

Jack and Katharine (Jackath)—A Whole Great Love (1989-1996)

The following is from Katharine's notebook written around 1990 when we were a couple living separately and together from time to time. I had not yet come to where I would, finally, in October 1992, when I proposed marriage to her realizing her supreme value to me over anything and everything in my life.



At this period of our relationship I still wanted to retain my independence and still was not yet intelligently mature enough to give up this independence for what actually was the far greater value of our INTER-dependency. We were formally married on July 4, 1993, the American Independence Day which we called our Interdependence Day.

This entry in her notebook describes her ideal day with me—or the ideal man I would become through her. What I hope this writing shows to all is what a wonderfully mature/wise person and woman Katharine was as all who were fortunate enough to know her well knew. And what a blessed person and man I was to have met her at just the right time in my development and hers.

Her death from cancer 1996 has made me the man I am today—one who has learned the Lesson of Loss which is Love—Personally Responsible Freedom as Care for Equal and Intimate Relationships.

“I would live in a cosy house with a large & varied garden (the house & garden maintains themselves). I would have a lover who was also a mentor & guide but one who let me chose what I want & simply showed me better ways to get there. He would feed me ideas & discuss them with me in a logical & creative way without having to ‘win’ any points & being endlessly patient with each others’ explanations.

“I would have a private spa & pool in the garden for thinking & resting. Nearby would be a variety of restaurants & exceptional clothing, jewelry & accessories stores with exquisitely tasteful, inspiring & sensual things.

“I would have two female friends who were also able to discuss ideas of any kind & who shared my curiosity & intelligence & were also interested in a wide range of things. They would live independent lives, be well rounded & wealthy & generous, introducing me to new ideas, places & activities.

“A university nearby would offer science & psychology courses. The qualities that would emerge in me would be independence, sexiness, curiosity, discipline, creativity, productivity, & inner peace.

“I would enter into writing, research & business projects with my friends that didn’t require constant full time work. “

[Change of topic here to directly describing her relationship with Jack]

“I am waking up gently, about 7:30. Jack is there to cuddle & make love if I feel aroused. We get up. He is preparing breakfast while I spend time in the private garden, enjoying the sun & new flowers & composing haiku.”

“We eat a light, delicious & healthy breakfast in our courtyard. After breakfast in our robes, we get dressed—both casually. I choose a cream coloured natural knit dress that is figure hugging, bare legs, businesslike shoes & make up, jewelry & perfume.

“We both move to studios at opposite ends of the house. Mine opens onto a set of small very tasteful offices where my partner is already at work. We have a small easily managed consulting business & a no strings attached business management. We offer a consulting service for individuals & businesses who require problem solving & personal development. We share a journal article on psychological research methods before starting our separate & joint consultations for the day. We break for lunch, coffee & conversation at a nearby restaurant on the beach & plan some business development. After lunch we keep an appointment with a dynamic successful business in the city where we convene a brainstorming session with senior execs. On the way home we discuss strategy for the project.

“At 5pm she leaves & I meet Jack for aerobics & gym work at our gym nearby. I’m wearing very soft, comfortable boots under a full skirt in rust or deep green soft silk or knit, belted & clingy.

“We take a drive along the coast for an early meal at our favorite Thai restaurant & have coffee (Jack his favorite fudge cheesecake dessert) watching the sunset & talking about ideas or new twists on our old new ideas.

“We drive back home & Jack lights the fire. We read, sharing thoughts, kisses & massage until 9:30 when we undress & slip into the warm spa outside under the stars. We can see the city lights & classical music drifts out from our living room.

“At 10:30 I am snug in bed still enjoying the music & the stars I can see through the bedroom windows as we fall asleep.”

End of the notebook entry.

Tell me Reader—is she not a MAGNIFICENT WOMAN! What a LUCKY MAN I WAS AND STILL AM!

Next piece of her writing.

WORLD and the people in it, wherever you are, I want to share this with YOU BOTH to show you the WHOLE GREAT LOVE Katharine and I created and maintained to her last breath, hand and mind within mine, forever and for better. It is a Valentine's Card she gave to me in 1993 the year we were married—finally! Silly me it took so long! ☺

Sweetheart

Since you proposed I have been waking up wet to fantasies where you are holding me naked with my back to the mirror so you can watch as you rub my bottom and see the tip of your wonderful penis jammed between my thighs and protruding beneath my cheeks. I suppose this is what happens when you photograph each other naked in bathroom mirrors!

I am therefore sending you wild French kisses (which is why they have little berets)

Love

[below are 3 drawn figures:

1. two Xs each with a little "beret" above them to signify "French kisses"
2. a small circle, an O, with radiating lines surrounding it with a smile drawn inside that expresses Katharine as my "Sunshine"—what she and I agreed she was for me: the Source of my Life
3. two small circles representing us as separate Selves

This was written inside of a Valentine's Card given to me in 1993 by Katharine after I proposed marriage to her late 1992. We were married July 4, 1993. The face cover of the card has this famous quote:

"Absence is to Love what Wind is to Fire—it extinguishes the small, it enkindles the GREAT." Comte Debussey Rabutin

On the inside back side of the card are these words:

"My love for you grows ever stronger

Missing you

Happy [then here Katharine inserts "early"] Valentine's Day
