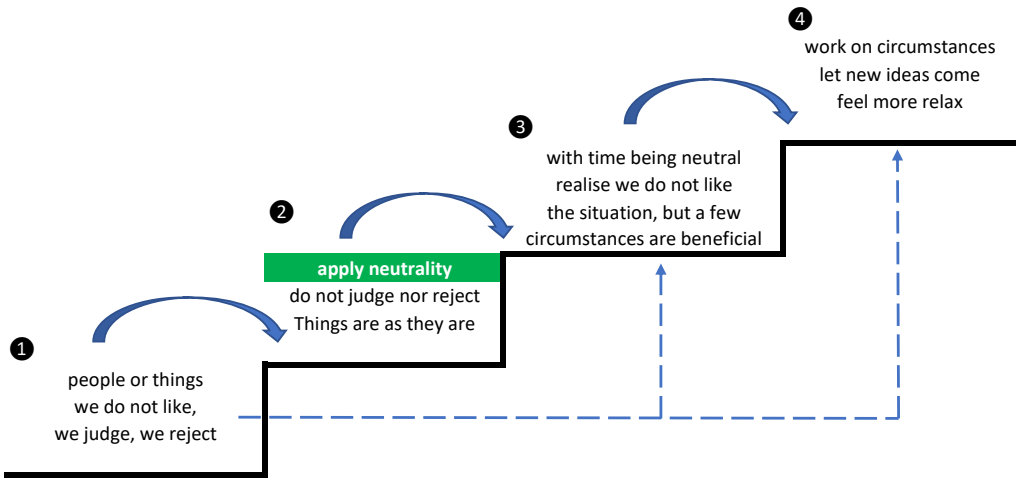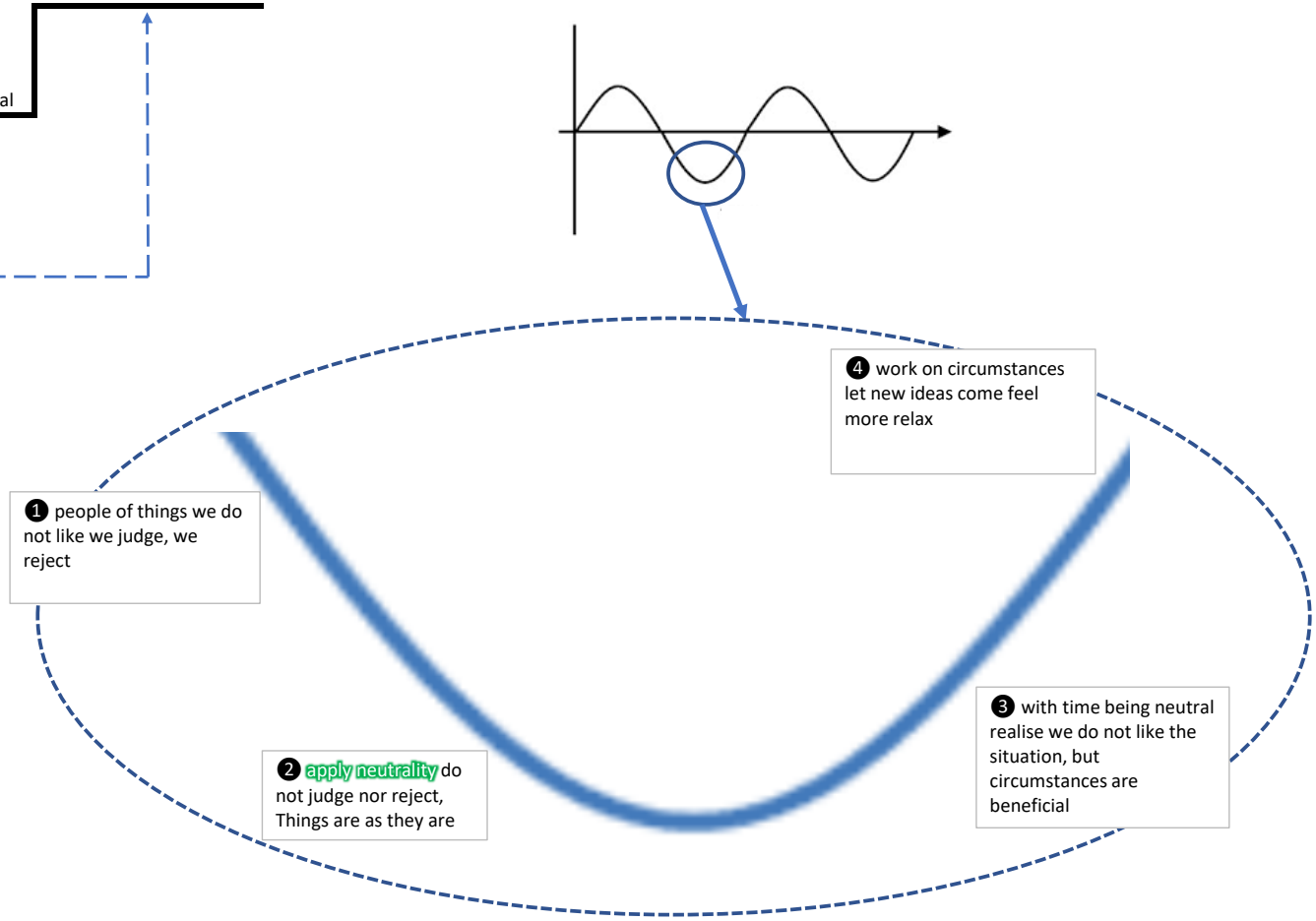BOTTOM CYCLE STEPS - NEUTRALITY