# Transforming the Fire Element

Mend melancholy or manic moods by connecting with self-love and emotional maturity for warm expressions of joy, enthusiasm and celebration of life



- Enjoy bitter foods such as endives, rocket, chicory, dandelion, parsley, cilantro, celery, Chinese greens, asparagus, brussel sprouts, and bitter whole grains such as rye and buckwheat.
- Avoid saturated fats and oils (all animal products) and fried foods. Instead use seeds and their oils for omega 3, 6 and 9. Grind seeds for increased nutrient absorption and use to make flatbreads, as egg replacer in baked foods, in salads and as toppers for stir-fries.
- Enjoy red foods such as beet root, red bell pepper, red cabbage, tomato, watermelon, cherries, red berries, goji, etc.
- Avoid stimulants, coffee, alcohol, chilis, sugar, and burnt food. They strain the heart and mental-emotional health and the liver that directly supports the heart.
- Remove all processed foods and hydrogenated oils. These are toxic and stressful on every level, harming heart, mental-emotional health and the liver. They are used in most restaurants — so limit and/or be mindful about where and what you eat out.
- Enjoy warming foods if/when running cold physically or emotionally such as almonds, quinoa, ginger, garlic, fennel, basil, rosemary, leeks, and onion.
- Enjoy cooling foods if/when running hot physically or emotionally such as apple, pear, melon, cucumber, lettuce, spinach, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, and coconut water.

### Dietary Focus

## Gut Microbiome

**Focus** 

- Identify food intolerances and remove from diet until gut is entirely healed. The most common offenders are sugar, alcohol, gluten, dairy, eggs, corn, and soy. See a functional doctor for help and request testing for intolerances, especially gluten, at cyrexlabs.com.
- Unless you have histamine intolerance, include daily consumption of prebiotics in legumes, Jerusalem artichokes, flax seeds, almonds, onion, garlic, berries, oats. Consume probiotics daily with any fermented food or drink — ensuring none include ingredients you're intolerant to.

# Herbs

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### **Spices**

Enjoy roasted drinks such as roasted chicory, dandelion, barley, brown rice, kukicha, oolong, and green teas. The more roasted the tea leaves

 or dark roast of arabica coffee beans if you can't skip the coffee — the less caffeine and thus the more stabilizing for the fire element.

- Raw cacao (rather than roasted that loses its quality) warms and opens the heart. Be mindful that it contains caffeine.
- Add warming herbs to foods and drinks
   if/when running cold such as turmeric, anise,
   cumin, cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, mustard
   seeds, cayenne and black pepper.
- Add cooling herbs to foods and drinks
   if/when running hot such as mint, majoram,
   licorice, chamomile, nettles, coriander seeds,
   and hibiscus.