

INTERVIEWS WITH HARRY JIVENMUKTA

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Introduction

I was interviewed for a Tantra magazine some time ago. In many ways it is a contradiction because Tantra doesn't have a central point, either in terms of a place of worship or a holy book. It is a freewheeling and experimental spirituality, and so having a magazine is a bit of a long shot, a formalisation of something that doesn't have a specific form or process. As well as the interviews, I wrote six articles, one every month, and they are mentioned in my novel Hillside Retreat.

These interview questions are the ones that were not used and so I reproduce them here. Some are quite interesting and others are flippant or incidental. I was interviewed by

Meenakshi Karli, a friend of mine, of sorts.

I don't know who comes up with all these questions and why I agreed to answer them. They took place during five meetings and by the end I felt like I had been drawn and quartered.



Meenakshi Karli WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR TANTRA?

Well, it is free, easy to do, and lots of fun. Some people are frightened of Tantra and that is amusing because they just misunderstand the whole thing. There is so much you can do and it is never ending. You open one door and that just leads to 100 more. And it's great when you do something and see it working. There are lots of examples throughout my writing.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT DO YOU LIKE LEAST?

What I do not like are fake Tantrics. Most Tantrics are fake and use it to make money. The popular sell is that Tantra is all about sex. It is not! The reason why sex comes into it I because it is possible to transform sexual energy into spiritual energy, not for the purpose of more or better sex, but to utilise that energy in spiritual practice. It is possible to have better sex but that is not the preserve of Tantra alone.

All practices have a lot of sexuality in them; it is just that these religions have quietly smoothed the sex right out of their practices because they are embarrassed. An example of this is the Hindu marriage ceremony. Girls of the path of Shiva used to marry him first before their human marriage. Read my story Hina for a world first description of the ceremony as it used to be before Hindus cleaned it up. You just have to look at the ancient Hindu temples to see how much graphic sex was sculpted into the temple walls.

Meenakshi Karli IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I wouldn't do anything differently because the consequences of what I have done in this life have been hard but I have managed them. Perhaps if I had chosen some things differently I would be in even more of a jam than I have been in this life. I have made some big mistakes but that is what life is about. We make mistakes and if we learn from them we are winning and if we don't learn we are on the downhill slide. For example, if I hadn't done all the things I have done in this life, I might not have had the spiritual revelations that I have had.

I have drunk so much alcohol that it made me ill enough to end up in a coma. It was in that coma that all barriers to enlightenment fell away. Tantrics in India have to continuously get bitten by snakes to build up their resistance to poisoning. In the end they are at the height where they can sink into the coma that then leads to their enlightenment. They can die trying, and so can alcoholics like me. But I have

And I don't apologise for it. 99.9% of people are so careful trying to stay alive they forget why God has put them on this earth. They are a waste of time and are wasting their time. So, given the opportunity again, I can think of nothing better than being the person I was and am.

Meenakshi Karli WHO DO YOU HAVE RESPECT FOR?

I don't have respect for anyone. I love people but respect is all about power relationships, like 'I respect my boss'. That kind of respect is based on the boss's position to hire and fire, or make your life easier or harder. It is not based on love. So, I don't like, or respect, but I do love. Love is unconditional and innocent and free.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

I have never distinguished between spare time and work time. It is all the same. That's why I succeed so much when I do work. I never work 8 hours a day; I work 24 hours a day on whatever I do, even in my sleep. And I have never been bored either. I do laugh sometimes at the idea of time because it varies depending on what you are doing and which plane of reality you are in. Just think, when you are doing something boring, the time hardly moves, and in your dreams you can travel thousands of miles in seconds. So, what is time? I might write something about that one day. But there is one thing to remember; time is curved. Just ask a physicist.

Meenakshi Karli ARE YOU POLITICALLY ACTIVE?

I used to be. I studied politics at university and in the mid-80's I was romanced by two political parties. Fortunately, I never went for it. You see, I have a mind of my own, but in politics you have to tow the party line or you won't get on. I never tow anyone's line. I make my own mind up about everything. I haven't even voted for about 15 years now.

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU DO ANY VOLUNTEER WORK?

My whole life is voluntary work. I have hardened myself though, to stop myself from responding to everything. I think I have been too soft in the past and people take advantage, but I would help anyone if I can.

Meenakshi Karli HOW HAS THE WORLD CHANGED IN THE LAST FIFTY YEARS?

That's the kind of question that doesn't need answering. Keep it to use on someone else, at a party or something. I don't have time to waste on speculative, non-specific nonsense.

Meenakshi Karli HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED?

I change every day, or even several times a day. Sometimes by the end of a day I don't recognise who I was that morning. That's the problem with other people; they might take a stance on something one day, and feel that they have to keep defending the same position 20 years later. I re-consider my position on everything each time an issue arises. That sometimes makes me look contradictory or two-faced. But I don't care about what other people think.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT'S THE SIDE OF YOU THAT THE PUBLIC NEVER SEES?

Well, I sing and dance in private. I think I am a good singer but I don't think anyone else does. I love Hindi songs especially old songs because the lyrics were written by poets. The filmmakers used to go to the poet and tell him what the film was about, and then the poet would be left to write five or six poems. Then the music directors would sit with the poet to make the music to go with the poems. After that the choreographers would match the dances. So, the words of the poet were unchanged and usually excellent.

I have only sung once in public and that was in a music shop in India. I had heard a song and didn't know anything else about it and so sang it in the shop. After about three words, everyone shouted out the name of the song and the film. Then I asked the shopkeeper to play the track and all eight or nine people in the shop sang it from beginning to end. I bought the CD of course, and it is still one of my favourite songs of all time. It is called Mujhe Haq Hai, but I can't remember the name of the film.

And my astral flying is also done alone. One reason is that I don't know anyone else who can do it, but there is also a safety reason. If I am out travelling, the last thing I need is someone tapping the shoulder of my body, or even asking me a question. It would mean that I would snap back into my body, probably in the wrong way and that can lead to all sorts of complications. So, I do all my travelling privately, usually at night from about 2 or 3 am when everyone is asleep.

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL THAT THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT JIVFNMUKTAS?

There are lots and lots of Jivenmuktas. You know the old story about how many people it takes to have sex with your partner. Well, it is a minimum of 4; the man and the woman and her fantasies and his fantasies. Sometimes, of course, it can be 20 or more depending on how many fantasies there are going on, and whether you can hear the advice of the people like parents, friends and the school sex education teacher. It can get really crowded.

And life is like that. I have lots and lots of faces and masks, just like everyone else. But when I take off all the masks I am on my own and can relax and commune with God, the universe and nature. Those moments of ecstasy are all that I live for.

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU THINK THE PUBLIC AND CRITICS EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM YOU?

People initially don't want to know about my Tantra, then they can't get enough, and finally they run for their lives when I show them how it works. Fear and misunderstanding leads them to be critical and they often are in denial. People want clean religions and spirituality. They love their religions because their masters are dead. Then they can extract anything from the belief system that they want because there is no one to tell them otherwise. But if the master is alive, they keep their distance, afraid in case they are rebuked or told off.

Buddhism is an excellent example of this. Buddha said that no one should make statues or images of him but in the world today, there are more Buddhist statues than for any other person. He also said that his religion would last for 1000 years and after that people should seek out other ways to enlightenment. Has anyone told the Buddhists of today that they are at least 1500 years out of date? And I can think of friends, and my girlfriend, who will be seriously upset by these remarks. You see, people don't want the truth; they want a comfortable illusion. I have just made thousands of enemies now, haven't I?

I could easily tell you of similar patterns in all the world's religions. I will then be really unpopular won't I? So I'll save them up for later.

Meenakshi Karli HOW HARD DO YOU PUSH YOURSELF?

I work 24 hours a day and am sometimes busier in my sleep than when awake. I have two days for every one day that anyone else has. I wake up at about 3 am, if I am not busy, and work my first day until about 11.30 am. I start my second day

at about 2 PM and go on until about 10. I work at least at 1,000 miles an hour, and I have never met anyone who can keep up with me. But what I do also, is to stop completely when there is no need to do something. Most people cannot stop but then can only work at a snail's pace.

Meenakshi Karli WHEN ARE YOU COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH YOUR WORK?

I am always happy with my work. I only do the things I want to and compartmentalise all tasks. I get on to part two after part one is complete. And so on. So I don't do complete projects as one task. That is the way to constant disappointment.

Which brings me to multi-tasking. I should stop there, shouldn't I? Ha, it is so easy to be even more unpopular. Multi-tasking is for people who can't do any specific task adequately. There, I have said it and millions of people will now dislike me intensely. I do love these interviews because by the end of them all, no one will want to speak to me ever again, will they?

Meenakshi Karli WHY HAVE YOU SUCCEEDED IN A FIELD WHERE SO MANY OTHERS HAVE FAILED?

I am single minded. When I am in Tantra I am in nothing else. Some people just wander around and do a bit of this and a bit of that, or do not understand what their spirituality is. Others are afraid and that limits them. I take it as it comes and just enjoy the ride; whatever comes is fine. I do not enter Tantra with a goal in mind. I will follow the path where ever it leads. I know a lot of people who have no breadth to their lives. They will always fail.

To succeed in spiritual matters you have to be like a bucket standing out in the weather. The bucket does not ask for anything and neither can it do anything. All it does is be there. When you are just there, witnessing without discrimination, if you like, everything comes to you. As soon as you realise that you are not the doer, then it is all yours. As long as you think you have to do something in order for something to happen, you will never achieve. That includes prayer, meditation, pilgrimages and reading holy texts. That's why Buddha said that everyone is already enlightened, it is just that some people don't know it yet. You don't have to do anything; it is already yours.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT'S THE MAGIC FORMULA FOR SUCCESS?

You have to know what is true and test it over and over again. Then, when you are satisfied, go on to the next stage. Never listen to fools. That means everyone else! My definition of a fool in this sense is anyone who has an opinion about things they know nothing about. And in spirituality, most people know nothing at all.

I think in my life so far, I have met maybe three or four people who know anything worth knowing that relates to spiritualism. And if those people out there disagree with me, prove to me that you know more than just reading third hand accounts or parroting on and on. It is mostly nonsense! We have examples from the old Zen masters who wandered for years trying to find just one disciple worthy of receiving their teachings. Most realised people die without meeting one such person in the whole of their life, and take their wisdom with them. It is sad.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT REINCARNATION?

This topic is so simple that I am amazed that so many people have a problem with it. Death is like leaving one room and going into another. Just because you cannot see a person doesn't mean they are destroyed. People think they are so clever that if they cannot see someone it must mean they have ceased to exist. What an ego and what rubbish!

Spend a few days with me and I will show you life, death and life again. It is very easy.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT ABOUT LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS?

You know, most people spend a great deal of time considering irrelevant questions. Who cares really, and how much time is spent asking stupid questions? Isn't it better to care for each other and consider the needs of the people around us? Most things we do think about are only going to be theoretical, at least in our lifetime. The big bang theory will always be only a theory, and questions about is there a God. People don't know what 2 + 2 is but they are quite happy to speculate on the origins of the universe or God. I tell people to stop being worldly wise and take care of their real lives first.

The best religion in many ways, is Hinduism, because it tells us to identify with our small environment. So, if your Devi or Devta is identified, that can take care of your specific needs. Of course most Hindus are also stupid people because they all want to choose Ganesha or Lakshmi or such like, rather than identify the one that is most relevant to them.

I really don't care if there is life on other planets, although I do know the answer to this question, but I do care about the pot of yoghurt in my fridge that needs eating. So, please Meenakshi, you are more intelligent than most, ask me better questions. Or we could end it here and you could share the yoghurt with me and we can both be happy, all afternoon. What do you say?

Meenakshi Karli ARE WE RETURNING TO A MORE ROMANTIC TIME?

People don't know what romantic means, do they? You cannot put romance into a 2 hour Rom-Com. Romance is the stars, moon, and clouds, the breeze, gentle rain, rainbows, singing of birds and soaring eagles. All of these are without a clock, without a box, without a limit.

I love being in love. I fall in love at least five or six times a day. Society tells us that we should be like automatons and most people are. So the answer to your question is NO. We live in a time when there is no space for romance because romance is not a product, and cannot be measured for value for money or outputs.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT DO YOU THINK OF FEMINISM?

Feminism has been very, very good for men and really bad for women. I am always surprised how women can't see this. Let me explain. If we go back to the 1960's we can say that a man would have done 100 units of the work outside the home and the woman did 100 units of the work within the home. It was a simple arrangement.

Now let's look at the 21st century. The man does 100 units of work in his job, and the woman does 100 units in her job. But the woman still does 80 units of work within the home and the man does the other 20 units. So, the man now does 120 units but the woman does 180 units. That is the first disadvantage. Then if you look at all the studies on this subject, and you can easily find them on the Internet, you can see that the man makes about 75% of the decisions on big ticket items. So, he has access to much more of the money. Big ticket items are defined as things like a car, TV, computer, fridges, washing machines, etc. the only thing there is relative parity over is choosing a holiday where the woman may have more than 50%. The woman does spend lots of money, however, but on things like the weekly shopping, and household essentials.

So, the woman has the illusion that she is earning money and paying her way and making decisions but that is not really true. The man, additionally hasn't got the worry of what happens if he loses his job. In the past he was entirely responsible for earning the money but now she earns as well and takes the pressure off him. But there is additional pressure on her because she doesn't want people to think that the hard earned right to work has been squandered if she doesn't work.

Then let's look at what pressures the modern woman is under. There is more alcoholism amongst women now than ever before, and drug addiction and there are more women in prison than ever before. Mental health is a rising issue for women. And why is this? It is because the world of work is a man's world, and women entering it have to adjust, drop their femininity and take up male characteristics, like aggression, competition, and greed. And the divorce rates are higher. Women end up holding the baby as well and might have to put their own needs aside until the children are grown up. The man is free to play the field and get on with new relationships.

Most of all, though, the worst thing is that women lose the most important factor of femininity. Spiritual search is feminine, creative and subjective. They drop it all for a handful of money that they then don't really get anything out of in any case.

And finally, after all that work, she is too tired to keep her partner happy. So he goes out and gets it elsewhere and smiles as he pays for it, imagining that he is paying for it out of her earnings. And don't forget, 32% of the Internet is pornographic sites.

If I had to be born a woman, the last place I would want to be born is in the Western developed countries because most women end up screwed up and unfulfilled. Remember that women also give up lots of things in the name of career, but only one person is the manager and the other 100 are just employees. By definition women will fail because they cannot all have good careers can they? It is impossible.

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU MAKE FRIENDS EASILY?

If I walk into a room of 200 strangers, I will leave a few hours later with 50 new friends. And that was an illusion I lived in for years because those friends are only fair weather friends. When you really need help, that is when you realise how many friends you have, so now I don't have any friends. Well there are two people that love me and whom I love. One is my mother but she has no choice has she? And the other is God, who also has no choice.

As for making new friends, they must be prepared to die for me and I for them before I would consider them at all. So, I am totally alone but I like that because then there is no one to lie to me and pretend. We all come alone and go alone and in between, most of us pretend that other people like us. Just wait until you need them like I did in 2004. They disappeared, all of them, in a flash. I am glad I

have had that experience because now I know that I stand alone and it makes me stronger. But a TANTRIC is never really alone because I can live in other realities and levels of existence. You know, this world really is the pits; I have found so many others that are really great!

Meenakshi Karli WHICH DO YOU ENJOY MOST: A NIGHT ON THE TOWN OR STAYING IN WITH THAT SOMEONE SPECIAL?

I would rather stay in with someone special but not for one night. Ideally I would lock all the doors to the outside world, open the window and throw the keys away. I want to disappear into my partner completely, disregarding day and night, time and space, and emerge at some point in the future, who knows when, in a state of, who knows what.

But the reality is that men and women keep one eye on the clock as if they are getting paid for it. Everyone is in a rush. I want someone who has nothing to do and nowhere to go. People have no idea what ecstasy is because once you put it in a time slot it can only be so much. I am expansive like multiple galaxies, there is no day or night in my life, no end of me and the beginning of the other. It is continuous, merged and merging, a million songs and dances.

I am living in the wrong reality.

Meenakshi Karli ARE YOU MARRIED OR INVOLVED WITH ANYONE?

What can I say? It is almost impossible to find a woman who wants a long term relationship. But I have lots of one night stands, at the drop of a hat, actually. You might think that's good, and it is if you're young. I don't like them any more because they aspire only to a physical level. The physical is the lowest of the levels in terms of ecstasy. Spiritual orgasms will blow you apart. Imagine a physical orgasm, whether you are a man or a woman. Then a spiritual orgasm is like a thousand of those all at once.

I have had four relationships in the last two years, all of them disappointing in the end because all the women were damaged by their previous experiences. So, now I prefer spiritual relationships with women from other levels of existence. Just read Hina and you will want one as well, especially if you are a man.

And another thing. I have discovered that there are not two genders, but three. There are men, and women, and then the third gender is the woman/man. The third gender is created by capitalism. Women who sell their femininity in

exchange for a job. Equal opportunities does not exist for women because they have to assume many of the traits of men in order to compete in what is a man's world. I know a few women who have got to the top and who I can still call women. It is very rare. Women will have equal opportunities when they can be feminine and also in work.

I find that for every woman I see, there are probably 20 others who are woman/man. It is that rare in the West. There are many more women in the Middle East, Asia, and South America, among other places. I don't want to talk about this matter any more; it makes me very frustrated by the stupidities of the world.

We should break now so that I can get all this rubbish out of my system.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING IF YOU WEREN'T A TANTRIC?

Hopefully, dead. This world is a very poor relation to the other realities I wander in. If this reality is the only one you know, then it is OK but once you can compare, then you can put this world into context. I come back here to pay the bills and get interviewed by people like you, but when I am free, I simply sit my body down on the sofa, prop it up with cushions, so that it doesn't flop over, and go astral travelling. It is so much fun.

I feel very sorry for people who only know this world. It must be very boring!

Meenakshi Karli OTHER THAN THE PEOPLE YOU'RE WITH NOW, IF YOU COULD MEET ANYONE, LIVING OR DEAD, WHO WOULD IT BE?

Well, that is not a question is it? I can already meet anyone I want to by my astral travelling. Sometimes it is difficult and it would be better if I only had to think of the person and they would be there. In reality, it can be very difficult to locate some people. Often it is too hard to do. When I do need answers from someone it is better to think of the problem in hand rather than a specific person to answer me. The right person for the problem comes along, usually someone I have never met and will never meet again. What is important is to resolve the issue rather than meet a particular person.

And in any case, I can't think of anyone that I have a burning need to meet.

Meenakshi Karli HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CENSORSHIP?

I am opposed to censorship for adults. But I do think we should let our children be children. Now, they grow up far too quickly, and that is partly to do with access to stuff that they shouldn't be worried about until later in the lives.

As for adults, we should all be open to experience as much of the real world as possible. It's like meat-eaters who love meat but don't want to see an animal killed, or even see meat in a real format. They only want to see it in a nice packaged, non-specific way. I think everyone who eats meat should have the opportunity to kill their food. It is very enlightening. And how many people have had to bury their own dead? I have, and it is worth doing, just to learn more about ourselves. After all, we are all going to die.

And let's look at sexual perversions, war, famine, and pain and joy directly. It is funny that some people cannot even deal with happiness in its true form. They can only really laugh in a context, like a birthday, a party and so on. My biggest laugh was in Dharamsala. In those days you could meet the Dalai Lama on Monday afternoons when he was in India. I decided that I would just enjoy the sunshine and so I sat on a bench outside his rooms. A Buddhist monk sat down next to me and we just laughed like mad for about ten minutes. I don't know why we were laughing or at whom, but it was brilliant. Then, he got up and wandered off. We never spoke a word to each other.

So, let's drop the façade and face reality. Throw censorship in the bin. We are here to learn and experience, so let's do it.

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU CENSOR YOURSELF? HAVE YOU EVER WRITTEN ANYTHING AND THEN DECIDED IT WAS TOO HARSH?

Yes I have. Only to protect someone who might not be ready for the truth. I have always done it reluctantly though. There is no point in hurting someone if they are not going to understand what it is that you are doing. Otherwise, I always write as it comes to me and will not censor myself.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

Well, since you have a boyfriend, what is next for me is something other than I would want it to be. You know, you blush beautifully. So, instead, let me have lunch with you and then we can listen to some music. What do you say?

Meenakshi Karli HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU STARTED WRITING?

I was five years old but the teacher told me that I should copy from the blackboard rather than writing my own stuff. What an idiot she was but when you're five you do as you're told.

Meenakshi Karli WHAT ARE A COUPLE OF YOUR ALL-TIME FAVOURITE BOOKS?

I have often been asked which book I would take with me to a desert island, if I could pick just one book. Well, I would take an Index catalogue (look it up on the Internet if you don't know it), with me for several reasons. It is big and would last a long time, it shows me what I am missing by not being in the world, and it shows me what I have been saved from. It is brilliant in showing us what sort of world we live in

The second book I would take is an idiot's guide to Quantum Physics, with additional chapters on String Theory. The book I have says that it will tell me all about it, but I got lost after the first sentence of the first chapter. It is brilliant to read a few random paragraphs of something that you understand nothing about.

Meenakshi Karli HOW DO YOU OVERCOME WRITER'S BLOCK?

There is no block. When writing comes, it comes. When it doesn't come, it doesn't come. Once I didn't write anything for five and a half years. Why write when nothing is coming? When it comes then I write. Why must we turn everything into an occupation? So, when people have writers block they are not listening to their inner being. When the writing comes it will force itself out even if you refuse to write. And then, that writing is always good.

Meenakshi Karli HAVE YOU EVER WRITTEN ABOUT YOUR OWN BAD HABITS?

I have so many bad habits. How much can one person write? I think other people should write about my bad habits. I am not objective enough. My guru used to say do something wrong every day because it is only by doing things wrong that we learn to do them right, but don't make the same mistakes every time. So, I enjoy doing things wrong or badly and then learning from the experience.

Meenakshi Karli IS THERE LIFE AFTER MARRIAGE?

Well, if you want sex, don't get married. There is life after marriage but it's a bit like being in an open prison. Personally, I don't mind it because it makes life easier but it is not good for spiritual development. The way you are controlled in prison is by keeping the temperature just a bit higher than required and keeping the inmates well fed. Marriage is like that.

Meenakshi Karli WHO COULD YOU SPEND A YEAR SLEEPING WITH WITHOUT GETTING BORED?

Now there is a question. It's not who but what they bring to the bedroom. I don't think that just the person's body, personality or character is enough. She should be like the girl in the 1001 Arabian Nights, someone who can keep me absorbed for a

long time with something new every night. Stories would be one thing and lots of different accents and a great imagination.

Look Meena, I've had enough for now. Can we stop and answer some more questions later, preferably next year or the year after. And anyway, who wants to read all this drivel about me. I think I am very interesting but I don't think anyone else does, do they?

Let;s get some lunch and then I'll play some really good, old Hindi 1950's songs for you.

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A list of questions that will be addressed in part two of this series.

Meenakshi Karli HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DOING YOUR TANTRA?

Meenakshi Karli HOW WAS YOUR CHILDHOOD?

Meenakshi Karli ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?

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

Meenakshi Karli WHO ARE YOUR HEROES?

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

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

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

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

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

Meenakshi Karli WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO LATELY?

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Meenakshi Karli ARE THERE ANY SONGS YOU'VE OWNED THAT YOU WISH YOU HADN'T?

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Meenakshi Karli WHEN DO YOU GO IN TO TANTRA?

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Meenakshi Karli WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR? WHY?

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Meenakshi Karli WHAT ARE YOU READING LATELY?

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

Meenakshi Karli PUBLISHING HAS BECOME BIG BUSINESS. HAS THAT HURT?

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Meenakshi Karli DO YOU THINK TELEVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ILLITERACY?

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

Meenakshi Karli MANY SCHOOLS HAVE BANNED CERTAIN BOOKS FOR VARIOUS REASONS. WHERE DO YOU THINK THE LINE SHOULD BE DRAWN?

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU EVER FEEL FORCED TO WRITE?

Meenakshi Karli HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF A PUBLISHER WANTED TO CONDENSE YOUR WORK?

Meenakshi Karli WHAT'S THE MEANING OF LIFE?

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

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS INTELLIGENT LIFE ON EARTH?

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

Meenakshi Karli DO PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE MACHO?

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

Meenakshi Karli HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU LOST YOUR VIRGINITY?

Meenakshi Karli HOW WAS IT?

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE KINKY?

Meenakshi Karli DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE JOKE THAT YOU CAN TELL ON THE RADIO?

Meenakshi Karli WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU TURN OFF THE LIGHTS?