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Dear Kimberly:

It is obvious that you see self-punishment/Safekeeping vs. Experimental Self in the same light as I do—a very serious toxin to self-esteem. Your knowledge of Far Eastern thinking as well as meditation can add a dimension to solving the problem. As I mentioned, I have not been successful in helping people to change. I am reading a new book by my idol, Robert Kegan “How the Way we Talk Can Change the Way We Work” that promises to be a help in our search for a way to help people.

The very basic usefulness of trial and error and successive approximations as enormously effective learning tools is a direction that has been useful with kids. We could make that part of our approach. The meetings with one’s self are by far the most influential in making our lives what they are.

I am enclosing a Self Wheel for Mike.

Warmest,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "George". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.