



Dharma Circle October 2021 Summary

This dharma recap is created every month, from the raw unedited notes from the chat box initially captured by Krista Josepha, and then reviewed and edited by Claire.

This year we go back to basics. We are re-energizing the core principles. We start with the basic questions, the only questions we ever need to answer:

- Who am I?
- Where am I?
- Who are we?
- Where are we from?
- Where are we going?

These 5 questions set the context for the 6th:

- What does the Universe want from me in the next second?

Or said differently:

- What does Reality want from me?
- What does Reality DESIRE from me?

There is an assumption inherent to that last question:
The question implies that Reality wants something from me.

That implication is huge:

Unlike the postmodern assumption that the Universe doesn't want anything from me, we are implying that the Universe wants something from us.

This is a *structure of meaning*.

Where does that come from?

This is not a metaphysical dogmatic claim. It comes from our experience that there is a Desire in the Universe!

In her popular book: "*The Right to Sex*" – Feminist author Amia Srinivasan is missing the narrative of life. The book doesn't answer any of the questions above.

An entire book on sexuality, but no narrative!

Using the Incel (Involuntary Celibate) movement's argument that the world oversells sexuality when it's unavailable for a large amount of people – Amia makes a case that we have no right to sex and no right to be desired.

Surely, we live in a society that has idealized the body and exiled sexuality within a very narrow range of idealized expression, and there is a huge gap between our desired goal in sexuality, and manifested reality – everyone is INCEL (involuntary celibate) in some way. But that doesn't make the author assumption right.

No one has a right to sex from a particular person, and no-one has a right to cross boundaries. In that sense there is no right to sex. But "*No Right to Sex*" is about Cancel-culture, it conveys an anti-masculine worldview, and it is now the big book!

With our question "What does Reality want/desire from me in the next moment" we want to prove that it's simply not true that: "No-one has a right to be desired".

Everyone has a right to be desired.

Let's explore this:

We know, from developmental psychology that the experience of being unwanted is shattering for every human being, across space, time, gender, culture, religion, nations, socio-economics.

This tells us something: it wouldn't be shattering if it wasn't violating something true!

Every human being has a genuine need to be desired emotionally, intellectually (to have my voice heard), and deeper: a need to be desired physically. And no one has a right to act on desire without full mutuality and love.

Needs = rights

There is a dignity to need.

Everyone has a right to food, because we have a need for food. The need creates the right. If I need something I have a right to what I need. Of course, we have to clarify our needs. The need has got to be an authentic need. Pseudo-Eros creates artificial needs, by imitating authentic needs. The process of clarification (Berur) allows us to discern erotic to pseudo Erotic needs/ desires.

Obligation

Let's say I have food available, am I obligated to give you food?

If need is an authentic desire and I have the ability to desire you and I don't, am i in violation?

Let's say you are in a relationship. 70% of couples in the world are platonic, sexuality disappears. The couple doesn't think they have an obligation to enact desire, but they do. It doesn't mean you have to enact it in a particular way, you can desire your partner by kissing his/her shoulder for three hours.

Exile of Desire

The last thing you want to do is EXILE Desire to a certain form of desire and a certain form of it being fulfilled.

We have exiled Desire to the human realm; we have exiled it to a particular social structure in the human realm; we have exiled it to only sexual desire; met by particular person, in a particular way, at a particular time!

We liberate Desire by realizing that Desire drives Reality. It is the superstructure of Reality itself!

Super structures are the hidden principles on which Reality rests, which then drive the social structures (laws, contracts) and society's infrastructures

Alfred North Whitehead speaks to the "appetition of Kosmos", implying that Kosmos is HUNGRY!. That is what we call "Eros".

Kosmos is polyamorously ravenous! This is a major principle in interior sciences and it means that **Reality desires, and needs you** – which is what we imply in our sixth question.

And not only does Reality need your service, it needs you uniquely: Desire is not a-morphic, not generic, it is always individuated and particular.

Desire therefore, is an authentic need.

We have a fundamental need to be desired, that need creates a right, there is an obligation on the part of the community to fulfil that right.

How do we know this is true?

This is not a dogmatic claim. We know that this is true through our Anthro-Ontological experience: The mysteries live within us.

Phenomenology (your deepest experience) discloses (ontology) the structure of reality.

When I am radically needed and desired, I have an experience in my own Eros that I am alive and at home in the world.

This book is mocking humanity's erotic nature and our right to desire, and be desired.

We love human beings, and we don't get to mock them!

Desire creates the obligation to the community to meet that desire. It enacts the responsibility of the community to make that nourishment available.

We need to touch each other and hug each other and there is a right to touch at every level of reality.

We are trying to re-stitch Reality. We are evolving the source code.