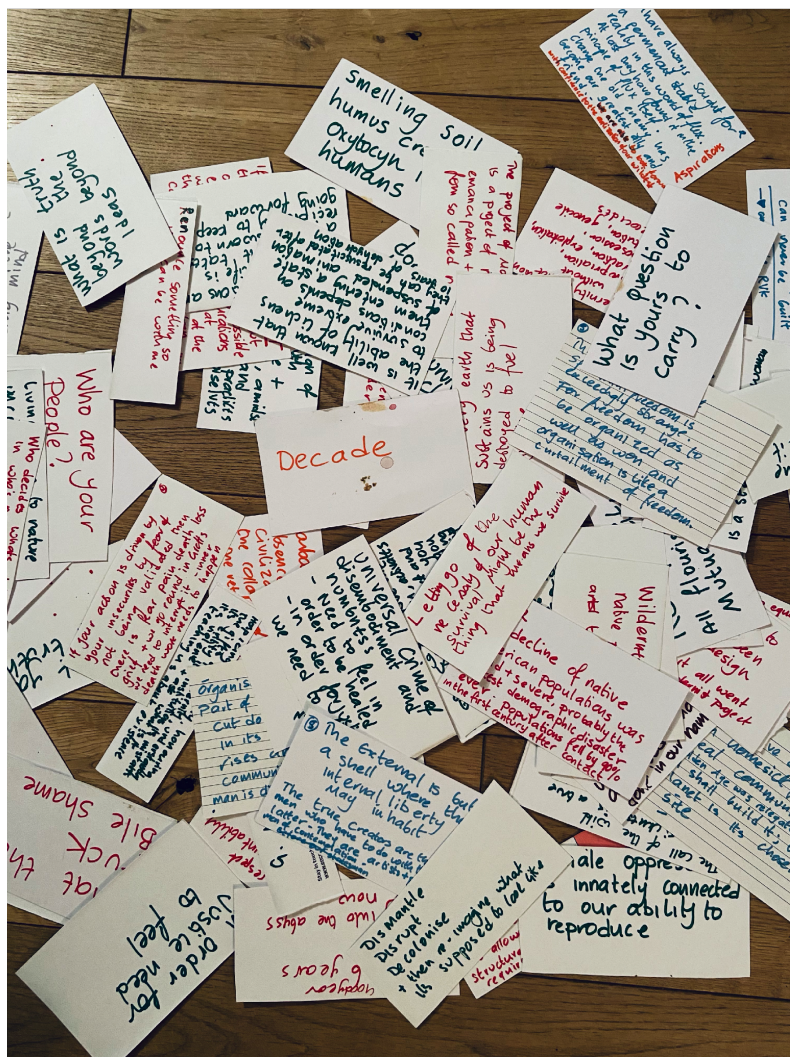


My answer is to 'Take a Step back 'and instead centre the words, the visions, the perspectives of Black, Indigenous Women of Colour and the intelligence of Mycelium.

I did have an idea of creating a card game whereby every time you turned over a card with a quote on it from New Thelema you'd also turn over a card with one of these quotes from the women that have inspired me so much so that they would sit in irony, in juxtaposition, as a challenge, a piece of irony, even a wake up call.

This juxtaposition was going on in my thoughts as I grappled with the New Thelema text and how to respond. But the cards.... that's perhaps another project.



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Quotes :

Who decides what's right in whose names for who's benefit and how come?

Harm reduction

Harm interruption

An invitation for the interruption of harmful desires and attachments to modernity – colonality so that we can grow up and show up differently to the challenging work we need to do together as we collectively face the gradual collapse of the house of modernity

We are one metabolism that is sick

What is the most generative way to take us all to a space of grown up ness where we can all bear the pain and the burden and the collective shit

Trust respect consent reciprocity accountability

Surrender without collapsing offer palliative care to the dystopic

Modernity /Colonisation cannot exist without expropriation, extraction, exploitation, dispossession, destitution, genocide and ecocides

Hospicing modernity

Honour the gifts of modernity understand the entity of it its institution, its violence, its mistakes to understand what it is teaching us about existence. Be transformed or die

If modern man is not the apex of evolution but one amongst many possible evolutionary configurations we can start to look at the limits of that and at the capacities that have been exiled from this configuration

How can we hospice a dying way of knowing/being and assist with the birth of something new, still fragile, undefined and potentially (but not necessarily) wiser *with* radical tenderness?

Learn to walk a tightrope between naïve hope and desperate hopelessness with honesty, humility, humour and hyper self- reflexivity,

De-centre yourself

Take a step back from the centre, the front line

From visibility, from your choice from your entitlements

Surrender that which you are most praised and rewarded for

Do the work that needs to be done rather than what we want to do based on our projections, idealizations and presumed entitlements and exceptionalisms

Getting to zero equals getting out of modernity's economies of worth that really create a sense of worthlessness in us- it takes away our intrinsic value so in order to have a validated life we have to produce value – value production in modernity's economies needs to stop

Dismantle

Disrupt

De colonise and then re- imagine what it's supposed to look like



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Quotes

What Question is yours to carry?

There is a universal crime of disembodiment and numbness. We need to feel in order to be healed. In order for justice we need to feel

Disembodiment of white people has allowed this to happen. – Structural racism and racialization requires you to be disembodied

Patriarchy, modernism, colonialism, white supremacy deliberately disembodies in order that people can't feel, and outcast their nature towards freedom

What is truth beyond the words beyond ideas? Go get your own truth

Discern the sign of your own truth amid the noise and inherited ideas, amidst the protocols – and live by it – find practices that return us to ourselves

Whose body is carrying the burden?

Permission is granted by the fact of your breath



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Quotes

Behave as if the living earth is a gift

Knowing that you love the earth changes you, activates you to defend and protect and celebrate. But when you feel the earth loves you in return, that feeling transforms the relationship from a one-way street into a sacred bond

Species loneliness – a deep unnamed sadness stemming from estrangement from the rest of creation, from the loss of relationship

When conditions are harsh and life is tenuous it takes a team sworn to reciprocity to keep life going forward All Flourishing is mutual

The very earth that sustains us is being destroyed to fuel injustice

“The smell of humus exerts a physiological effect on humans. Breathing in the scent of Mother Earth stimulates the release of the hormone oxytocin, the same chemical that promotes bonding between mother and child”.

Sometimes I wish I could photosynthesize so that just by being, just by shimmering at the meadows edge or floating lazily on a pond I could be doing the work of the world while standing silently in the sun



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Quotes

1492. The decline of Native American populations was rapid and severe, probably the greatest demographic disaster ever – population fell by 90% in the first century after contact

Prior to colonization there was no rape. Also everyone had a house and enough food to eat.”

Wilderness is where native peoples lived and tended

Who are your people?

We are in the midst of it we need to be the loudest about what’s happening

We are older than settler colonialism, our memories, our epigenetic markers, our DNA knows before settler colonialism and it will know after settler colonialism. It will be here in the next world.

Nothing can become until you speak it into being



From Entangled Lives by Merlin Sheldrake

Quotes

There have never been individuals we are all Lichens

Intelligence is based on how efficient a species becomes at doing things they need to survive

Dormancy appears to be the most important survival strategy for lichens

It is well known that the ability of lichens to survive extreme conditions depends on them entering a state of suspended animation they can be resuscitated after 10 years of dehydration

Finally in the three submissions the idea is to watch them in order from A in each case. Probably they are more of a performance/installation and could happen in a multi layered way