



Client Bill of Rights

Statement of Informed Consent

By The Rev. Dr. C. Scot Giles

Purpose: My practice philosophy mandates the distribution of this document to every client. While this is neither a contract nor a guarantee, it is important you understand the professional and business policies of my practice.

My Credentials: As the State of Illinois has not adopted educational and training standards for the practice of hypnotism, this statement of credentials is for informational purposes only. I hold my Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Connecticut (with High Honors and *Phi Beta Kappa*) and my Doctor of Ministry degree from Meadville/Lombard Theological School at the University of Chicago (with Highest Distinction and two academic prizes). All of my degrees have academic accreditation recognized by the United States Department of Education. I am a Certified HypnoCoach® as well as a Board Certified Diplomate with the National Guild of Hypnotists. I am a Certified Professional Hypnotist with the International Certification Board of Coaches and Hypnotists. I am a member of the Advisory Board of the National Guild of Hypnotists and a member of the Order of Braid, an international honor society for hypnotism. Additionally I am a HeartMath® Certified Coach, a Board Certified Chaplain (ret.) and a Lifetime Member of the Association of Professional Chaplains. Finally, I am a Unitarian Universalist clergyperson in Full and Final Ministerial Fellowship.

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Scope of Practice: I provide meditative and motivational coaching for a wide range of issues, including making medical or psychological care obtained elsewhere more effective. However, my work is not intended as a substitute for such care. I do not diagnose, treat nor prescribe. My services help normal persons with normal problems in living, enhancing human flourishing by inculcating positive thinking by the capacity for self-hypnosis. My services are supportive and educational, teaching persons to use their natural skills and abilities.

Practice Limits: If a client desires a diagnosis or any other type of treatment from a different practitioner the client may seek such services at any time. In the event my services are terminated by a client, the client has a right to coordinated transfer of services to another practitioner. A client has a right to refuse hypnosis or coaching services at any time. A client has a right to be free of physical, verbal or sexual abuse. A client has a right to

know the expected duration of our work together, and may assert any right without retaliation.

What To Expect: At your first session we will create your *Goals List*, get your *Problem History*, and will administer an *Hypnotic Profile*. The Profile will give me a great deal of information about how your mind utilizes its hypnotic state. This will allow me to design an effective hypnotic protocol for you. At the end of every hypnotic session you will receive a written *Progress Report* that summarizes the session as well as your overall improvement. You will receive by email an explanation of hypnotism, the other services I offer and the science behind our approach.

Conclusion Of Our Work: As the conclusion of your protocol approaches we will discuss how you can sustain your progress. Some clients simply end our work while others request to continue or to continue on a more occasional basis for ongoing support and encouragement. The choice is yours.

Sessions and Fees: We accept cash, check, PayPal and all standard credit cards as payment, with credit cards preferred. The current fee for private hypnotism sessions is \$180 per hour-long session with a 10% discount offered if you pre-pay for all sessions in your protocol. Unused pre-paid sessions will be refunded at the non-discounted rate. Without exception we charge for appointments cancelled on less than two business days notice or if you do not show up for a confirmed appointment.

Confidentiality: Our records are confidential and privileged under Illinois law. We have successfully gone to court to defend the privacy of the information given to me by our clients. It is our policy to refuse disclosure of all privileged information.

Security: For the protection of all parties, with the exception of rest rooms, our facility is protected by video security. Interior cameras are set for video only and no audio is recorded. Videos are stored with digital safeguards.

Exposure: An inherent risk of exposure to Covid-19 exists in any setting where more than one person is present. Our practice follows all recommended precautions and rules regarding protecting public health. However, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to Covid-19 or any similar illness should you visit our facility in person rather than online.

Insurance: In general, insurance companies do not cover hypnotism and we caution you not to expect yours to do so. We will not engage in correspondence with insurance companies.

Redress: If you ever have a complaint about our services or behavior that we cannot resolve for you personally, you may contact the National Guild of Hypnotists at P.O. Box 308, Merrimack, NH 03054-0308, (603) 429-9438 to seek redress. Every member of the National Guild of Hypnotists is encouraged to provide this information to every client to insure ethical practice.

Philosophy: Dr. Giles has an international reputation as a hypnotic practitioner. His goal is to help you become the best version of yourself possible by harnessing your unconscious wisdom, learning to make your own right decisions, and getting in touch with your own healing power.

Acknowledgement: By electronically signing this document you acknowledge that:

- That you have read and understood this Client Bill of Rights;
- That at your first session I will recommend a protocol of sessions for you based on my long experience. However this recommendation is not a contract and you may end the work at any time;
- That half way through your protocol your progress will be evaluated to confirm the benefits you are receiving
- That at the end of your protocol you may continue sessions at your desired frequency for as long as you believe you are receiving a positive benefit.

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