

A portrait of Harry Jivenmukta, a man with long, wavy hair and a beard, wearing glasses and a necklace. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter.

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Meenakshi Karli ARE YOU HAPPY?

I am happy that I have experienced what I have but I am an impatient person. Once you have tasted the eternal, nothing else comes close. I wish I could be taken now from this very average world. When I woke up from my coma in 1995, I had no idea that I had been away for 6 weeks. Everyone was delighted that I was back in the world but the only emotion I can remember was anger at having to come back here again. I travelled so much and it was fantastic whilst I was in that coma. I can highly recommend comas. Although many people remember nothing when they have been in one.

So, I am happy, as can be expected, but I have seen things that are beyond explanation. Imagine the happiest you have ever been and then multiply it by a million. Then you begin to understand what is possible.

Meenakshi Karli IF YOU HADN'T BEEN BORN IN THIS CENTURY, WHEN AND WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE LIVED?

This question is irrelevant for me because I can wander anywhere I want to. The only problem is that there is so much choice. Sometimes it would be better to just have an either/or decision to make. But I have an either/or/ad infinitum choice. I can go anywhere at almost any time. The last place I have been to was Minnesota in 1907. I didn't choose it though; it just came to me. I have never been to America and don't really have any desire to. My face always points east but on this occasion it was Minnesota that called me, and in 1907.

I am thinking next of going back to North East India about 600-800 years ago, I don't know the exact year. I knew a Devi then, who has come into my life again now, whose story I have touched on previously but I might want to find out more about her. In this life she is causing me all sorts of trouble because I know who she is but she doesn't remember anything herself. So, I am in love with her but she isn't in love with me, although I think she is more in love than she lets on. She is a very difficult person for me. I told her that love is so simple and maybe I could take her with me one day back to that time, but I don't think she believes I have those abilities. Although she is polite enough not to say so. We will see. She is meri jaan, and that means 'my life'. Isn't it strange that I can do all sorts of stuff but a simple thing like love can scupper me completely? Maybe you can have a word with her Meena, you know, woman to woman?

Meenakshi Karli WHO ARE YOUR HEROES?

My heroes are just ordinary people who can smile despite the awful conditions they live in. I don't mean people in the West, because they are nearly all miserable despite their opportunities. I mean people I have met in India, for example, who have very little and who can still leave it all up to God and smile and sing the praises of a world that has dealt them a bum hand. When I am astral flying I meet all sorts of people who are wonderful, beautiful people. They are my heroes. I wish I had their understanding and wisdom.

Meenakshi Karli IF YOU WERE A WOMAN HOW DIFFERENT DO YOU THINK YOUR CAREER WOULD HAVE GONE?

You know, it is impossible for me to answer this question because I am in the mind and body of a man. All I would do is fantasise about what sort of ideal woman I want and it would quickly drift into my sexual peccadilloes. It would be a sexual fantasy more than anything else. And, besides anything else, I don't want everyone out there to know my deepest sexual fantasies and desires. I am not that much of a prude though and I have discussed them with people individually, even with you Meena, well in parts. But I don't think I am ready to put it all out there for everyone to hear.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT'S THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE RUMOUR EVER PRINTED ABOUT YOU?

Now there is a question that I could hang myself on, isn't it? Well, recently, I have been accused of all sorts of things. You see, there is this young lady who I had a brief encounter with. I then rebuffed her approaches for a second relationship and she played the poor helpless girl card and won all the sympathy of the people around. I then became the devil himself, visiting people in the dead of night and toying with their lives. Some people are really frightened of me but I tell them: why would I want to waste my time on you when there is so much more I can do? People think they are so important that I must be obsessed with them. Mostly these people are boring halfwits who have nothing of interest going on in their lives and so must try to live vicariously by shivering in their blankets at night waiting for me to visit. And then what? Tickle them, extract their teeth, and rattle a window pane? I mean!!! Come on!

Meenakshi Karli WHAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF YOUR LIFE?

This is the most important day of my life. And tomorrow, that will be the most important day of my life. I live in the moment, and there is nothing as good as this moment because it exists. The past is only a warped recollection and the future is a dream. And you are the most important person in my life because right now you exist and there is no one else to be seen. I live life like a mirror. Whoever is in front of the mirror is real and then when they move away, the next person is real.

I asked my girlfriend a question. I asked her: when you are not here with me, do you exist? I ask you the same question. Right now you are here and I can see you, but when you are not here, where are you? How do I know you are? How do you know I exist? These are excellent considerations, aren't they? When my girlfriend is not with me, where am I?

The question is also asked in the past tense. The best day of my life might not have occurred in the past. And tell me something else. When someone has a premonition, does the premonition come from a memory? In which case it must have already happened, mustn't it? A premonition is a memory. In which case, is there such a thing as the future?

Well, Meena, you have put me in an existential spin. The answer also lies in physics but I won't start on that subject. Right now I need a cup of tea. Will you make it, and make it with love? Tea is always better made with love....

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU WORRY ABOUT WHETHER PEOPLE LIKE YOU FOR THE REAL YOU, OR BECAUSE YOU ARE A TANTRIC?

People like me if they think I am just like them or the rest of the population. I think that everyone is a bit afraid of people who are different. And I am not just different, I am completely oddball. At first people like me and think I am just a bit quirky but then, over time, they realise that there is nothing normal about me. I am not talking now of being better or worse. That is for others to decide. No, I'm talking about being different.

Just think of it. You are aware of this life and therefore your basis of understanding is according to this life's experiences. Imagine that you could remember some of your past and future lives and some of the past and future lives of some of the people around you. Then your experiences are suddenly completely different to everyone else. I can't help being different; once you

know about other things, you simply know them. I am not out to hurt anyone, or take advantage of them because then all I would be doing is collecting more karma.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT'S THE FIRST SONG YOU EVER REMEMBER HEARING?

The first classical music I heard was Tchaikovsky's violin concerto in D, The Devil's Trill. I still think it is fantastic. And then Chopin's First piano concerto. How about Deep Purple's Child in Time, from the live concert Made in Japan? I loved all the T-Rex singles. I could go on, my favourite music now are Hindi film duets mostly from the 1950's and 60's. I don't like modern takes on spiritual music; it's mostly flutes and vague mountain stuff that means nothing much to me. I once did get a German spiritual trance audio tape that was very good. I don't remember who it was by or what it is called now. Never mind, it served a purpose at the time.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT SONG IS YOUR FAVOURITE? WHY?

I have a different favourite every few minutes. At the moment it is a song from the Hindi film Anari called Dil Ki Nazar Se. it is a film made in the 1950s. Oh, it's already changed. It is now Tchaikovsky's violin concerto in D. No! Now it's a Deep Purple track.... We'd better stop or the page will be filled with just this. But you see my point. It all depends on the direction of the wind, the love in the air, and the ecstasy in my heart.

Meenakshi Karli IS IT HARD TO MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP WHEN YOU'RE OUT ON THE ROAD?

Well, I'm not out on the road any longer. That was just a few years of wandering the globe. But I am out and about in my astral travelling and I do feel sorry for all you folks out there who have to depend on traditional transportation. But when I return, I have to adapt to my girlfriend and remember that she has only been to work in her car and hasn't has the opportunity to be anywhere she wants to be. So, I have at least two lives; one with her, and my own. And people also think I must be crazy to talk of astral travelling as casually as I do. But it is so easy.

It is very hard to maintain a relationship with my girlfriend anyway, without any of the spiritual stuff. I wish I could go inside her and make some changes but I

promised I wouldn't make any changes without asking her first. I should never have promised that. I don't want to change her completely, you understand, just take a few of the rough edges off and smooth her down so she isn't so prickly. She's going to be very upset with me now, isn't she? Oops!

Meenakshi Karli WHEN DO YOU GO IN TO TANTRA?

There are different levels. In one sense I am always in tantra and it runs in the background. But when I am doing the actual practice, it takes me about a day to open up properly and then I am very different to how I am now.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT ARE YOU READING LATELY?

There is so much going on. Typically, when I am working I have the TV on, and my PC and another PC with video songs, and sometimes the radio. I work across platforms and can follow all four things at once, but reading is becoming more difficult for me. It would be OK if someone read to me whilst I was doing all these other things.

So, I have stopped reading everything except short stories because I can't keep my concentration for long enough. I do like Russian short stories from the 19th century and some French ones I can think of. Recently, I read some Tibetan short stories about sky burials and now forgotten rituals and practices. I can't remember the title or authors though.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT ARE YOUR POLITICS?

Well, when I was 13, I became a communist. Most of my friends didn't even know how to spell the word, let alone understand the finer points of the system. In fact, most adults don't know what communism means at all. Anyway, I went through all the left wing and communist parties and by the time I was 16 I had left them all and decided that none of them were fit for purpose. That was for two reasons. The first is that it is not part of the British psyche to seek revolution. The second reason is that the people of the left are so small minded and negative. What most of them wanted was to be President of this or Secretary of that. They might only have eight members and meet in some trendy pub every Wednesday night, but they have a title to hang on to. Everyone had

broken away from some other party to form theirs, just to adopt a title. Small minded and ridiculous people!

I tried to convene a national summit of the left but no one was interested both because I was only 16, and because they would lose their big titles. So, I left, and have seen them, over the years, get old and die, no bigger or more influential than they were in 1976.

Now I have no interest in politics because politicians today are even more incompetent than they used to be in 1976. At least then, we had working class people as MP's and real characters who had charisma and ability. Never mind, we live in a more dumbed down world these days, and they can keep it to themselves. Anyone with a brain wouldn't touch British politics.

And since I am on the subject, I might as well really lay into some people. How can you be a Conservative and a Christian? If Jesus were alive today, do you think he would be a right winger? There is absolutely no chance!!! He would have been a socialist. So, if anyone of you right wingers are out there, Christian, and reading; you must be really stupid people. Really stupid!!! Would Jesus cut the benefits to the poor, the disabled, the unemployed? Have you even read the bible lately? I hate the two faced greed and ignorance. Wake up and open your eyes, you stupid, stupid people!

Wow, I really got excited then, didn't I? Well, I feel better for it and hope the worst for all the right wingers out there. You know, in 2010, I had a businessman friend who said he was going to vote Conservative. And he did. About six months later he told me his business was going to the wall. I said that I was glad but hoped he would suffer twice as much as everyone else. Once for voting Conservative himself and once more for imposing the government on the people who hadn't voted Conservative. He looked at me incredulously and said he thought I was his friend. I said I was, and that is why I was telling him.

Meenakshi Karli CAN AN AUTHOR WRITE FOR THE PULITZER AND THE PUBLIC AT THE SAME TIME?

No. if you are writing for a particular purpose, no matter what that purpose is, you are going to write to some kind of formula. If I want to be a best seller I wouldn't write about spirituality or Tantra. I would write about political intrigue,

sex, conflicts or war. Who wants to read about Tantra? I mean in a mass way? And if I really wanted to write about my tantric experiences they would be inaccessible to everyone. I have to write for you, people who want something but haven't got it yet. If I wrote about my experiences as I want to, it would be gobbledygook to you because you haven't experience it yet. So all writers have to write in a way that meets the requirements of their audience.

Meenakshi Karli WHEN YOU GO TO SEE A MOVIE, DO YOU TRY TO READ THE BOOK FIRST?

I have always preferred to read the book first because they are usually a lot better. Have you read The Godfather, or Jurassic Park? The books are far better than the films. But there are some books that are better watched; plays for instance. Plays are meant to be performed rather than read. Shakespeare is a case in point, where I would prefer to see a performance or a film first. Also, the book is the original from the writer, whereas the film has to keep one eye on the box office profits. In spiritualism it is the same. Why read someone else's interpretation when you can get it from the writer yourself? Read it yourself, imbibe the finer points, soak and sink into the words.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT'S THE MEANING OF LIFE?

Oh dear, Meena! You are better than to ask such a foolish question, but since it is you that is asking, I will try to answer. Other people I would probably chase down the road and beat them with a big stick if I caught them.

First of all, who said there was a meaning? People assume there is a meaning. I will tell you now, there is no meaning to be found. People always need a meaning to everything they do. Why should there be one? There is no meaning to life.

Certainly if there were a meaning, it is not to work like a wage slave, it is not to go to war, it is not to watch soaps on TV, it is not to have only two weeks of holidays each year, it is not to look forward to sex with your wife every Thursday night from 8.45 pm for thirty minutes, it is not to eat like a pig, it is not to smoke like a chimney, or drink like a fish (although I did for a long time), it is not to buy a semi-detached home and pay for it for it for the rest of your life, it is not to be greedy, or hate, or envy, or, or, or....HUM!!!!

Look what you've done now, Meena. That's it. That's it for today!

Let's have a cup of tea and then you can sing for me to make up for all these ridiculous questions. Don't look like that at me, I know you are a fabulous singer.

Meenakshi Karli YOU HAVE SAID IN THE PAST, THAT PEOPLE ARE STUPID. DO YOU THINK THAT PEOPLE ARE ESSENTIALLY STUPID?

Yes.

As soon as we recognise that everyone is stupid we might be able to make it a better place. It's like an alcoholic; until he admits he has a problem, there is nothing to be done. Everyone thinks they are clever in some way. It is so funny. I don't say that. I accept I am stupid and that is a beginning.

It is very important to know what you don't know. Just ask any person about any topic. Everyone will give you an answer even if they have never heard of what you are talking about. That needs to change. My girlfriend even gave me advice on what enlightenment is, even though she has never experienced it. People read a few books and attend some talks by someone who has also read few books, and they think they know something. Then they sulk if you tell them they are idiots! But they are. And, although I love my girlfriend, she is an idiot if she thinks she can talk of enlightenment without having any direct experience of it. So, sorry, meri jaan, but in other things you are fantastic.

And some things need to be done, not read about. If you read a cookbook, it doesn't mean you can cook. If you read the Highway Code, it doesn't make you a good driver. If you want to know what enlightenment is, sit with me in the Hindu burning grounds, day after day, sleep with me in cemeteries, night after night, do a Shava Sadhana with a freshly dead body to call Kali Ma into the open, dance with the Devis and Devtas, drink so much alcohol or be bitten by the most poisonous snakes and linger on the edge of death for weeks until even Kali Ma gives in and shows you the eternal.

Don't read good books in the comfort of your homes and pontificate on things you will never know because you don't have the courage or intelligence or bloody mindedness to do something real. Real intelligence comes from doing.

Step out of your comfort zone, walk with me on the edge. And I will terrify you, I will throw you off the cliff edge, I will play with your sensibilities. We will not be vegetarians; we will kill and eat our own meat, have sticky bloody fingers, and wipe the offal stains onto our clothes. We will dance naked in the midnight darkness.

But in the end, there will be understanding and that leads to intelligence. Knowledge is just crap. It is useful for the first few days of your journey, but after that you are just filling yourself with rubbish. Don't be a coward; for goodness sake, learn to live life with understanding and experience and intelligence.

My greatest ambition in this life is to meet just one spiritually intelligent person who has come by his or her intelligence by experience! I don't think that will ever happen. But I stupidly live in hope

And there is another point here. We think we are intelligent and therefore, Buddha and Jesus were super beings. That is not true. Buddha and Jesus were complete people and we are not. We are not fully intelligent. But tell that to the 7 billion people on this planet and they don't like it. They want to be seen to be something worthwhile but they are not. They are not complete: why else are there so many wars in the name of God? Do you think God is interested in the meaningless killings of his/her/its creation? Do you think God wants some people to live in poverty whilst others drown in riches? People are essentially stupid. Let that be the starting point and then we will be on the right path at least.

Meenakshi Karli WHEN THE ALIENS LAND ON EARTH, WHY WILL YOU BE THE FIRST PERSON THEY TALK TO?

I might not be the first, but once they have gone through all the dross of the masses, they will be suicidal and rush to see me and ask to be saved. I will tell them that they really wasted their time coming to Earth. I would tell them stories of Bodhidharma, Joshu, and Ma Tzu, among others. After a while they would calm down and then we would dance and sing for the rest of the day, and eat ice cream. I would ask them to take me with them; where ever they are going is going to be better than this. And if I don't like it, I can always travel here in my astral travels, for old time's sake.

And I wouldn't give anyone my new address either. WOW! That would be good.

Meenakshi Karli DO PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE MACHO?

Not at all. They think I am mad. And I suppose I am, but then again, everyone is mad in one way or another, aren't they? I love seeing the faces of people change as they talk to me, until they think about whether to run for the door, or if it is too late to escape.

Meenakshi Karli IF YOU COULD BE ANY ANIMAL, WHAT ANIMAL WOULD YOU BE?

It doesn't matter what animal I were, but where I was. I would want to be an animal in a place where no humans had ever been or were likely to go. So that means in a desert or mountains. There are lots of Himalayan Mountains that have never been climbed. In fact there are hundreds if not thousands of them. Everest, K2 and Nanga Parbat are some that have become holiday resorts and others have been ignored. So, I would like to be an animal on one of those, perhaps a mountain goat, or a small bird. Tell me, Meena, what would you want to be?

Meenakshi Karli I am asking the questions Harry, and you are the one with the answers. (Pause) ...so, we'll move on.

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE KINKY?

I have never been a straight vanilla sort of person. I find it is a bit boring and repetitive. Two sweating bodies sliding over each other and sharing bodily fluids. It's OK for the first few times, I suppose, because everyone is different and you learn the new curves and points, fragrances and emotions. But then it is all the same, like walking the same route to the corner shop every day to get you hit of chocolate.

But if you want to know what my kinks are, you will have to experience them directly. I wouldn't want anyone to enjoy them vicariously. That is a problem with people. We want to know things but we don't want to take the risk to find out and so it is easier to watch it on TV or read about it. So, here I am, Meena. Or anyone else out there. But you'll have to prove that you are at least partly

intelligent first, so that you can really enjoy the experience. I don't perform like a circus monkey for anyone.

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE JOKE?

Here are a few:

1. After a lengthy quarrel, Mandy said to her husband, Dave, ' You know, I was a fool when I married you.'
Dave replied quickly, ' Yes, Mandy, but I was in love and didn't notice it.'
2. A woman was looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to her husband, 'I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.'
The husband replies, ' Your eyesight's absolutely perfect.'
3. There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer.
When asked to define "great" he replied, ' I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger!'
He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.
3. A woman customer called the Canon computer help desk with a problem with her printer.
Tech support: Are you running it under windows?
Customer: ' No, my desk is next to the door. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine.'

I better stop there. I love jokes.

Meenakshi Karli OTHER THAN THIS INTERVIEW, WHAT'S THE STUPIDEST THING YOU'VE EVER AGREED TO DO?

No, I have had enough of the questions. Let's stop and have lunch and then never return to these interviews ever again. Will you run away with me Meena? But you must promise never to ask me any more questions. That means forever. We will just walk the way life takes us and just sing and dance on the highways

and byways. We will eat when we are hungry and sleep when we are tired. We will never look at a clock again. And we will walk until we forget even our own names. That would be paradise.