MINDFULNESS AND NONATTACHMENT

ABSTRACT

Increasing attention has been given to the incorporation of the Buddhist tradition and Western psychology in discussing means to cultivate mindfulness and nonattachment. This study examines whether self-reflection and insight can contribute to the potential mechanism between mindfulness and nonattachment among Chinese adults (n = 117). Participants completed online questionnaires which consisted the Five Facet Mindfulness Questionnaire (FFMQ), the Self-Reflection and Insight Scale (SRIS) and the Nonattachment Scale (NAS). Findings show that mindfulness positively associated with self-reflection and insight. However, self-reflection and insight were not a mediating path between mindfulness and nonattachment. Nonetheless, this study was the first to examine such mechanism and further explored the bridge between the Buddhist tradition and Western psychology.

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