

ANSWER KEY

THE 1ST AGREEMENT: Be Impeccable With Your Word

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences. **Connect your answers to the text.** Take your time. Be specific with your responses & write neatly/legibly.

1. What is described as the only way to “break a spell”?

The only way to break a spell is to make your own agreement based on truth.

2. What is used as a simile for the human mind and why?

The human mind is like fertile ground because seeds (i.e. opinions, ideas, and concepts) are continually being planted.

3. After reading about the first agreement, what can you apply most to your life?

I can be sure to think carefully about the words I speak and how they might affect others even if I think “it’s just a joke”.

4. What does the author mean by “black magic”?

Black magic means the misuse of your word.

5. How is gossip described and why?

Gossip is described as the worst form of black magic and pure poison.

6. How does Don Miguel Ruiz use Hitler as an example?

He uses Hitler as an example of someone could use their word to instill fear and create massive destruction.

7. Give an example of “white magic”.

When I greet my mother in the morning and tell her that she looks good and that I hope she has a great day.

8. According to the author, what does being impeccable with your word mean?

It means to think through everything you say and be sure that your word is flawless.

9. Describe the example given in this chapter regarding a mother and her daughter.

The example is about a mom telling her daughter that she can't sing, so her daughter is subjected to black magic and never sings again as a result.

10. What does impeccable mean?

The word impeccable literally means "without sin". In other words it means to be perfect.

Extra Credit: According to the author, during what process do "we form an image of what perfection is in order to try to be good enough"?

The process is called domestication.