

Council of Voices

Personal Reflections from Siri and Shay on the Global Love School

Here, you will read two voices, a Council in writing, an invitation to listen with us, to harvest the gifts. Siri appears in **blue**, Shay in **rust**. Thank you for taking the time to read, to be with us, to read these personal and poetic reflections, to nurture this work beyond boundaries...

“Creating a model for a future without war. Addressing the core consciousness and actions behind the issues of love and sexuality. For me these are the two primary defining elements of Tamera.”

I am a pilgrim, a young woman listening deeply for what it means to be human, asking “What serves?” during these times of transformation. I returned to this beloved community as a friend and supporter, finding a new way to be in relationship with a land-based community when I am not living full time in the community, on the land.

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I went to open myself and my body once again to this experience, to the free flow of Eros in me, in the context of community, with a geistig foundation, an approach that asks that we lead first with the connection to the divine essence of one another, where we see each other as universal beings.

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From day one, the question was: Can we see the healed picture of Eros, of the Earth, beyond our individual love pain? In our separated states we have forgotten that we are cared for, provided for, in every way by the Earth. In this paradigm of scarcity we have forgotten that there is enough love and water for all beings, if we care for it the right way. There is enough love for me, if I allow it to flow according to its nature...system change from scarcity to abundance.

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During the course I was particularly moved by the connection to the global situation. There were two young women from Tamera who had recently returned from a journey to a peace community in Colombia. When they spoke of what they saw, the human condition, the reality of violence and poverty, I was moved. A beautiful and intelligent peace worker stood in front of me and revealed her open and trembling heart. She expressed her truth and her commitment for the path of healing. On our journey towards reconnection, we come to a point which is the same within all of us: life expressing itself. And, when we go toward healing, we are faced with our pain. This pain, in ourselves and expressed in the current global situation, brings us to points where we doubt our belief in the divine.

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This is the same point of pain that we touch in **love**, only there we call it our personal pain.

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The peace community of San Jose de Apartado in Colombia is faced with real pain, violence and even death on a daily basis. They came together to protect their lives and land, a village of farmers who decided to stay on their land, united in a commitment for nonviolence. The stories I have heard are horrifying, and the people I have met from there are beautiful. They have discovered a beautiful treasure: forgiveness. They do not blame the perpetrators; they realize this is the situation of our divided world.

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One woman shared a very poignant story with me:

A woman held me while I cried and cried and felt the grief of a rape victim who had her sexuality stolen from her. This is not my literal experience and still there was a truth in that for me. What a relief to really know that grief and vulnerability – to feel it moving and not just as frozen trauma.

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How did this woman experience that grief if this was not her personal story? Is this still personal pain?

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In Joanna Macy’s Truth Mandala, a key exercise in The Work that Reconnects, people are asked to face

the destruction on the planet, to consider the great unraveling, the Great Turning that many perceive to be taking place today. As part of this, space is opened that people reveal their inner responses to the world situation, revealing their fear, grief, anger and emptiness held in the witness of the circle. This becomes a kind of “Forum” in which the personal and individual experience becomes apparently collective in nature. Add to this planetary awakening that human-nature is erotic, is sensual and sexual and then ask participants to dig deeper, to touch these most personal issues from this same vantage point and you begin to get a sense of the Global Love School—global citizens from 13-plus countries gathered to ask again and again, what will the world be like when love is free from fear?

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And Eros, if seen as a manifestation of life-force energy, like the elements of water and fire, has a need to move, to be expressed, to be seen and felt and channeled, through our bodies, our gross bodies, or energetic and soul bodies. Is this not our greatest task, to allow the vital life-force energy to flow freely through our lives while inviting the divine, in surrender, in prayer and action?

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In all of the work that I have done with women over the past 15 years, working directly with issues of trauma, of sexuality, I have never touched the depth of understanding that was opened to me within the field of Tamera. I could see how even in the most progressive of spaces I have been in, there is a way that we keep these issues of love and sexuality small, and that the intensity with which we cling to these as personal, as private, adds to the wound, to the trauma, to the inability for us to see the larger cultural context in which we are living.

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Benjamin Von Mendelsshon, a young leader of the community, spoke about the emergence of the new man in his speech “Observations from the Birth Canal,” an approach to opening to listen to the Earth body, approaching the divine feminine in the world and in women. He drew a picture of the delicate situation, acknowledging that for the past 5,000 years we have been systematically cutting women from their source. There was a time when women lived in connection to the source, and were honored for it. It is time to support the reconnection in women and in the world, to form new cooperation. From this solidarity we can face fear and remind each other of the power that supports us. We can discover the true feminine source, experience true forms of intimacy and realize our wild nature...and find these are not contradictory.

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On our pilgrimage today, we were given the task to rediscover a healed picture of Eros. I was given the task to find one question to guide me through the time. And so I searched for this. What is my one question? And it came: How can I fully occupy my womb, the space of my fertile, creative capacity?

As women, we have a sacred responsibility to tend to the wellspring of all life, the vessel that each one of us contains within—the womb of creation, that which is identical to the womb in the center of the universe. We have a sacred task and responsibility to protect and care for this creative space, this life-giving capacity. And then we can recognize this inner place as a mirror of the life-giving force in the water, in the Earth, in Gaia; we share the sacred task and responsibility to protect and care for this creative force in the world. Now, we have a task: rediscover—and birth—a healed picture of the Earth.

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Here in Tamera, a model is arising for a future peace culture. The global love school was an experiment, inviting outsiders in to study love together. There is a strong emphasis on thinking in this work; there is a popular saying “First study, then act.” Vera Klienhammes, a young leader of the Global Education speaks about consciousness. In a morning attunement she said, “Where there is consciousness, the big mutual recognition, seeing each other, which we all long for, is possible. [It is possible] to not abandon the divine point with in you. It is about connectedness to the whole.” And, it is about connecting to a vision of a healed Earth, a healed picture of love and an image of peace between people.

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And gathering for 10 days, for just 10 days, for a whole 10 days, yes, so much was possible. If even for one moment, we can suspend our normal patterns of behavior with nature, with our loved ones, with our lovers, whole new worlds and spaces open up within us.