

# *is this desire?*

Sa., 9. July 13:13

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Sa., 16. July 18:19

**>>I'm low on batt! txt me**

>I'm gonna head to Alex's for just after 7 pre-drinks yes plan?!?

**>> i'm taking a quick shower c u there !**

Wed., 18. July 22:02

**>>Sorry for not being responsive in our meeting, some tectonic plates are shifting inside. Is there a strategy for tmrw?**

>Let them grind just sent out email minutes xx

How's the writing going

**>>I haven't even gotten to it, feel so overwhelmed**

>Ha you want to come for beer?

**>>How does one do this? Like yea, but if I don't force myself to write nothing will happen. Beer tomorrow and the day after and the day after. 🍷**

>I'm confused but yes

I try not to write unless its first thing in morning clear mind

**>>It's this spell check algorithm that makes things confusing**

**I'm more the alone-at-night type of writer**

>Then run with it and I will edit on clear head

We're so non binary! 🌈

>It's beautiful

**>>Do you think lovers need bodies these days ?**

**To paraphrase less poetically: do you think bodily proximity is necessary for lovers to be lovers?**

>No I think true love never manifests itself in matter but we do need to purge energy physically -we all need multiple nodes of lovers that are in flux and are at one with each other's existence

**>>Is this to say we should all be polyamoric ?**

>All is a strong statement- some people can't be they aren't conditioned for it

Falling in love is healthy and should be maintained at all costs - development is natural progression for everything else why not love

**>>I think love is fascination towards someone, in affective terms: it's always there but never really arrives, like perpetual motion**

>Exactly

**>>But then there is the matter-of-fact of our very own conditions of being, that feeling when you physically want to manifest this desire, a need for that someone not to move and just be there, you know?**

>Yes but we have to move beyond that and become more self aware and available for self care

**>>This can be a very violent process**

>The revolution is never peaceful

**>>How can the revolution ever be peaceful when some of us are more mortal than others?**

>I'm talking about a self- revolt

And I have to go meet Alex now but this theme intrigues me a lot and I wish we were just sitting and talking

Are u ok? On side note

**>>I'm ok yes :-)) I just like to carry drama on my shoulders**

> You wear it well

**>>Having said that, I think I will roll over and have a drink w you guys.**

>C u soon xxx

Fri., 20. July 14:00

**>>Do you think the opposite of desire would be decision?**

>Possibly but couldn't you argue "you" make the decision to desire

**>>Is to not desire a decision too then ?**

>Satisfaction would maybe the opposite desire but then we have the application of will - and where does that stand for desire

**>>Last night I dreamt my lover-on-hold gave me blue carnations. I placed them on the steering wheel of my bike where they flourished. I only realized this was a dream when I stepped on my bike this morning and looked down onto my steering wheel... I've been thinking a lot about desire lately. If desire is ever mutual, if it can be revoked once it has been shattered. I think desire and will go hand in hand. A willingness to desire, might be a good formulation? A willingness to commit to the torture of desire.. That's maybe how I think it operates. A pleasurable pain or a painful pleasure.. Then I decided, fuck it, those flowers are there! They are still on that steering wheel because I want them there and I desire them to be there. And they are beautiful.**

>This is the moment of transcendence to accept the dream of desire as the desire and as being desire - shows the properties of desire as an uncontrollable action of comfort - desire offers us a place of safety in a tumultuous space perhaps we could at this point call it a safe word when individuals collide to the knowledgeable point of pain - we can reasonably call out the safe word rather than acknowledge nothingness as a state of chaos - can we assume we lust desire for closure

Is there a limit for desire?

How do we apply desire to a socio-psychotic real space - or does desire not exist in this space?

**>> What about desiring nothing - is that desire? I think humans have this intrinsic desire to articulate the world around them, it is what perhaps gives us this temporary idea of comfort, the delusion that for a moment we understand this world and that it therefore belongs to us. Then again when we articulate something, it no longer is the object of our desire because it starts functioning in this socio-psychotic real space you mention. It becomes real, and real is not something that can be desired. This is where desire reaches its limit. I think nothingness is chaos only from the perspective of the human, because it cannot function in this human articulated space of the real. That's why we desire incessantly and perhaps that's why the object or subject of our desire is forever evading us. We always desire something as opposed to nothing but nothing is all one can be certain of; it's death. That which has already happened. I'm interested in this idea of when individuals collide. Is this a moment of love? Is love conditioned by desire or is desire a condition of love?**

>I don't agree I think we all desire the moment of nothingness - an orgasm is a state of nothingness for a split second

but perhaps this is a more dignified desire - the dignity of desire is what makes the human different from animal because it has a problem with itself- it's own existence and therefore can desire it's own psychosis - it's own death drive

>I would say love is a byproduct of destruction we destroy our self-sense of desire and open it up for the collision of another and therefore condition ourself for a reform of impossible desire. Because two people will never have identical desire therefore it is always set for failure

**>>I think we're arriving at a very I resetting point here. Indeed, I totally agree on the orgasm, I always felt strongly that sex is closely related to death. I like the way you formulated it, it is a split of blissful nothingness. But how does this relate to others? Is there a difference in giving or getting an orgasm? Or masturbation and sex? Sex can be a tool of destruction and manipulation as much as it can be an act of intimacy and affection. If an orgasm is the culmination of desire, it is still never truly satisfied, we keep chasing orgasms throughout life. On the other hand how is desire prioritized and by whom? What about desiring clean air, fresh water, companionship and equality? It is this ability to direct our desire that differentiates us from other beings. "I choose not to" can be seen as desire, an inversion of desire perhaps but nonetheless. I guess this is why I brought up the question at the beginning, whether decision is the opposite of desire. If two people never have identical desires, isn't love then just politics? Besides, if love only exists as failure then I want to learn to fail better. If destruction is a precondition for love, then I want to destroy myself repeatedly. Can one love nothingness?**

Sun., 22. July 14:44

**>>where are you what's up I feel like a smoothie**

>Hey hey I made a special promise to be lonely today but you and smoothies would have been divine but I can't break a promise to my lonely self - it's too cruel

**>>As long as the loneliness ain't killing you, I can understand**

>Also back tracking the idea of chasing orgasms all our lives is sensorially good- also the concept of loving nothingness made me feel rather empowered - I think I feel less of the other when it comes to desire. Or maybe I disassociate them from my desire even if they are the object of it - I see desire a singular motion that can be intervened reformed or exformed but never parallel to the other

>And I'm quite alive btw

Day before yesterday 12:39

>I'm so happy we are the alienated dreamers here

**>>Me too. Our dreams are manifestations not manifestos**

**>>They're all engineers in here as far as I'm concerned**

>The ethical industrialist

**>>The ontological surgeon**

**>>In a universe that in itself is already universal, I believe the human is the alien subject. Maybe change can only exist if humans accept the possibility of not-being. Nothingness? I scrolled down my newsfeed today where it said: " According to a new breakthrough study, the Octopuses DNA is not of this world!" - but who cares, right? We eat aliens.**

>Why are we so defined by our byproducts entities - if we were to accept nothingness or desire nothingness we become everything by default

Only in becoming default everything can we reach that eternal state of accepting an orgasm from everything maybe rather than chasing the orgasm binary objectives of our desire

Day before yesterday 21:22

**>>A default is poor politics, and if love is only politics, then it's just an invention for the poor. I don't know, maybe we by default don't really exist, only we can't attain the thought of this because of desire which always propels us back into an idea of life. If to desire nothingness would by default bring us everything I believe we would have to give up on the possibility of being. Or at least, this kind of being; we'd have to become aliens. In the same way I think lovers become aliens once they no longer are in physical proximity. We'd have to get rid of being through body. But to irreversibly estrange oneself from the body is a radical leap into nothingness -- in fact, it's death. Is love even a possibility in such a space of total alienation?**

>Sweets I'm exhausted but just to let u know we do a last session tmrw at 8am if ur into it xx  
**>>I will come! C u tmrw! X**

Yesterday 10:30

**>>I think we should hang out in Tiergarten with the rest of the class, it's so beautiful! Fuck the institution! Also, I think I might be a poet. Maybe that's the reason why I have this frustration with the rules and regulations of the artworld. The world belongs to art, not the other way around and limes do grow in abundance**

>My phone was off

Thu July 28 9:13

>I'm thinking if we use violent habitual desire as a coping mechanism for true chaos - losing ourselves to the unknown is harder than daily flagellation

Wed Aug 8 19:02

**>> I'm still thinking about your last message. I find it intriguing but hard to decipher. Perhaps we should schedule a drink anytime soon! X**

Fri Sep 3 22:02

> After nearly 4 years I found out when left alone that I'm the exactly the same person - it's eerie I'm spooked at how little myself and my output changes to my own existence - I'm drinking wine, listening to the pixies smoking out the window \*complete

**>>That moment by the window is what one should hold on to**

Suni Sep 11 17:08

**>>Do you believe that without eyes we would still be desiring beings?**

> Without eyes we would perhaps take desire to a more cognitive psycho-semantic level

**>> What about our need to communicate? What would art be if we were stripped from vision at once?**

> Is art only a vision -representation seems more apt and is this purely an ability to see?

**>> Aside from representation, more generally, I'm thinking about the insistence on vision in this world and how art is defined by that. What if we were to go blind? What would we do with all that crap we produced as art? Would we touch it, taste it? Would we finally listen to it, it or simply swallow it?**

**>> Dunno, maybe I'm just going insane from this gallery job, sitting around watching people watch things we refer to as art. The constant noises of videos on repeat, the dreary of being static. I often have the urge to just swallow it all up. Not so much to smash it to pieces as to have it all inside of me, to digest it. If I was to go blind, I think I'd stop producing language and start eating it.**

> Societe is richer but she's thin as a rake - your eyes are flooded they no longer understand what it is to see - we should cultivate the sixth sense rather than abolish what we have already

Oct 28 19:48

> Right now I believe desire can only be maintained if it remains inactive - as soon as the speculative act becomes reality we lose the essence of it - desire is not a tangible human property it could be likened to perhaps an out of body experience. But in essence as soon as u thump down into those bones, blood and matter u have nothing but yourself the mundane human again lusting but steadfast

This is also interesting in incompatible social groupings can I desire u as an absolute desire because we are sexually incompatible or can one desire another because of hefty social consequences-death incest etc Living with desire is something of the mind not of the body yet we absolve it through the body, why?

**>> I've been thinking about desire as something that's exclusively linked to the eyes and vision, I know this is only partly true and very redundant, but the kind of desire we are practicing is one very much indexed on vision, on coolness. I see what u mean with desire deriving from the body and materializing through the body but having very little to do with the body in the end. It maybe even has little to do with the Other, and desiring that Other. The Other is always a proxy; manufactured, easily replaced, multiplied and forever evading us. Desire confronts us with our own selves, our lacks, our laws, our weaknesses, our perversions, our insignificance. That's why the act of desiring is so unbearable, it makes us believe that we are only ourselves when in fact all we can ever be is always the Other.**

**>> We desire only what we see, all the rest is yearning**

> I feel I only yearn for desire - desire is addictive and the first hit can never be reached again - one is eternally chasing the rush

Do you think there is such a thing as meta-desire?

**>> I have no idea what that would be, but I would say yes. Is it friendship?**

> Well I just coined the term- the idea of it been friendship allows us casual desire which is interesting juxtaposition to key notions of suffering we have discussed earlier

**>> Casual desire sounds like a great deal of suffering**

> Why? As a term it does sound a little like an easy jet city break but as a process of purifying the control of desire it sounds more tempting to me

Or meta desire could be the start or end of desire - the moment you don't know the status of your own desire - Chaos desire or perhaps it's when desire becomes collective

**>>is meta-desire still desire?**

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>>milos trakilovic

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