal protein, then be sure it's hormone-free, and organically fed and no more than 1 or 2 times a week.
 - d. Dairy products – fresh fertile range-free eggs, unprocessed hard cheese and feta goat's cheese. We choose not to use dairy products. Try the healthier non-dairy soy, rice, nut, and almond milks and soy cheeses, delicious yogurt and soy and rice ice cream.
3. **FRUITS and VEGETABLES:** Organically grown is always best – grown without the use of poisonous sprays and toxic chemical fertilizers whenever possible; urge your market to stock organic produce! Steam, bake, sauté or wok vegetables as short a time as possible to retain the best nutritional content and flavor. Also enjoy fresh juices.
4. **100% WHOLE GRAIN CEREALS, BREADS and FLOURS:** They contain important B-complex vitamins, vitamin E, minerals, fiber and the important unsaturated fatty acids.
5. **COLD or EXPPELLER-PRESSED VEGETABLE OILS:** Bragg organic extra virgin olive oil (is best), soy, sunflower, flax and sesame oils are excellent sources of healthy, essential, unsaturated fatty acids. We use oils sparingly.

USA leads the world in heart disease, strokes, cancer and diabetes! Why? It's our fast junk foods, high sugars, fats, milk and processed foods diet.

If just half of the \$billions spent on cancer research were spent on educating the public how to avoid disease - millions of lives would be saved from cancer.

– Joel Fuhrman, M.D., Author, Fasting and Eating for Health

Vegetarian Protein % Chart

LEGUMES	%
Soybean Sprouts	54
Soybean Curd (tofu)	43
Soy flour	35
Soybeans	35
Broad Beans	32
Lentils	29
Split Peas	28
Kidney Beans	26
Navy Beans	26
Lima Beans	26
Garbanzo Beans	23

GRAINS	%
Wheat Germ	31
Rye	20
Wheat, hard red	17
Wild rice	16
Buckwheat	15
Oatmeal	15
Millet	12
Barley	11
Brown Rice	8

VEGETABLES	%
Spirulina (<i>Plant Algae</i>)	60
Spinach	49
New Zealand Spinach ...	47
Watercress	46
Kale	45
Broccoli	45
Brussels Sprouts	44
Turnip Greens	43
Collards	43
Cauliflower	40
Mustard Greens	39
Mushrooms	38
Chinese Cabbage	34
Parsley	34
Lettuce	34
Green Peas	30
Zucchini	28
Green Beans	26
Cucumbers	24
Dandelion Greens	24
Green Pepper	22
Artichokes	22
Cabbage	22
Celery	21
Eggplant	21
Tomatoes	18
Onions	16
Beets	15
Pumpkin	12
Potatoes	11
Yams	8
Sweet Potatoes	6

FRUITS	%
Lemons	16
Honeydew Melon	10
Cantaloupe	9
Strawberry	8
Orange	8
Blackberry	8
Cherry	8
Apricot	8
Grape	8
Watermelon	8
Tangerine	7
Papaya	6
Peach	6
Pear	5
Banana	5
Grapefruit	5
Pineapple	3
Apple	1

NUTS AND SEEDS	%
Pumpkin Seeds	21
Sunflower Seeds	17
Walnuts, black	13
Sesame Seeds	13
Almonds	12
Cashews	12
Macadamias	9



Data obtained from Nutritive Value of American Foods in Common Units, USDA Agriculture Handbook No. 456. Reprinted with author's permission, from *Diet for a New America* by John Robbins (Walpole, NH: Stillpoint Publishing)

Vitamin E Antioxidant-Rich Healthy Foods Are Important for Your Health & Longevity

A partial list of foods that contain the following amounts of precious, healthy Vitamin E. This list was compiled from *The Bridges Food and Beverage Analysis*.

Food	Quantity	Vitamin E IU's
Apples	1 medium	0.74
Bananas	1 medium	0.40
Barley	½ cup	4.20
Beans, Navy	½ cup	3.60
Butter (salt-free)	2 tablespoons	0.80
Carrots	1 cup	0.45
Celery, Green	½ cup	2.60
Corn, Dried for Popcorn ..	1 cup	20.00
Cornmeal, Yellow	½ cup	1.70
Corn Oil	2 tablespoons	29.00
Eggs, Fertile	2	2.00
Endive, Escarole	½ cup	2.00
Flour, Whole Grain	1 cup	54.00
Grapefruit	½	0.52
Kale	½ cup	8.00
Lettuce	6 leaves	0.50
Oatmeal	½ cup	2.00
Olive Oil (virgin)	½ cup	5.00
Onions, Raw	2 medium	0.26
Oranges	1 small	0.24
Parsley	½ cup	5.50
Peas, Green	1 cup	4.00
Potatoes, White	1 medium	0.06
Potatoes, Sweet	1 small	4.00
Rice, Brown	1 cup cooked	2.40
Rye	½ cup	3.00
Soybean Oil	2 tablespoons	46.00
Sunflower Seeds, Raw	½ cup	31.00
Wheatgerm Oil	2 tablespoons	140.00

Plus E's in seeds, raw nuts, spinach, broccoli, avocados, etc. also in cooked beans.



Bragg Vegetarian Recipe Book Has 100's of Delicious Healthy Salads, Soups, Casseroles, Desserts, etc.
















A recent revealing study of nurses whose daily Vitamin E intake was 100 IU's and more had a 36% lower risk of heart attack and 23% lower risk of stroke.

Nature's Miracle Phytochemicals Help Prevent Cancer:

Make sure to get your daily dose of these naturally occurring, cancer-fighting super foods – phytochemicals that are abundant in apples, tomatoes, onions, garlic, beans, legumes, soybeans, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, citrus fruits, etc. The champions with the highest count of phytochemicals go to apples and tomatoes.

Class	Food Sources	Action
PHYTOESTROGENS ISOFLAVINS	Soy products, flaxseed, seeds & nuts, yams, alfalfa & red clover sprouts, licorice root (not candy)	May block some cancers, & aids in menopausal symptoms and helps improve the memory
PHYTOSTEROLS	Plant oils, corn, soy, sesame, safflower, wheat, pumpkin	Blocks hormonal role in cancers, inhibits uptake of cholesterol from diet
SAPONINS	Yams, beets, beans, cabbage, nuts, soybeans	May prevent cancer cells from multiplying
TERPENES	Carrots, yams, winter squash, sweet potatoes, apples, cantaloupes	Antioxidants – protects DNA from free radical-induced damage
	Tomatoes and tomato-based products	Helps block UVA & UVB & may help protect against cancers, prostate, etc.
	Citrus fruits (flavonoids), apples (quercetin)	Promotes protective enzymes; antiseptic
	Spinach, kale, beet & turnip greens, cabbage	Protects eyes from macular degeneration
	Red chile peppers	Keeps carcinogens from binding to DNA
PHENOLS	Fennel, parsley, carrots, alfalfa,	Prevents blood clotting & may have anticancer properties
	Citrus fruits, broccoli, cabbage, cucumbers, green peppers, tomatoes	Antioxidants – flavonoids block membrane receptor sites for certain hormones
	Grape seeds, apples	Strong antioxidants; fights germs & bacteria, strengthens immune system, veins & capillaries
	Grapes, especially skins	Antioxidant, antimutagen; promotes detoxification. Acts as carcinogen inhibitors
	Yellow & green squash	Antihepatotoxic, antitumor
SULFUR COMPOUNDS	Onions & garlic (fresh is best)	Promotes liver enzymes, inhibits cholesterol synthesis, reduces triglycerides, lowers blood pressure, improves immune response, fights infections, germs & parasites

Body Signs of Potassium Deficiency

-  Bone and muscle aches and pains, especially lower back.
-  Shooting pains when straightening up after leaning over.
-  Dizziness upon straightening up after leaning over.
-  Morning dull headaches upon arising and when stressed.
-  The body feels heavy, tired and it's an effort to move.
-  Dull, faded-looking hair that lacks sheen and luster.
-  The scalp is itchy. Dandruff, premature hair thinning or some balding may occur.
-  The hair is unmanageable, mats, often looks straw-like, is sometimes extremely dry and other times oily.
-  The eyes itch, feel sore and uncomfortable, and appear bloodshot and watery. Also, eyelids may be granulated with white matter collecting in the corners.
-  The eyes tire easily and will not focus as they should.
-  Loss of mental alertness and onset of confusion, making decisions difficult. The memory fails, making you forget names and places you should easily remember.
-  You tire physically and mentally with the slightest effort.
-  You become easily irritable and impatient with your family, friends and loved ones, and even with your business and social acquaintances.
-  You feel nervous, depressed and in a mental fog. You have difficulty getting things done, due to mental and muscle and body fatigue. The slightest effort can leave you upset, nervous and trembling.
-  At times, your hands and feet get chilled, even in warm weather, which is a sign of potassium deficiency.



Potassium is the key mineral in the constellation of minerals; it's so important to every living thing that without it there would be no life. Bragg Organic Apple Cider Vinegar is a good source of potassium.

Avoid These Processed, Refined, Harmful Foods

Once you realize the harm caused to your body by unhealthy refined, chemicalized, deficient foods, you'll want to eliminate these "killer" foods. Also avoid microwaved foods! Follow The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle to provide the basic, healthy nourishment to maintain your health.

- Refined sugar, artificial sweeteners (toxic aspartame) or their products such as jams, jellies, preserves, marmalades, yogurts, ice cream, sherbets, Jello, cake, candy, cookies, all chewing gum, colas & diet drinks, pies, pastries, and all sugared fruit juices and fruits canned in sugar syrup. **(Health Stores have delicious healthy replacements, Stevia, etc, so seek and buy the best. Page 135)**
- White flour products such as white bread, wheat-white bread, enriched flours, rye bread that has white flour in it, dumplings, biscuits, buns, gravy, pasta, pancakes, waffles, soda crackers, pizza, ravioli, pies, pastries, cakes, cookies, prepared and commercial puddings and ready-mix bakery products. Most made with dangerous (oxy-cholesterol) powdered milk and powdered eggs. **(Health Stores have huge variety of 100% whole grain organic products, delicious breads, crackers, pastas, desserts, etc.)**
- Salted foods, such as corn chips, potato chips, pretzels, crackers and nuts.
- Refined white rices and pearled barley. ● Fast fried foods. ● Indian ghee.
- Refined, sugared (also, aspartame), dry processed cereals – cornflakes etc.
- Foods that contain olestra, palm and cottonseed oil. These additives are not fit for human consumption and should be totally avoided .
- Peanuts and peanut butter that contain hydrogenated, hardened oils and any peanut mold and all molds that can cause allergies.
- Margarine – combines heart-deadly trans-fatty acids and saturated fats.
- Saturated fats and hydrogenated oils – enemies that clog the arteries.
- Coffee, decaffeinated coffee, caffeinated tea and all alcoholic beverages.
Also all caffeinated and sugared water-juices, all cola and soft drinks.
- Fresh pork and products. ● Fried, fatty greasy meats. ● Irradiated GMO foods.
- Smoked meats, such as ham, bacon, sausage and smoked fish.
- Luncheon meats, hot dogs, salami, bologna, corned beef, pastrami and packaged meats containing dangerous sodium nitrate or nitrite.
- Dried fruits containing sulphur dioxide – a toxic preservative.
- Don't eat chickens or turkeys that have been injected with hormones or fed with commercial poultry feed containing any drugs or toxins.
- Canned soups - read labels for sugar, salt, starch, flour and preservatives.
- Foods containing benzoate of soda, salt, sugar, cream of tartar and any additives, drugs, preservatives; irradiated and genetically engineered foods.
- Day-old cooked vegetables, potatoes and pre-mixed, wilted lifeless salads.
- All commercial vinegars: pasteurized, filtered, distilled, white, malt and synthetic vinegars are the dead vinegars! *(We use only our Bragg Organic Raw, unfiltered Apple Cider Vinegar with the "mother" as used in olden times.)*

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THE MIRACLES OF APPLE CIDER VINEGAR FOR A STRONGER, LONGER, HEALTHIER LIFE



The old adage is true:
*"An apple a day
keeps the doctor away."*



- Helps promote a youthful skin and vibrant healthy body
- Helps remove artery plaque and body toxins
- Helps fight germs, viruses, bacteria and mold naturally
- Helps retard old age onset in humans, pets and farm animals
- Helps regulate calcium metabolism
- Helps keep blood the right consistency
- Helps regulate women's menstruation and relieves PMS
- Helps normalize urine pH, relieving frequent urge to urinate
- Helps digestion, assimilation and balances the pH
- Helps relieve sore throats, laryngitis and throat tickles and cleans out throat and gum toxins
- Helps detox the body so sinus, asthma and flu sufferers can breathe easier and more normally
- Helps banish acne, athlete's foot, soothes burns, sunburns
- Helps prevent itching scalp, baldness, dry hair and banishes dandruff, rashes, and shingles
- Helps fight arthritis and removes crystals and toxins from joints, tissues, organs and entire body
- Helps control and normalize body weight

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– Paul C. Bragg, Health Crusader,
Originator of Health Stores

Our sincere blessings to you, dear friends, who make our lives so worthwhile and fulfilled by reading our teachings on natural living as our Creator laid down for us to follow. He wants us to follow the simple path of natural living. This is what we teach in our books and health crusades worldwide. Our prayers reach out to you and your loved ones for the best in health and happiness. We must follow the laws He has laid down for us, so we can reap this precious health physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually!



**HAVE
AN
APPLE
HEALTHY
LIFE!**

With Love,

Braggs Organic Raw Apple Cider Vinegar with the "Mother" is the #1 food I recommend to maintain the body's vital acid – alkaline balance.

– Gabriel Cousens, M.D., Author, *Conscious Eating*

Mother Nature Knows No Mercy

There is no thought or discrimination in the working of the Eternal Laws that govern all things. Even Mother Nature works according to fixed laws for good or for ill. It's up to each person to guide and guard their life wisely as they go through their lifetime.

It is for the ant to select a safe, secluded place for her nest, or suffer the consequences. It is for us to study Mother Nature's and God's Eternal Laws, and adjust ourselves to them, or suffer. Mother Nature has no time or thought for individual cases! Fire will burn the innocent child and spare the hardened criminal who knows the ways of fire. It is well for us that it is so, for our real education is acquired by the study of the Natural Laws that will not coddle or spare us.

Mother Nature is unsentimental and powerful in her work on this earth – disregarding man's sense of justice or injustice! She may crush the just man and his family who disobey her wise Eternal Laws with disease and premature ageing, yet spares the criminal who follows the natural plan of physical health.

The purpose of this book is to inspire you to save yourself by following their Natural Laws of Living. The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle which are their laws and followed will save you from needless suffering. You can achieve supreme health to live a long, vital life.



E. M. Forster, one of Britain's literary immortals, observed that food is one of the five main facts of life, "a link between the known and the forgotten." It was a marvel to him that we continually – "day after day put an assortment of objects into a hole in our faces without becoming surprised or bored."

"In the course of a year, the average adult eats 133 pounds of sugar, 53 pounds of fats, 100 pounds of white flour, 14 pounds of white rice, 25 pounds of potatoes, and often quarts of ice cream. There can be no arguing that many mouths function as litter baskets and become overloaded garbage dumps."

Dad and I want you to enjoy a fulfilled, healthy, long life. – Patricia Bragg

Mother Nature Wants Us Clean & Healthy

Mother Nature tells us we must keep healthy and clean inside and not allow toxic poisons and obstructions to accumulate within our bodies. A regular fasting program teaches you the Law of Internal Purity.

Self-preservation is the first Law of Life. If we are to live a long, healthy, active, happy life, we must work with Mother Nature and not against her! If you attempt to break her laws she will break you! Natural Laws are God's Good Laws. If we follow them, we will be rewarded with Super Health! Mother Nature's strict laws demand you keep your body clean inside and there's no better way to keep yourself internally clean than by fasting!

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There are only 2 kinds of people in the world. Which kind are you? The *real person* seeks, learns and thinks for himself. The *imitation person* lets others think for him! It takes courage to live your own life. Fasting and living The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle takes faith and courage in this confused, fast world. Set a healthy standard of living for yourself. Demand the best health! Let no weakling drag you down to their level. It's the survival of the fittest. Be fit! Be healthy! Live a long, happy life with vigor!

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Cornell Scientist study shows Vitamin C's strong anti-cancer activity are found in a diet of fresh fruits and vegetables that are rich in phytochemicals and nutrients (containing vitamin C). These are powerful weapons against cancer and disease. Cornell University and Seoul National University found apples (rich in quercetin, a phytochemical in apples) even stronger anti-cancer activity than vitamin C. –The Lancet 2/2002
See web: www.nysaes.cornell.edu/pubs/press/current/lelancet02.html

Alternative Health Therapies And Massage Techniques

Try Them – They Work Miracles!

Explore these wonderful natural methods of healing your body. Then choose the best healing techniques for you:

ACUPUNCTURE/ACUPRESSURE Acupuncture directs and rechannels body energy by inserting hair-thin needles (use only disposable needles) at specific points on the body. It's used for pain, backaches, migraines and general health and body dysfunctions. Used in Asia for centuries, acupuncture is safe, virtually painless and has no side effects. **Acupressure** is based on the same principles and uses finger pressure and massage rather than needles. Websites offer info – check them out. Web: acupuncture.com

CHIROPRACTIC Chiropractic was founded in Davenport, Iowa in 1885 by Daniel David Palmer. There are now many schools in the U.S., and graduates are joining Health Practitioners in all nations of the world to share healing techniques. Chiropractic is popular, is the largest U.S. healing profession benefitting literally millions. Treatment involves soft tissue, spinal and body adjustment to free the nervous system of interferences with normal body function. Its concern is the functional integrity of the musculoskeletal system. In addition to manual methods, chiropractors use physical therapy modalities, exercise, health and nutritional guidance. Web: chiropractic.org

F. MATHIUS ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE These lessons help end improper use of neuromuscular system and bring body posture back into balance. Eliminates psycho-physical interferences, helps release long-held tension, and aids in re-establishing muscle tone. Web: alexandertechnique.com

FELDENKRAIS METHOD Dr. Moshe Feldenkrais founded this in the late 1940s. Lessons lead to improved posture and help create ease and efficiency of movement. A great stress removal method. Web: feldenkrais.com



Touch is a primal need and is as necessary for growth as food, clothing or shelter. Michelangelo knew this when he painted God extending a hand to Adam on the Sistine Chapel ceiling, he chose touch to depict the gift of life. – George H. Colt

Alternative Health Therapies & Massage Techniques

HOMEOPATHY In the 1800's, Dr. Samuel Hahnemann developed homeopathy. Patients are treated with minute amounts of substances similar to those that cause a particular disease to trigger the body's own defenses. The homeopathic principle is *Like Cures Like*. This safe and nontoxic remedy is the #1 alternative therapy in Europe and Britain because it is inexpensive, seldom has any side effects, and brings fast results. Web: homeopathyhome.com

NATUROPATHY Brought to America by Dr. Benedict Lust, M.D., this treatment uses diet, herbs, homeopathy, fasting, exercise, hydrotherapy, manipulation and sunlight. (Dr. Paul C. Bragg graduated from Dr. Lust's first School of Naturopathy in the U.S. Now 6 schools) Practitioners work with your body to restore health naturally. They reject surgery and drugs except as a last resort. Web: naturopathics.com

OSTEOPATHY The first School of Osteopathy was founded in 1892 by Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, M.D. There are now 15 U.S. colleges. Treatment involves soft tissue, spinal and body adjustments that free the nervous system from interferences that can cause illness. Healing by adjustment also includes good nutrition, physical therapies, proper breathing and good posture. Dr. Still's premise: if the body structure is altered or abnormal, then proper body function is altered and can cause pain and illness. Web: osteopathy.org

REFLEXOLOGY OR ZONE THERAPY Founded by Eunice Ingham, author of *Stories The Feet Can Tell*, inspired by a Bragg Health Crusade when she was 17. Reflexology helps the body by removing crystalline deposits from reflex areas (nerve endings) of feet and hands through deep pressure massage. Reflexology originated in China and Egypt and Native American Indians and Kenyans practiced it for centuries. Reflexology activates the body's flow of healing and energy by dislodging deposits. Visit Eunice Ingham's web site at www.reflexology-usa.net and www.reflexology.org

SKIN BRUSHING daily is wonderful for circulation, toning, cleansing and healing. Use a dry vegetable brush (never nylon) and brush lightly. Helps purify lymph so it's able to detoxify your blood and tissues. Removes old skin cells, uric acid crystals and toxic wastes that come up through skin's pores. Use loofah sponge for variety in shower or tub.

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REIKI A Japanese form of massage that means “Universal Life Energy.” Reiki helps the body to detoxify, then re-balance and heal itself. Discovered in the ancient Sutra manuscripts by Dr. Mikso Usui in 1822. Web: reiki.com

ROLFING Developed by Ida Rolf in the 1930’s in the U.S. Rolfing is also called structural processing and postural release, or structural dynamics. It is based on the concept that distortions (accidents, injuries, falls, etc.) and the effects of gravity on the body cause upsets in the body. Rolfing helps to achieve balance and improved body posture. Methods involve the use of stretching, deep tissue massage, and relaxation techniques to loosen old injuries and break bad movement and posture patterns, which can cause long-term health and body stress. Web: rolf.org

TRAGERING Founded by Dr. Milton Trager M.D., who was inspired at age 18 by Paul C. Bragg to become a doctor. It is a mind-body learning method that involves gentle shaking and rocking, allowing the body to let go, releasing tensions and lengthening the muscles for more body peace and health. Tragering can do miraculous healing where needed in the muscles and the entire body. Web: trager.com

WATER THERAPY Soothing detox shower: apply olive oil to skin, alternate hot and cold water. Massage areas while under hot, filtered spray (pages 130-132). Garden hose massage is great in summer. Hot detox tub bath (20 minutes) with cup each of Epsom salts and apple cider vinegar, pulls out toxins by creating an artificial fever cleanse. Web: nmsnt.org

MASSAGE & AROMATHERAPY works two ways: the essence (aroma) relaxes, as does the massage. Essential oils are extracted from flowers, leaves, roots, seeds and barks. These are usually massaged into the skin, inhaled or used in a bath for their ability to relax, soothe and heal. The oils, used for centuries to treat numerous ailments, are revitalizing and energizing for the body and mind. Example: Tiger balm, MSM, echinacea and arnica help relieve muscle aches. Avoid skin creams and lotions with mineral oil – it clogs the skin’s pores. Use these natural oils for the skin: almond, apricot kernel, avocado, soy, hemp seed and olive oils and mix with aromatic essential oils: rosemary, lavender, rose, jasmine, sandalwood, lemon-balm, etc. –6 oz. oil & 6 drops of an essential oil. Web: aromatherapy.net or frontierherb.com

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MASSAGE – SELF Paul C. Bragg often said, “You can be your own best massage therapist, even if you have only one good hand.” Near-miraculous health improvements have been achieved by victims of accidents or strokes in bringing life back to afflicted parts of their own bodies by self-massage and even vibrators. Treatments can be day or night, almost continual. Self-massage also helps achieve relaxation at day’s end. Families and friends can learn and exchange massages; it’s a wonderful sharing experience. Remember, babies also love and thrive with daily massages – start from birth. Family pets also love the soothing, healing touch of massages. Web: arntmassage.org

MASSAGE – SHIATSU Japanese form of health massage that applies pressure from the fingers, hands, elbows and even knees along the same points as acupuncture. Shiatsu has been used in Asia for centuries to relieve pain, common ills, muscle stress and to aid lymphatic circulation. Web: doubleclickd.com/Articles/shiatsu.html


MASSAGE – SPORTS An important health support system for professional and amateur athletes. Sports massage improves circulation and mobility to injured tissue, enables athletes to recover more rapidly from myofascial injury, reduces muscle soreness and chronic strain patterns. Soft tissues are freed of trigger points and adhesions, thus contributing to improvement of peak neuro-muscular functioning and athletic performance.

MASSAGE – SWEDISH One of the oldest and the most popular and widely used massage techniques. This deep body massage soothes and promotes circulation and is a great way to loosen and relax muscles before and after exercise. Web: massage-one.com/style.html



Author’s Comment: We have personally sampled many of these alternative therapies. It’s estimated that soon America’s health care costs will leap over \$2 trillion. It’s more important than ever to be responsible for our own health! This includes seeking holistic health practitioners who are dedicated to keeping us well by inspiring us to practice prevention! These Alternative Healing Therapies are also popular and getting results: aroma, Ayurvedic, biofeedback, color, guided imagery, herbs, music, meditation, magnets, saunas, tai chi, chi gong, Pilates, yoga, etc. Explore them and be open to improving your earthly temple for a healthy, happier, longer life. Seek and find the best for your body, mind and soul.

– Paul C. Bragg and daughter Patricia Bragg


Earn Your Bragging Rights
Live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle
With The Miracle Of Fasting
To Attain Supreme Physical,
Mental, Emotional and Spiritual Health!

With your new awareness, understanding and sincere commitment of how to live The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle – you can now live a longer, healthier life to 120 years!

God bless you and your family and may He give you the strength, the courage and the patience to win your battle to re-enter the Healthy Garden of Eden while you are still living here on Earth with time to enjoy it all!

With Blessings of Health, Peace, Joy and Love,

Paul and Patricia



Health Crusaders
Paul C. Bragg and
daughter Patricia
traveled the
world spreading
health, inspiring
millions to renew and
revitalize
their health.

- 3 John 2

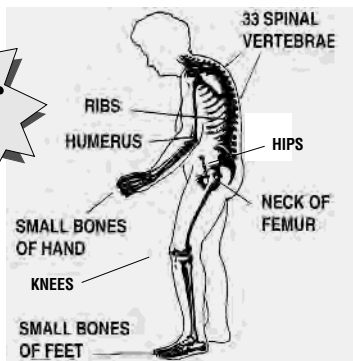
- Genesis 6:3

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I never suspected I would have to learn how to live – that there were specific disciplines and ways of seeing the world that I had to master before I could awaken to a simple, healthy, happy, uncomplicated life. – Dan Millman, Author, The Life You Were Born to Live & Way of The Peaceful Warrior ~ web: danmillman.com
Admirer of Bragg health teachings since Stanford University coaching days

A truly good book teaches me better than to just read it, I must soon lay it down and commence living in its wisdom. What I began by reading, I must finish by acting! – Henry David Thoreau

Locations in the Body Where Osteoporosis, Arthritis, Pain and Misery Hit the Hardest



OSTEOPOROSIS
Affects over 30 Million
and Kills 400,000
Americans Annually

Boron Miracle Trace Mineral For Healthy Bones

BORON – A trace mineral for healthier bones that also helps the body absorb more vital calcium, minerals and necessary hormones! Good sources are most vegetables, fresh and sun-dried fruits, prunes, raw nuts, soybeans and nutritional Brewer's yeast.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Human Nutrition Lab in Grand Forks, North Dakota, says boron is usually found in soil and in foods, but many Americans eat a diet low in boron. They conducted a 17 week study which showed a daily 3 to 6 mgs boron supplement enabled participants to reduce loss (demineralization) of calcium, phosphorus and magnesium from their bodies. This loss is usually caused by eating processed fast foods and lots of meat, salt, sugar and fat and a dietary lack of fresh vegetables, fruits and whole grains (www.all-natural.com).

After 8 weeks on boron, participants' calcium loss was cut 40%. It also helped double important hormone levels vital in maintaining calcium and healthy bones. Millions of women on estrogen replacement therapy for osteoporosis* may want to use boron as a healthier choice. Also consider the natural progesterone (2%) raw yam cream. For pain, joint support and healing use a glucosamine/chondroitin/MSM combo (*caps, liquid and roll-on*).

Scientific studies show women benefit from a healthy lifestyle that includes some gentle sunshine and ample exercise (*even weight lifting*) to maintain healthier bones, combined with a low- fat, high-fiber, carbohydrate, and fresh salads, greens, vegetable and fruit diet. This lifestyle helps protect against heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer and many other ailments. I'm happy to see science now agrees with my Dad who first stated these health truths over 70 years ago!

* For more hormone and osteoporosis facts read pioneer John Lee, M.D.'s book – *What Your Doctor May Not Tell You About Menopause*



Praises for *The Miracle of Fasting* and *The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle*

The Miracle of Fasting and *The Bible* are two of my greatest treasures. – Donald G. Smith, Pacifica, CA

I have experienced a beautiful, remarkable, spiritual awakening. Since reading your fasting book I'll never be quite the same again. – Sandy Tuttle, Painesville, OH

Your fasting book gives me so much motivation when I need it. Thank you again for your inspiration, I am honored to be among your millions of students worldwide.

– John F. Crann, Livingston, NJ

The results were miraculous! I got rid of a constant cold, and I feel so good and healthy again.

– Nestor R. Villagra, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Rock and roll health is better than rock and roll wealth. Thanks to Bragg, the road ain't a drag. We thank the Braggs for the super smooth going and success on our recent whirlwind 20 city tour of England.

– David Polemeni, Boy's Town Band, Fort Lee, NJ

Thank you Paul and Patricia Bragg for my simple, easy to follow Health Program. You make my days healthy!

– Clint Eastwood - Bragg Follower for 49 years

It's great - needs to be reread to get full meaning. Has even helped me with a pinched nerve (7th cervical).

– Charles A. Aceto, Jr., Winter Park, FL

I especially like your Bragg Aminos. My mother uses it in her recipes. – Mary Pierce, French Open Tennis Champion

I was diagnosed with diabetes and had high sugar levels. Within 6 months, I was insulin free. I am healthier now than I have been for the last 15 years. My wife, three young children and I are now all vegetarians and living the Bragg Lifestyle. The results have been amazing. Thank You.

– Dennis Urbans, Australia



Praises for *The Miracle of Fasting and The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle*

Thanks to the Bragg Health Books, they were our introduction to healthy living. We are very grateful to you and your father.

– Marilyn Diamond, Co-Author, Fit For Life

Warm wishes all the way from Malaysia to express my sincere gratitude to both of you for sharing your wonderful secret of youth through the Bragg Healthy Lifestyle Living.

– Marilyn Lim, Sarawak, Malaysia

I have been using and enjoying Bragg Liquid Aminos as I have kidney problems due to the use of too much salt. The flavor is delicious and only a small amount is needed. My regret is I did not know of this wonderful salt substitute before and I shall always use it in place of salt.

– Constance Crawford, Lauderdale Lakes, FL

I am a Holistic Health Counselor specializing in nutrition and healthy lifestyle. It's a natural match for me to use Bragg products because of their wonderful healing properties! I've been using Bragg's Liquid Aminos for years now, love the taste and what it does for my body. Thanks to Bragg's Apple Cider Vinegar, I've cleared up long standing skin problems that other medications and creams failed to do. Best of all, I share these great remedies, as well as your books, with all my clients, whom have reported similar improvements. Keep up the incredible work you are doing. I am grateful for your message of love and am helping to spread the good news.

– Nancy Caballero, Brooklyn NY

Again, I'd like to personally thank you for teaching me how to take control of my health! I have lost almost 55 pounds. I feel "Great"! These books have showed me vitality, happiness and being close to Mother Nature. You both are real crusaders of Health.

– Leonard Amato

I have utilized your book's precepts and in turn have reaped overflowing health, joy and energy.

– Gill Contreras, Texarkana, TX



Praises for *The Miracle of Fasting* and *The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle*

Your fasting book has renewed me physically, mentally and spiritually. I'm 58 years young and feel 18. I can outrun 18 year olds! Through your fasting plan, I lost over 86 pounds and feel a sense of rejuvenated youthfulness.

– Donald Daigh, Key West, FL

You've recharged me with hope, encouragement and love which poured from your words. I'm now able to fast and no more cigarettes and coffee for me, you have certainly improved my life! I'm so thankful.

– Marie Furia, West Orange, NJ

How I beat cancer, obesity, diabetes, strep and three herniated disks and excruciating pain? The answer was changing to the Bragg's Healthy Lifestyle Program! It changed and saved my life! I had full recovery and also lost over 70 lbs. I received a new life and that is just the beginning because my manhood returned that was lost to diabetes – now that's exciting. On my trip to Honolulu, Hawaii I visited the famous free Bragg Exercise Class at Waikiki Beach. I became so regenerated with a wonderful new viewpoint towards living my healthy lifestyle that I now live in Hawaii. I'm invigorated with new energy. My new purpose for living is to help others reclaim their health rights! I also want the world to join The Bragg Health Crusade. I am deeply thankful Paul and Patricia for my new healthy life!

– Len Schneider, Honolulu, Hawaii

We get letters daily at our Santa Barbara headquarters. We would love to receive testimonials from you on any blessings and healings you experienced after following The Bragg Healthy Lifestyle with Fasting. It's all within your grasp to be in top health. By following this book, you can reap Super Health and a happy, long, vital life! It's never too late to begin – see (page 185) the study they did with people in their 80s and 90s! and the amazing results that were obtained. You can receive miracles with nutrition, exercise and fasting! Start now!

Daily our prayers & love go out to you, your heart, mind & soul.

3 John 2



Patricia Bragg

Genesis 6:3

Miracles can happen every day through guidance and prayer! – Patricia Bragg

**GO ORGANIC!
DON'T PANIC!**



**GUARD YOUR
TOTAL HEALTH**

FROM THE AUTHORS

This book was written for You! It can be your passport to a healthy, long, vital life. We in the Alternative Health Therapies join hands in one common objective – promoting a high standard of health for everyone. Healthy nutrition points the way – which is Mother Nature and God's Way. This book teaches you how to work with them, not against them. Health Doctors, therapists nurses, teachers and caregivers are becoming more dedicated than ever before to keeping their patients healthy and fit. This book was written to emphasize the great needed importance of living a lifetime of healthy living, close to Mother Nature and God.

Statements in this book are scientific health findings, known facts of physiology and biological therapeutics. Paul C. Bragg practiced natural methods of living for over 80 years with highly beneficial results, knowing that they were safe and of great value. His daughter Patricia lectured and co-authored the Bragg Books with him and continues to carrying on The Bragg Health Crusades.

Paul C. Bragg and daughter Patricia express their opinions solely as Public Health Educators and Health Crusaders. They offer no cure for disease. Only the body has the ability to cure a person. Experts may disagree with some of the statements made in this book. However, such statements are considered to be factual, based on the long-time experience of pioneer health crusaders Paul C. Bragg and Patricia Bragg. If you suspect you have a medical problem, please seek alternative health professionals to help you make the healthiest, wisest and best-informed choices.



Count your blessings daily while you do your 30 to 45 minute brisk walks and exercises with these affirmations—health! strength! youth! vitality! peace! laughter! humility! understanding! forgiveness! joy! and love for eternity!— and soon all these qualities will come flooding and bouncing into your life. With blessings of super health, peace and love to you, our dear friends – our readers. – Patricia Bragg

If I were to name the three most precious resources of life, I would say books, friends and nature; and the greatest of these, at least the most constant and always at hand is Mother Nature and God. – John Burroughs

Peace is not a season, it is a way of life.

Change your mind and you change your life.

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We stop living when we stop learning. Life is growth and learning is growing.

No man can violate Mother Nature's Laws and escape her penalties. – Julian Johnson

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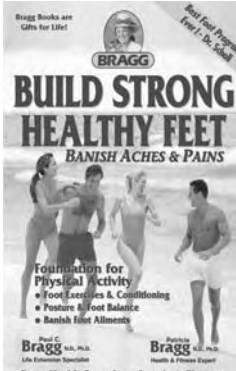
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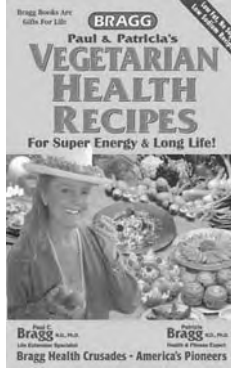


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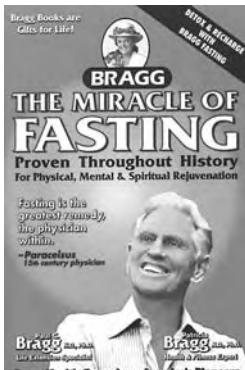
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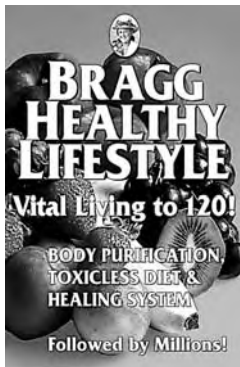
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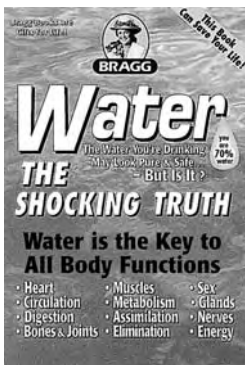


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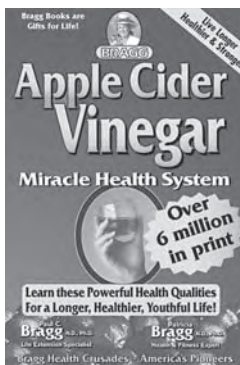


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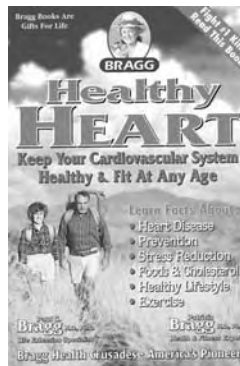


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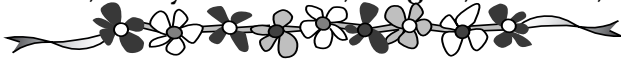
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