

2017 August

Tea-Table Notecards/messages

*A few cards have dates so they are first, the others are random as I find them in the stack. As I wrote at the top of last month I am including names this year, for those who have left messages it helps them find theirs (I hope). I am also not correcting the spelling though I **am** trying to catch my typos.*

I am for the first time not typing out simple thanks to me cards, as I wrote last month too.

- 1Aug- Always remember. You are Loved. Take good care. L. Layla
- 2Aug- What a great &kind idea!!! Bim(?)@Bellevue
- 3Aug- Hi Jay – I am visiting from Wisconsin and am delighted to enjoy some of your tea. Bless You for your kindness. Sue
- 4Aug- Baking in the heat is nice. The 90s make you happy- aware of your body's hear & breath & blood. It's good to be alive and sweat.
- 7Aug- Finishing my circumnavigation of Lake Washington by bike alone for the last leg, and am free to stop where I please. What a magical spot. Thank you! Just thinking; life is suffering- so much wrong with the world but peace can be found if we focus on doing good right where we are. I'll try! Nelda Swiggott
- 7Aug- The mountain is hidden by the haze. It's outline appears – in my mind?! Gazing in its direction, it is projected by my eyes.
- 14Aug- Jay, Lovin the good vibes. Your tea and vision for the tea table rocks! First time around this area and happened to on a date. Its a good day (heart)
- 15Aug- Tea, sun, view, & companionship. This is what has commanded my attention here today. Without opportunities like these our lives would linger in the abyss of destitution. Humanity was meant to come together and this is what you have given us today. Thank you. Charles Romero
- 16Aug- Mrs. Rainier lays hidden in cloud so subtle you would not know that either one exists. It begs the questions....when do I seize to exist in the stardust and chaos or the world that surrounds me? Charles Romero
- 16Aug- If you look through the small glasses filled with tea and turn them, you can see up to 4 Mount Rainier. (It works with any of the teas...) (drawing of how to do this) Serge (a scientific mind) Quebec, Canada
- 19Aug- Forcing sunsets, veiws, and nature down your throat is rad! And so is drinking tea in a park such as Coleman! - n
- 19Aug- Let me wander – Sarah (image of a hand see scans/jpg)
- 20Aug- Thankful for the respite/ What a peaceful oasis you have created!/ Health to my sister in NC battling breast cancer/ Peace to my aging parents in Arizona – gratitude for my caregiving sister there – Wendy
- 30Aug- Jay./ Thank you for this lovely spot. My girls and I evacuated Houston and Hurricane Harvey. This spot is the first moment of peace I felt in days. My sister moved here 6 wks ago and enjoys your tea as well. Nice seeing the beautiful side of nature./ May

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you be blessed (heart) Jennifer Darcey/ Pearland, TX

- 30Aug- This tea – this table- this lake- this mountain/ is why I love Seattle./ Let these types of random acts of kindness survive the techboom/Trump/fear/etc/moments
- 30Aug- Were coming here from Texas staying with my auant and uncle!- Drew- p.s. I'm a girl
- 30Aug- My name is Ryan. I am a 14 year old girl from Houston, Texas. I'm currently visiting my aunt and her family. I've only been in Seattle for 2 hours and it's already my favorite place ever. So gorgeous and peaceful. Might find myself living here one day.
- 30Aug- Thanks for the welcome tea break!/ I stopped by several years ago. After being away, I happened to cycle this was again, and was delighted to see your table was still in operation./ Such a nice gesture/ Tim Tower
- I only stop to drink or write rarely, but everyday I see that this table is here, that some one fills the tea and cares for it, fills me with joy & faith in the human spirit. And I often really need that. Thanks
- Whenever I act in a way that upsets me. I try to think of a time that that behavior has served me in the past so I can love that version of myself, forgive myself for continuing it, and then remembering my life is different(?) now so behavior can change too./ Thank you for providing the space for a moment I needed. (name in Arabic I think)
- I realized this whole time I've been looking for romantic love. When really, I need practice loving myself first. I need to give myself the gift of attention, care, and patience first before I can give it to someone else. I guess it will make the romantic part all the more sweet.
- Yo I'm currently on mushrooms and this is the coolest! Ever!/ Thank for being awesome/- love Yung Crown
- Dear David, I am thinking of you. Of loving and letting go.
- The earth is tired/ Too many sales, too many desires/ The earth is old/ Too many people hiding the gold/ the earth is beautiful/ The sky should stay blue and I'll stand with you (heart)
- And just when I thought nothing could ever feel right or whole again, an intersection showing me I'm right where I'm supposed to be!/ Thank you/ All my love – Daphne
- Many Thanks Jay!/ It is awesome. (two smileys) We are impressed- /Regards/ Raj & Fahul
- Muchas gracias/ Por el/ Te (heart)
- Working on 33rd/ Much appreciated/ life is about/ kindness & respect/ You rock. Great tea
- Thanks for the midnight TEA! (heart) ZAC
- from Bonney Lake/ Thomas Kinney (arrow and pencil scratches)
- Stability and static things require(s) violence/ Flexibility rather than expectations.
- Good luck to my sister – she just left for college/ GO BOBCATS

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- “The view is obstructed by heavy atmosphere. It need not lower our knowledge that the Mountain Exists” -Cpif {note for almost 2 weeks in August forest fire smoke from Canada and then Oregon made it impossible to see Mt. Rainier from the Tea Table}
- Hi oh to be/ Wrong
- Make time for gratitude/ I'm always/ forgetting/ Much love- AF
- No single, individual, moment is in and of itself/ unendurable.
- Thank you for the tea and hospitality./ This marks the 3rd time I've been here this summer. / One time was filled with joy./ One time I met two lovely strangers and engaged in lively discussion about food justice./ Today I am sad./ One of me best friend's mom suddenly died yesterday/ Today, one of my friends and colleague was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer at age 28./ Amidst sadness, it is good to also recognize kindness and beauty. Thank you for creating this space.- Danay
- I'll b here for the cello music. I'm an amateur guitarist who plays a transcription of the first prelude to the Bach Suites almost every day. A perfect composition, and an inspiration to do great things. {note; on 27 August I played 2 45 minute cello concerts in the park near the Tea-Table}
- Respect all & always respect/ Yolo. (drawings of stuff) So stop stressin so much/ breath & smile all the (clock drawing)
- I had a dream that someone kissed my cheek & that was nice./ I also played music today with my friend dan & that was nice & that was in real life./ Sometimes I can't tell the difference between dreams & real life./ Sometimes dreams seem so real lifey and real life seems so dreamy. (drawing of a flower)
- Looking back I guess this happened due to a bad calculation, either that or a laziness toward minding the details. Sixty minutes to Everett, add 15 for traffic, meeting til 3, Malia's practice is how long? Better just leave now, shit forgot my laptop, of its a 2-hr practice, no one home until 7. How had life conspired to leave me alone with an entire hour, no one to serve, no thing to do. Just me. I am Terrified.
- There are no free tea tables that I know of in Washington, D.C. (where I live) but I think, (after sitting here for a few moments and drinking your good mint tea) that now is the time for one. Gracias – AB
- “acceptance” - We're here to care for each other, but if I don't accept care in return the circle isn't closed. The wheel stops at my last act of kindness. I accept this simple glass of tea, and raise it for a toast the turning wheel.
- I just had a date with this girl named Taylor and it was dreamy
- I hope everything is swell and everything is well/ Your fake felns(unreadable) are the best./ Has your collection of little things changed much?/ Much Love, A
- It's fear that will give/ you have a life/ and convince you/ you never wanted/ the other half/ anyways./ Thank you for the space- Babette
- The smoke seems a needless squall, heedless of all the green carpeting. “You're pulling

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the plug on algae!" we say; the sun tea is ever more perfect, perhaps more Californian. But all that burning wood, grown from deeper in the cycle, lost to a world changed by the strange lack of empathy among expansionists and a garble-de-gook of shit smeared in the ear. Keep it squeaky clean. Find the flavor of sprinkled flowers in you teeth./ The mountain is not there/ -peeder weeder

- Remember you are beautiful
- Love comes to those who listen (drawing of house upside down)
- Homo Sapiens are close to being obsolescent...
- I've traveled all across this land and sparse is a better site to see than the mighty Mt. Rainier, Lake Washington, and a gracious offering of tea!/ I get a strong feeling the dream is almost over, but that people like you will be REWARDED – Michael Jame Kroll (image of compass pointing North)
- Warm tea/ summer day/ bicycle hum by/ thanks! (image of a bicycle wheel)
- To my 8-year-old self:/ Love is everywhere./ The delusion of humanity is/ that I am in here and you/ are out there./ Physically & through time
- The people who grow our hearts strong, we don't have to put them down. I'm not putting you down, even though I chose to go far away instead of learning how to love you up close. I still want that. I needed this/ Perhaps the two will come together again, one day.
- Thank you from the beach & books crew/ Sun *C-| (heart) Nikki
- Exercise really helps my depression, surprises me every time.
- Be Brave/ Tell the people you love how much they mean to you./ Even if they already know its nice for them to hear anyway (drawing trees and mountain)
- Not much. You? (name unreadable- other side "Good Bye" and a head with not face *see jpg*)
- Ebenezer, What the fink you doing? -Johnnyru (this in a difficult script other side I've scanned)
- A Big leaf maple/ Standing alone in a / field/ Illuminated (other side drawing of face with glasses scanned)
- Eulalie Rose L. Maltaif, 8 ans Sherbrouke 585 St. Martin (other side drawing of hills hearts tree and cloud scanned)