



Dharma Circle February 2022 Summary

Temple Consciousness: Sacred Boundary Breaking

Temple consciousness formed the Western mind, who took some parts of it, and left out others. It takes some pieces and leaves out critical key corner stones.

Text 1: Sacred Text Story:

https://www.sefaria.org/Nedarim.91b.5?ven=William_Davidson_Edition_-_English&vhe=William_Davidson_Edition_-_Vocalized_Aramaic&lang=bi

The theme is Adultery. A man comes home, his wife is surprised he is home early, she looks flushed, he sits down, he wants to eat food that is on the night stand, he reaches his hand for the food, out of the closet he hears a voice, no don't eat that! Tumbling out of the closet comes 'the milkman'. Case is brought to court, they have to decide, legal discussion; do we assume that the man who tumbled out of the closet, is an adulterer or not? The man saw that a snake had bitten that food, and it was poisoned. He was trying to save the husband's life.

There is a Mythical discussion about this. The major assumption is that the man is not an adulterer. But another perspective is that he wants the adultery, because **"stolen waters are sweet"**. He only wants the wife is she's married because if the husband is not around, it is not exciting anymore, she is single and available. The erotic boundary breaking disappears.

Rabbi Isaac:

From the day the temple was destroyed, the taste of sex - excitement of sexing - was taken from the world of committed sexuality (classical between partners) and given over into transgressive sexuality, where one could only get the thrill of sex, from boundary breaking sex.

We live in a culture in which sexuality works when its boundary are broken.

Our greatest challenge in sexuality is how do we maintain the radical gorgeousness of sacred desire (to your own body or someone else's) when we are always intimate with each other and always see each other?

The more available we are, the more sweetness, the more familiarity, the less desire.

But it doesn't need to be that way.

The institution of pornography is based on boundary breaking. This is the fall of the temple into Pseudo -Eros.

There, we can't access the gorgeous thrill of sacred desire, unless we are breaking a boundary. Sexing is Holy; an optional door to the Holy is temple consciousness.

Text 2 - Lions of Fire

The book *Mystery of Love and A Return to Eros*, opens with this text.

This second text tells the story of the masters that gather as there's too much paganism, too much idolatry. They pray they can uproot from the human heart the desire for paganism and sexual boundary breaking, and we see two lions of fire leaping out of the holy of holies of the temple.

One lion of fire is the drive for sexuality.

The other lion of fire is the drive for paganism. (Paganism : here we mean the feeling that everything is alive with Spirit, explosion of Spirit in nature)

They understand they can't take both of them completely down because they realize sexuality is driving everything, and it would stop all creativity in the world, so they decide to take one and put it in a box. So at least people aren't sleeping with brothers, fathers, mothers.

Where does the lion of fire live today?

In Holy of Holies.

If we kill the Lion of Fire we stop all creativity in the world.

Text 3 – Cherubs atop the ark of the Covenant

When you enter the holy of holies of the Jerusalem temple, you come to the Ark of the covenant, with two cherubs atop.

The cherubs are described in two ways:

1. Having innocent baby faces.
2. Being sexually intertwined.

It is said that The Voice of God speaks from the two cherubs. This points to the prophetic dimension of temple consciousness.

Prophets can hear the memory of the future.

Three Texts:

- Text 1 affirms that through Temple consciousness, the thrill in adultery sexuality is available between committed partners as well.

2. Text 2 affirms that both lions of fire (paganism and sexuality) live in holy of holies – meaning there's something holy and primal in the human sexual desire for sexuality and idolatry.

3. Text 3 affirms that Prophecy and Paganism are related (the voice of God is spoken in the space occupied by the 2 sexually intertwined cherubs).

At the time of the first Solomon's temple, to be a prophet meant to be a man or a woman, who has broken the normal boundary of human life, and has a direct connection with God so they can hear the voice of God talking inside of them?

There are three forces as play in the temple:

1. Prophecy
2. Sexual explosion
3. Paganism delight

All three have in common that they are forms of boundary breaking, inviting us to become bigger than our small self, and to realize that I am part of the weave and fabric of existence.

Stepping into field of Eros

All three evoke a desire to step out of myself and merge with larger field. To realize that the world is shimmering with Eros.

Risk in this is to get lost in Paganism: Here, the field becomes so seductive that I let go of personal ethics. The details of personal ethics disappear in pagan explosion.

Sexual Explosion: In our own personal world – We have affairs because we have betrayed our own aliveness. We break boundaries to feel the wider field

The third possibility is the REAL invitation of the temple.

Prophecy invites us to become a prophet. To break the boundary of our smallness.

To become Homo Amor.

Evolutionary Unique Self : The voice of Evolutionary Self is Living in me.

The invitation of the temple is to become a prophet – to break the boundary of my separate self/Homo sapiens and become evolutionary unique self/homo amor.

Separate self can't maintain Eros in a committed relationship. Unique Self can.
Unique Self is my unique thrust in the world and my ability to receive the unique self of reality - inner marriage.

The temple represents the capacity of the human being to become god-goddess. True identity is not a skin-encapsulated ego. The temple represents the capacity of a human being to become God.

The cherubs in the temple have the face of a baby, they invite us to reclaiming the purity of desire.

Our second innocence. Desire is pure. It is beauty embodied as Ethics and Devotion.
Radical Devotion for the Beloved. Radical boundary breaking devotion, in which all boundaries of small separate self are broken.

In order to break the boundary of our mortal self, we have to ride both Lions together! We must do real boundary breaking instead of cheap pseudo-eros boundary breaking.

To let Love explode inside of me is the real boundary breaking. Not to know my true identity is to be insane.

Insanity is to think that I'm a separate self - to not know one's identity.

When I claim my identity as a unique pulsing Eros of reality - I am divinity

We've exiled boundary breaking from eros to pseudo eros

The temple code is that boundary breaking clue at the core of Western civilization.

Am I on the road to Jerusalem?
Or am I am skin encapsulated ego?
That is the question.

Eros is subversive. Eros is not transgressive.

Subversive and transgressive are not the same.

Subversive is revolutionary.... It can break the boundaries of the small contraction in the sense that it breaks the boundary of the small contraction and opens up the field of possibility of possibility.

The sexual Models the Erotic.

Sexuality is the gate.
Sexuality becomes the gate.

We ARE ALL FALSE BOUNDARY BREAKERS!