

CERTAIN ABOUT UNCERTAINTY

Build Resilience, Gain Confidence, and Thrive in a Chaotic World

COMPANION WORKBOOK

Exercises, Templates, and Reflection Questions

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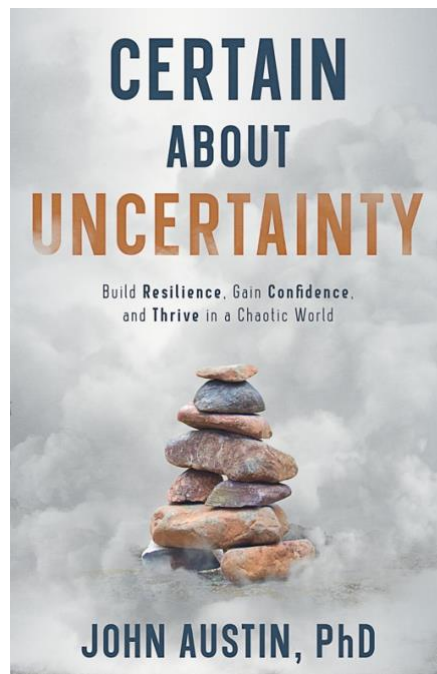


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Introduction: How to Use This Workbook

This companion workbook is designed to help you apply the concepts from [Certain About Uncertainty](#) to your own life and work. It contains three types of content:

- **End-of-Chapter Exercises:** Structured activities to help you practice and apply each chapter's key concepts
- **Templates:** Fill-in worksheets and frameworks you can use during the exercises
- **Reflection Questions:** Prompts to deepen your thinking and personalize the material

Work through these materials at your own pace. Some exercises are quick reflections; others are substantial activities requiring an hour or more. Consider keeping this workbook as a living document, returning to exercises as your circumstances change and your uncertainty intelligence develops.

PART I: UNDERSTANDING THE FOG

Chapter 1: Uncertainty Is Life

Exercise: Looking Back to See Ahead

Purpose: We often think of surprises as random or unforeseeable. But in hindsight, many were preceded by subtle clues. This exercise helps you build the habit of retrospective sense-making so you can sharpen your forward-looking perception.

Step 1: Identify a Surprise

Think back over the past 3 to 5 years. Identify one moment in your industry, organization, or life that truly surprised you. A disruption. A breakthrough. A trend that emerged faster than expected.

What was the surprise?

Why was it surprising at the time?

Step 2: Rewind the Tape

Rewind to the months or years leading up to that event. Look for any weak signals or early indicators you (or others) might have missed.

Were there small shifts in behavior, data, or conversation that pointed in that direction?

Who, if anyone, saw it coming? What were they noticing?

Step 3: Connect the Dots

Consider what made those early signals hard to spot.

Was it ambiguity, noise, denial, or simple busyness?

Were you relying on outdated assumptions or focused on short-term priorities?

How might cognitive patterns like normalcy bias or loss aversion have shaped your perception?

Step 4: Apply Forward

What did this surprise teach you about detecting change?

How could you become more alert to early signals now?

What current weak signals might you be dismissing that deserve closer attention?

Reflection Questions

1. Think of a recent time when uncertainty in your life led to an unexpected positive outcome. What would have happened if you had avoided that uncertain situation entirely?

2. How do you currently respond when your predictions or expectations are violated? Do you see these moments as threats or learning opportunities?

3. What rigid structures or routines in your work or personal life might be protecting you from small uncertainties while making you vulnerable to larger disruptions?

Chapter 2: Uncertainty Intelligence

Exercise: Uncertainty Intelligence Self-Assessment

This assessment helps you understand your current uncertainty intelligence across three dimensions: Anticipatory Awareness, Adaptability, and Learning Agility.

Instructions: Rate each item using this scale based on your actual behaviors over the past six months:

1 = Never | 2 = Rarely (once or twice) | 3 = Sometimes (monthly) | 4 = Often (weekly) | 5 = Very Often (multiple times per week)

Part 1: Anticipatory Awareness

In the past six months, how often have you...

_____ 1. Noticed a small change in your environment before others mentioned it?

_____ 2. Connected seemingly unrelated events or trends to identify a potential future impact?

_____ 3. Actively sought information from sources outside your usual channels?

_____ 4. Correctly anticipated a problem or opportunity before it became obvious to colleagues?

_____ 5. Paid attention to weak signals that something might be shifting in your field?

_____ 6. Asked yourself 'what's changing?' when reviewing routine information?

_____ 7. Discussed potential future scenarios with others to test your understanding?

_____ 8. Felt that you saw something coming that surprised others when it happened?

Part 2: Adaptability

In the past six months, how often have you...

_____ 9. Changed your approach based on new information, even after significant investment?

_____ 10. Successfully modified your working style to accommodate unexpected changes?

_____ 11. Let go of a previously successful method because circumstances had changed?

_____ 12. Helped others navigate a significant change by translating what it meant for them?

_____ 13. Found yourself comfortable starting a project without knowing exactly how it would unfold?

_____ 14. Quickly shifted priorities when external conditions changed unexpectedly?

_____ 15. Experimented with a new approach when your usual methods weren't working?

_____ 16. Maintained effectiveness despite significant disruption to your normal routines?

Part 3: Learning Agility

In the past six months, how often have you...

_____ 17. Sought feedback on your performance even when it wasn't required or comfortable?

_____ 18. Applied lessons from one area of your life to solve a problem in a different area?

_____ 19. Admitted you were wrong and changed your mind based on new evidence?

_____ 20. Deliberately put yourself in situations where you had to learn something new quickly?

____ 21. Reflected on a failure or setback to extract lessons for future situations?

____ 22. Changed your opinion on an important topic after learning new information?

____ 23. Asked someone to teach you something outside your normal expertise area?

____ 24. Used an unexpected outcome as a learning opportunity rather than just moving on?

Scoring Your Assessment

Calculate your scores:

Anticipatory Awareness (Questions 1-8): _____ / 40

Adaptability (Questions 9-16): _____ / 40

Learning Agility (Questions 17-24): _____ / 40

Total Uncertainty Intelligence: _____ / 120

Interpreting your scores (for each dimension, out of 40):

- 32-40: High capability in this dimension
- 24-31: Moderate capability with room for growth
- 16-23: Developing capability
- Below 16: Significant opportunity for development

Reflection Questions

1. Based on your self-assessment scores, which component of uncertainty intelligence (anticipatory awareness, adaptability, or learning agility) would have the most impact on your effectiveness if you developed it further?

2. What specific behaviors or thought patterns from your childhood approach to uncertainty could you deliberately reintegrate into your adult decision-making?

3. In what situations does your intolerance of uncertainty create 'pre-worrying' that actually makes outcomes worse?

PART II: SEEING THROUGH THE FOG

Developing Anticipatory Awareness

Chapter 3: Bridging the Future Gap

Exercise: The Backward-Forward Flip

Purpose: Our minds tend to underestimate future change while overestimating past predictability. This exercise uses the surprises of the past three years to calibrate your imagination for the next three.

Part 1: The Backward Glance (15 minutes)

Think back exactly three years from today. Picture where you were, what you were doing, what seemed certain. Now identify three events or changes that would have genuinely surprised that version of you.

Surprise #1:

What happened:

Why past-you wouldn't have predicted it:

What early signals you missed or dismissed:

Surprise #2:

What happened:

Why past-you wouldn't have predicted it:

What early signals you missed or dismissed:

Surprise #3:

What happened:

Why past-you wouldn't have predicted it:

What early signals you missed or dismissed:

What patterns do you notice? Did surprises come from technology, social changes, personal capabilities, global events, or relationships?

Part 2: The Forward Flip (20 minutes)

If the past three years contained those surprises, what equivalently surprising changes might the next three years hold? Stretch your imagination to match the scale of change you just documented.

Technology/Tools: What might be commonplace in three years that seems niche today?

Work/Career: What shift in how you work would surprise current-you?

Social/Relationships: What changes in how people connect might emerge?

Personal Growth: What capability might you develop that seems unlikely now?

World Events: What global shift could change your daily reality?

Part 3: Make It Stick

Write yourself a brief letter dated three years from now, describing how one of your forward surprises unfolded and what early signs you're now noticing. Put it somewhere you'll find it in six months.

Reflection Questions

1. If you could have a conversation with yourself 10 years from now, what would that future version want to tell you about the choices you're making today?

2. What important life or career changes are sitting in your 6-month to 3-year blind spot right now, present enough to matter but not urgent enough to act on?

3. How might treating major decisions as experiments rather than verdicts change your willingness to commit to long-term goals?

Chapter 4: Perceiving Large Scale System Shifts

Exercise: The Time Telescope

Purpose: Large-scale system changes hide in plain sight because they fall outside our normal planning horizons. This exercise uses expanding time frames to reveal systemic shifts invisible at conventional scales.

Part 1: Baseline Your Blindness (10 minutes)

List five social, economic, or political systems that feel like fixed features of your world:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

For each, note how long it's been roughly in its current form (years, decades, centuries).

Part 2: The Expanding Lens (25 minutes)

Choose the system that feels most unchangeable to you and examine it through progressively longer time horizons.

Your chosen system:

10-Year Lens:

Assume incremental change only. What modest improvements or degradations might occur?

25-Year Lens:

A full generation. What fundamental assumptions about this system might no longer hold?

50-Year Lens:

Beyond your lifetime planning horizon. How might this system be unrecognizable?

100-Year Lens:

Historical scale. What systems that seemed permanent 100 years ago have already transformed?

Part 3: The Signals Scan

Return to your 25-year vision. What current weak signals might indicate this transformation is already beginning?

Signal 1:

Signal 2:

Signal 3:

Part 4: The Brittleness Test

For each of your five 'permanent' systems, identify its key vulnerability:

System 1 - Most fragile assumption / What could break it:

System 2 - Most fragile assumption / What could break it:

System 3 - Most fragile assumption / What could break it:

System 4 - Most fragile assumption / What could break it:

System 5 - Most fragile assumption / What could break it:

Reflection Questions

1. What system in your life or work feels most permanent but might actually be approaching a tipping point you're not seeing?

2. Think of a major change that 'suddenly' disrupted your industry or life. What weak signals were present years before that you or others dismissed?

3. How does your need to believe the world makes sense prevent you from acknowledging that certain systems might be fundamentally broken?

Chapter 5: Uncertainty Vectoring

Exercise: Personal Uncertainty Vectoring

Purpose: Apply the uncertainty vectoring process to a decision or challenge you're currently facing. This exercise walks you through the complete process.

Step 1: Define Your Focal Question and Time Horizon

What decision or challenge are you trying to navigate?

What time horizon are you considering? (e.g., 3 years, 5 years, 10 years)

Step 2: Identify Key Uncertainties

Brainstorm 8-12 uncertainties that could significantly affect your focal question. Think across categories: Technology, Economic, Social, Political, Environmental, Personal.

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2.

3.

4.

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6.

7.

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9.

10.

Step 3: Assess Current State (X Position)

For each uncertainty, rate where things currently stand on a scale of 1-10, where the endpoints represent opposite outcomes.

Example: 'AI replaces my job function' - 1 = No impact, 10 = Fully automated

Step 4: Map Uncertainty Relationships

Which uncertainties are correlated? Which move together? Which move in opposite directions? Draw connections and note relationships.

Step 5: Explore Vector Patterns

Identify 3-4 plausible future scenarios based on how the uncertainties might resolve together. Give each a memorable name.

Scenario 1 Name:

Description:

Scenario 2 Name:

Description:

Scenario 3 Name:

Description:

Step 6: Identify Robust Strategies

What actions would serve you well across multiple scenarios? What's worth doing regardless of which future emerges?

Reflection Questions

1. As you mapped the uncertainties affecting your focal question, which ones did you initially overlook? What does that reveal about your blind spots?

2. Which of your identified uncertainties are you treating as more predictable than they actually are?

3. What 'robust' action emerged from this exercise that you've been avoiding because it doesn't optimize for any single predicted future?

Chapter 6: Prospective Sensemaking

Exercise: The Future Story Workshop

Purpose: Help teams apply prospective sensemaking without needing an external facilitator. Designed for groups of 8-20 people, approximately 3 hours.

Materials Needed:

- Large room with movable furniture and plenty of wall space
- Sticky notes (multiple colors)
- Markers, large sheets of paper or poster boards
- Timer, masking tape

Opening Frame (15 minutes)

Share this context: 'Today we're going to make sense of our future together. Not predict it, not plan for it in the traditional sense, but actively create meaning around what could be. Our goal is to develop shared understanding of possible futures and what they would mean for us.'

Phase 1: Individual Future Fragments (20 minutes)

Each person writes 5-7 sticky notes answering: 'What might be true about our organization/industry/world in [time horizon]?' One idea per note. No filtering, no judgments.

Phase 2: Clustering and Naming (30 minutes)

Post all sticky notes on wall. As a group, silently cluster related ideas. Name each cluster. Discuss: What patterns are we seeing? What surprises us?

Phase 3: Future Story Development (45 minutes)

Break into small groups of 4-5. Each group selects 2-3 clusters and develops a coherent 'future story' that integrates them. Write a one-page narrative of what that future looks like.

Phase 4: Story Sharing and Integration (40 minutes)

Each group presents their future story. After all presentations, discuss: What themes appear across stories? What tensions exist? What does this mean for us?

Phase 5: Implications and Actions (30 minutes)

As a full group, identify: What should we start doing now? What should we stop? What should we watch more closely? Document commitments.

Workshop Documentation Template

Key Themes Identified:

Tensions or Contradictions:

Actions to Start:

Actions to Stop:

Signals to Monitor:

Reflection Questions

1. What perspectives were missing from your team's future stories that might have revealed important possibilities?

2. How did engaging in collective dialogue about the future change your individual understanding of what's possible?

3. What assumptions did your team share that went unquestioned? How might challenging those assumptions open new possibilities?

PART III: MOVING THROUGH THE FOG

Building Adaptability and Collective Intelligence

Chapter 7: Change Translation

Exercise: The Translation Audit

Purpose: Assess and improve your ability to translate ideas into action across changing contexts. Designed for individual leaders or small leadership teams, approximately 2 hours.

Part 1: Current Initiative Mapping (30 minutes)

Identify one significant change initiative you're currently leading.

The core idea or strategy behind the initiative:

What success looks like:

Current implementation status:

First Translation Assessment (Mindset):

How clear is the new mindset this change requires?

Who truly 'gets it' versus who's still operating from old assumptions?

What resistance stems from threatened expertise or identity?

Second Translation Assessment (Implementation):

What organizational routines conflict with this change?

Where are the rhythm mismatches (e.g., initiative moves weekly but budgeting is annual)?

Which stakeholder interests align or conflict with the change?

Third Translation Assessment (Scaling):

If you've scaled or adapted this anywhere, what worked and what didn't?

What contextual differences have you discovered?

How attached are people to specific solutions versus underlying principles?

Rate each translation moment from 1-5 (1 = Significant struggles, 3 = Making progress with friction, 5 = Flowing smoothly):

First Translation (Mindset): _____

Second Translation (Implementation): _____

Third Translation (Scaling): _____

Part 2: Translation Barrier Diagnosis (45 minutes)

For your lowest-rated translation moment, complete the appropriate diagnostic:

If struggling with First Translation (Mindset):

List three sacred cows in your organization - things 'everyone knows' that might not be true anymore:

Sacred Cow 1 - Why people believe this / What evidence challenges it:

Sacred Cow 2 - Why people believe this / What evidence challenges it:

Sacred Cow 3 - Why people believe this / What evidence challenges it:

If struggling with Second Translation (Implementation):

Create a conflict map - list 5 key routines/processes that need to change:

Routine 1 - Who benefits from status quo / What would need to be true for change to benefit them:

Routine 2:

Routine 3:

Routine 4:

Routine 5:

If struggling with Third Translation (Scaling):

What core principle is this change really about?

What's the simplest expression of this principle?

How might this principle manifest differently in a new context?

Part 3: Building Translation Habits

Choose three translation practices to adopt:

Daily: Ask yourself 'What's different about today's context that might require adapting our approach?'

Weekly: Have a 'translation check-in' with your team - What new resistance or confusion have we encountered? What's working exactly as planned versus requiring adaptation?

Monthly: Conduct a full translation audit using this template.

Reflection Questions

1. Think of a time when a good idea failed during implementation. Which translation moment was the primary breakdown?

2. Where in your organization do ideas get stuck most often? What does that pattern tell you about needed capabilities?

3. How do you balance holding true to core principles while adapting to local contexts? Where have you erred too far in either direction?

Chapter 8: Future-Proofing Your Team

Exercise: Team Expertise Mapping

Purpose: Build a situated expertise map that allows your team to quickly assess whether it has the skills needed as the world changes. This creates a living picture of where knowledge resides and where gaps exist.

Step 1: Identify the Skills Needed for the Team

Identify up to 10 core skills or expertise areas needed for your team to effectively do its job. Consult external stakeholders, team members, and similar teams.

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Step 2: Survey Team Members

For each identified expertise, team members should: (a) Rate their own skill level (1-5), and (b) Identify 1-3 team members they consider the top experts for that skill.

Step 3: Create an Accuracy vs. Consensus Chart

Plot each expertise in one of four quadrants based on survey results:

High Consensus, High Accuracy: Everyone agrees who the experts are, and those experts self-report as experts. Risk: Single points of failure if those experts leave.

Low Consensus, Low Accuracy: No one knows who the experts are. Often indicates skills done individually where we don't see outcomes. Requires careful assessment.

Low Consensus, High Accuracy: Different people identify different experts, and all are correct. Usually indicates table-stakes skills everyone has.

High Consensus, Low Accuracy: Everyone picks the same experts, but those people don't self-report as experts. Indicates the team may lack true expertise in this area.

Document your results:

High Consensus, High Accuracy Skills:

Low Consensus, Low Accuracy Skills:

Low Consensus, High Accuracy Skills:

High Consensus, Low Accuracy Skills:

Step 4: Action Planning

For High Consensus/High Accuracy - How will you create redundancy?

For Low Consensus/Low Accuracy - How will you assess true capability?

For High Consensus/Low Accuracy - How will you build genuine expertise?

What emerging skills should be added to next quarter's assessment?

Reflection Questions

1. If your team mapped its expertise using this framework, what dangerous dependencies or knowledge mirages would likely emerge?

2. What prevents your team members from seeking help when facing problems outside their expertise, and how could you normalize not knowing?

3. How could your team recreate the joy and autonomy of childhood collaboration while still meeting organizational objectives?

PART IV: LIVING IN THE FOG

Applying Uncertainty Intelligence

Chapter 9: Future You in Everyday Decisions

Exercise: The Daily Decision Lab

Purpose: Use daily decisions as a practice ground for building uncertainty intelligence. This two-week experiment helps you notice patterns in how you negotiate between present comfort and future benefit.

Part 1: Choose Your Decision

Select one recurring daily decision that involves a trade-off between present and future. Examples: When to exercise, what to eat, when to check email, how to spend the first hour of your day, whether to have a difficult conversation.

Your chosen daily decision:

Why this decision matters for your future:

Part 2: Map the Forces

The Pull of Now:

What immediate benefit does the 'easy' choice provide?

What discomfort does it help you avoid?

How does present-you justify this choice?

The Pull of Later:

What would future-you (tomorrow, next month, next year) prefer?

What benefits compound if you choose for the future?

What problems compound if you don't?

Part 3: Run Experiments (Two Weeks)

Week 1 - Awareness Only: Don't try to change your choice. Just notice what you choose each day, how you feel before/during/after, what patterns emerge, and when future-oriented choices feel easier or harder.

Week 1 Daily Log:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Weekend patterns:

Week 2 - Gentle Experiments: Try different interventions:

- Monday: Visualize future you experiencing the results of each option
- Tuesday: Use the 10-10-10 rule (how will you feel in 10 min/10 months/10 years?)
- Wednesday: Make the future choice just 50% of the time
- Thursday: Change one small thing to make the future choice easier
- Friday: Ask 'What would I tell a friend to do?'

Week 2 Daily Log:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Part 4: Harvest the Learning

What patterns did you notice about when you choose for now vs. later?

Which intervention helped most? Why do you think it worked?

How did your relationship with this decision change?

What would you tell someone else struggling with a similar choice?

Reflection Questions

1. What recurring daily decision could become your practice ground for building uncertainty intelligence, and what patterns might emerge from experimenting with it?

2. How connected do you feel to the person you'll be in 10 years, and what would change if you treated that person as a close friend rather than a stranger?

3. Which of your current daily choices are accumulating into a future you'll regret, and what small shift today could redirect that trajectory?

Chapter 10: Building Career Resilience Through Uncertainty Intelligence

Exercise: The Three-Horizon Career Intelligence System

Purpose: Build the core capabilities that enable professionals to thrive during transitions through three interconnected practices: anticipatory awareness, adaptability, and learning agility. Time required: 2 hours initial setup, then 15 minutes daily.

Part 1: Building Your Anticipatory Awareness Radar (30 minutes)

Create three 'listening posts' that will help you detect weak signals before they become obvious trends.

Listening Post 1: The Anomaly Tracker

Each week, identify one thing that surprised you in your current field and one in your target field. Document with three columns: What surprised me / Why it was unexpected / What it might signal about the future.

This week's anomaly in your current field:

This week's anomaly in your target or adjacent field:

Patterns noticed after one month of tracking:

Listening Post 2: The Convergence Spotter

Set up Google Alerts for the intersection of your current expertise and target field.

Your convergence search term (e.g., 'financial services + healthcare technology'):

Key convergences you're monitoring:

Listening Post 3: The Outsider Perspective

Identify 3-5 people in adjacent fields whose observations might reveal blind spots in your own.

People to follow/consult:

Part 2: Developing Your Adaptability Repertoire (30 minutes)

Identity Inventory:

List your current professional identity elements:

Current role/title:

Core expertise areas:

Professional communities you belong to:

How you typically describe yourself professionally:

For each element, assess: Is this 'core' (essential to who you are) or 'flex' (could change without losing yourself)?

Context Translation Practice:

Take one of your core skills and describe how it might be valuable in three different contexts:

Your core skill:

Application in Context 1 (adjacent industry):

Application in Context 2 (different role type):

Application in Context 3 (entrepreneurial/consulting):

Part 3: Accelerating Your Learning Agility (30 minutes)

People Agility Challenge:

Identify three people to have 30-minute conversations with:

Someone thriving in your target field who had a traditional path:

Someone thriving in your target field who had an unconventional path:

Someone who tried your transition and struggled:

Key question to ask each: 'What do you know now that you wish you knew earlier?'

Change Agility Prototypes:

Design three one-week experiments that test different aspects of your career transition:

Technical prototype (learn one specific skill from your target field):

Social prototype (attend one event or join one community in the new field):

Identity prototype (present yourself as already working in the new field for one interaction):

Results Agility Scorecard:

Track weekly for one month, aiming to increase each metric by 20%:

Experiments run: _____

Insights captured: _____

Assumptions challenged: _____

Connections made across domains: _____

Actions taken despite uncertainty: _____

Reflection Questions

1. What weak signals in your industry or profession are you dismissing that might indicate a need to start building bridge skills now?

2. If your primary income stream disappeared tomorrow, what percentage of your current lifestyle could you maintain through other capabilities, and what does that reveal about your career resilience?

3. How might approaching your career as a series of experiments rather than a linear path change the risks you're willing to take?

Chapter 11: The Fog as Friend

Final Integration: Your Uncertainty Intelligence Journey

This closing exercise invites you to reflect on your journey through this book and commit to ongoing practice.

Part 1: Taking Stock

Revisit your Uncertainty Intelligence Self-Assessment from Chapter 2. Complete it again and compare your scores.

Anticipatory Awareness: Before _____ / After _____

Adaptability: Before _____ / After _____

Learning Agility: Before _____ / After _____

Total: Before _____ / After _____

What changed? What contributed to the change?

Part 2: Your Relationship with Uncertainty

How has your relationship with uncertainty shifted through reading this book?

What's one belief about uncertainty you held at the start that has changed?

What does it mean to you to see the fog as friend rather than foe?

Part 3: Commitment to Practice

Identify one practice from each section you will maintain:

From Part I (Understanding) - Practice to maintain:

From Part II (Seeing) - Practice to maintain:

From Part III (Moving) - Practice to maintain:

From Part IV (Living) - Practice to maintain:

Part 4: The Gift of Not Knowing

What gift has uncertainty brought to your life that certainty never could have provided?

What freedom comes from accepting that the fog isn't going anywhere?

What do you want to create in the space that uncertainty opens up?

Reflection Questions

1. What would change in your life if you truly accepted that the fog of uncertainty isn't going anywhere and started seeing it as the condition for growth rather than an obstacle?

2. How has your relationship with uncertainty shifted through reading this book, and what one practice will you maintain to keep developing that relationship?

3. What gift has uncertainty brought to your life that certainty never could have provided?

Continue Your Journey

The exercises and reflections in this workbook are starting points, not destinations. Uncertainty intelligence develops through ongoing practice. Consider:

- Returning to the Self-Assessment every six months to track your growth
- Sharing exercises with colleagues or friends to build collective uncertainty intelligence
- Adapting these templates for new challenges as they arise
- Visiting certain-about-uncertainty.com for additional resources

Remember: You're not learning to predict the future. You're learning to thrive in multiple possible futures. That's a far more valuable capability.

Welcome to the fog. Let's explore it together.