

Hours of the Universe Discussion
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Sext - Pages 125 to 145

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

**What attracts your heart and mind from the readings?
What do you wish Ilia had developed more clearly?**

Interesting Quotes from and related to Sext Chapter 19 - The Core Energy of Love

“All You Need is Love” – Beatles Song

Love can be defined as the good within me that attends to the good in you. By good, I mean that which is wholesome, positive, life-giving being.

Love, therefore, is an absolute fundamental force of attraction in the universe that overcomes all inertia, entropy, breakdown, and dissipation.

We must learn to love over and over again if we are to evolve into a unified planet, a wholeness of being, an earth community of compassion and peace.

Interesting Quotes from and related to Sext Chapter 20 - The Power of Faith

“Unbind him and let him go” John 11:4 – Jesus speaking about Lazarus after Jesus brought him back to life.

Some people walk around with dead bones in their bodies and cannot shake the dust from their feet. If nature held on to the many conflicts and deaths that took place over billions of years, we would not be here. Instead nature has a built-in sense of letting go when life gets stifled.

We may not be able to forget the past but we can *forgive wrongdoing* if we trust that we are loved by a power greater than ourselves. Surrender to this power means loving in the present moment and openness to future life.

Interesting Quotes from and related to Sext Chapter 21 - Fire Burns and So Does Love

In Greek mythology, phoenix is a long-lived bird that cyclically regenerates or is otherwise born again. Associated with the sun, phoenix obtains new life by arising from the ashes of its predecessor. **Phoenix rises from the cloud of darkness, and from the sacred ashes of her honor.**

In the past, religions told us what we were: creatures in the image of God, noble centers of creation endowed with reason and immortal souls. Today technology tries to claim that position, indicating that we are downloadable software in replaceable hardware.

Technology is not a human invention; it is an essential aspect of nature by which life seeks the means and tools to orient itself toward more life. Yes, humans are clever, but so too is nonhuman nature; rather we are clever because nature is clever.

In a recent article on the fires in the Australia, one survivor said that his backyard was a wasteland of dead wood, charred trees stripped bare in a graveyard of ashes, However, he said, he went out one day to look more closely at the dead wood and found that some of the trees had tiny buds of new life.

We are and should be concerned about global warming and the fires destroying homes and fields. But we should be more concerned about the lack of fire in the church, a fire needed to update the core truths of theology. "I came to bring fire to the earth," Jesus said, "and how I wish it were already kindled." (Luke 12:49)

Theology should give voice to this hope and not stifle it by outdated otherworldly doctrines and rituals. There is a desperate need for an earthy God, one who is at home in messy nature.

Interesting Quotes from and related to Sext Chapter 22 - The Ineffable Bond of Love

Marshall McLuhan “The medium is the message.” (Canadian philosopher 1964)

Delio student – Smartphones and laptops have altered the way we perceive what it means to be human, and may this quarantine seems more extreme than it would have seemed twenty years ago because we are more connected than ever.

Computer technology, on the other hand, has made consumerism into a god, an absolute horizon of desire where more is better and better is the road to happiness.

Did you ever sit with a friend and share a meal, or a drink, and experience an ineffable bond, a quality of relationship that cannot be adequately described because words cannot grasp the space in-between, which is no longer space but a living flame of love.