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THE SPEAKER IS NOT YOUR GURU,
YOUR TEACHER OR YOUR AUTHORITY.
IF YOU MAKE HIM YOUR AUTHORITY,
YOU ARE DESTROYING YOURSELF
AND THE SPEAKER. — Krishnamurti

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What is intelligence?

How do you approach a question like that? Each of us will give a different meaning to it according to our capacity. If you have read a great deal, speak many languages, and are gifted in various ways, you would call that intelligence. And someone else might say you must have the capacity to discern without choosing. Another person might say that to put together the whole complex workings of a computer is intelligence.

So each, according to their predilection, prejudice, bias, and conclusions, will say what intelligence is. But to investigate what intelligence really is, we must first negate what it is not. We must identify unintelligence to find out what intelligence is. Through negation, you come to the positive, but if you start with the positive you end up negatively. So, we are starting now to find out what intelligence is not. That is, we are thinking together. It is not that I am telling you, but together we are investigating this enormous and complex problem. And to do that there must first be negation.

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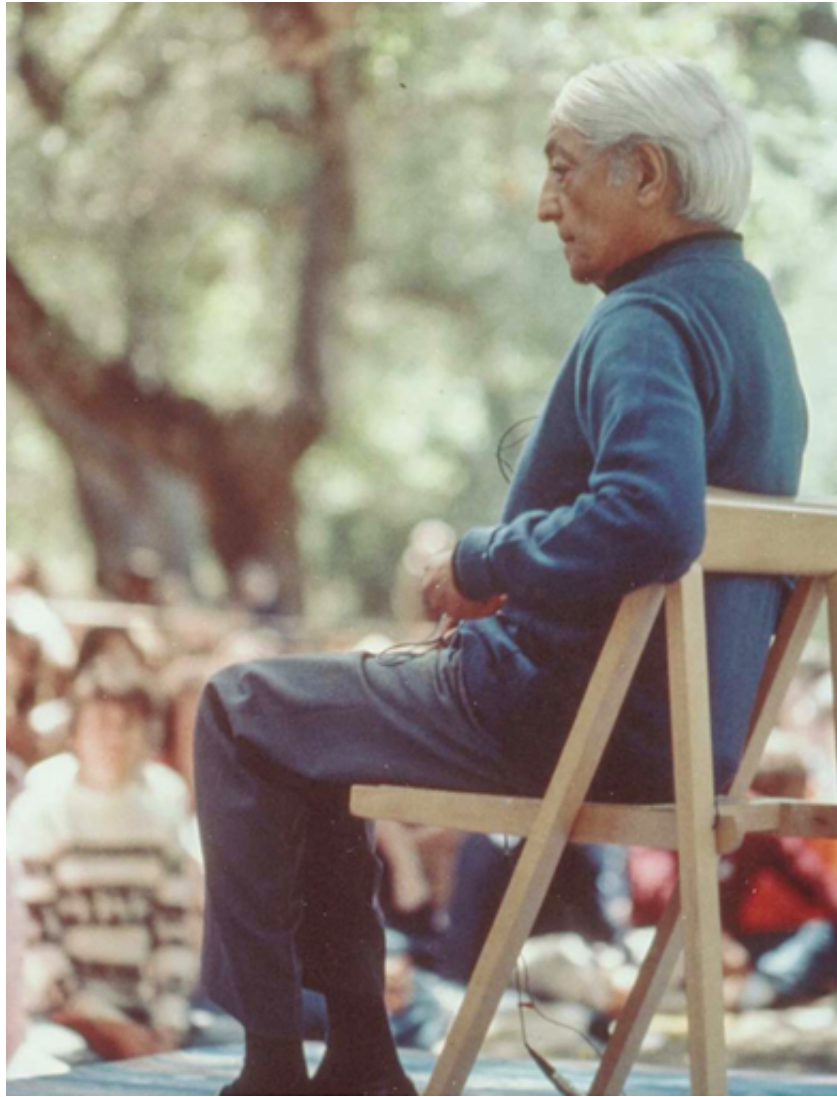
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When the Computer Takes Over From Public Talk 4, Brockwood Park 1985



Watch video [here](#).

One who lives never asks, "What is living?" and has no theories about living. It is only the half-alive who talk about the purpose of life.



"We all know that death exists, especially the older people, and also the young who observe it. The young say, 'Wait until it comes, and we'll deal with it'; and as the old are already near death, they have recourse to various forms of consolation.

Please follow and apply this to yourselves; don't put it off on somebody else. Because you know you are going to die, you have theories about it, don't you? You believe in God, you believe in resurrection, or in karma and reincarnation; you say that you will be reborn here or in another world. Or you rationalize death, saying that death is inevitable, it happens to everybody; the tree withers away, nourishing the soil, and a new tree comes up. Or else you are too occupied with your daily worries, anxieties, jealousies, envies, with your competition and your wealth, to think about death at all. But it is in your mind; consciously or unconsciously, it is there.

First of all, can you be free of the beliefs, the rationalities, or the indifference that you have cultivated towards death? Can you be free of all that now? Because what is important is to enter the house of death while living, while fully conscious, active, in health, and not wait for the coming of death, which may carry you off instantaneously through an accident, or through a disease that slowly makes you unconscious. When death comes, it must be an extraordinary moment which is as vital as living.

Now, can I, can you, enter the house of death while living? That is the problem—not whether there is reincarnation, or whether there is another world where you will be reborn, which is all so immature, so infantile. One who lives never asks, 'What is living?' and has no theories about living. It is only the half-alive who talk about the purpose of life.

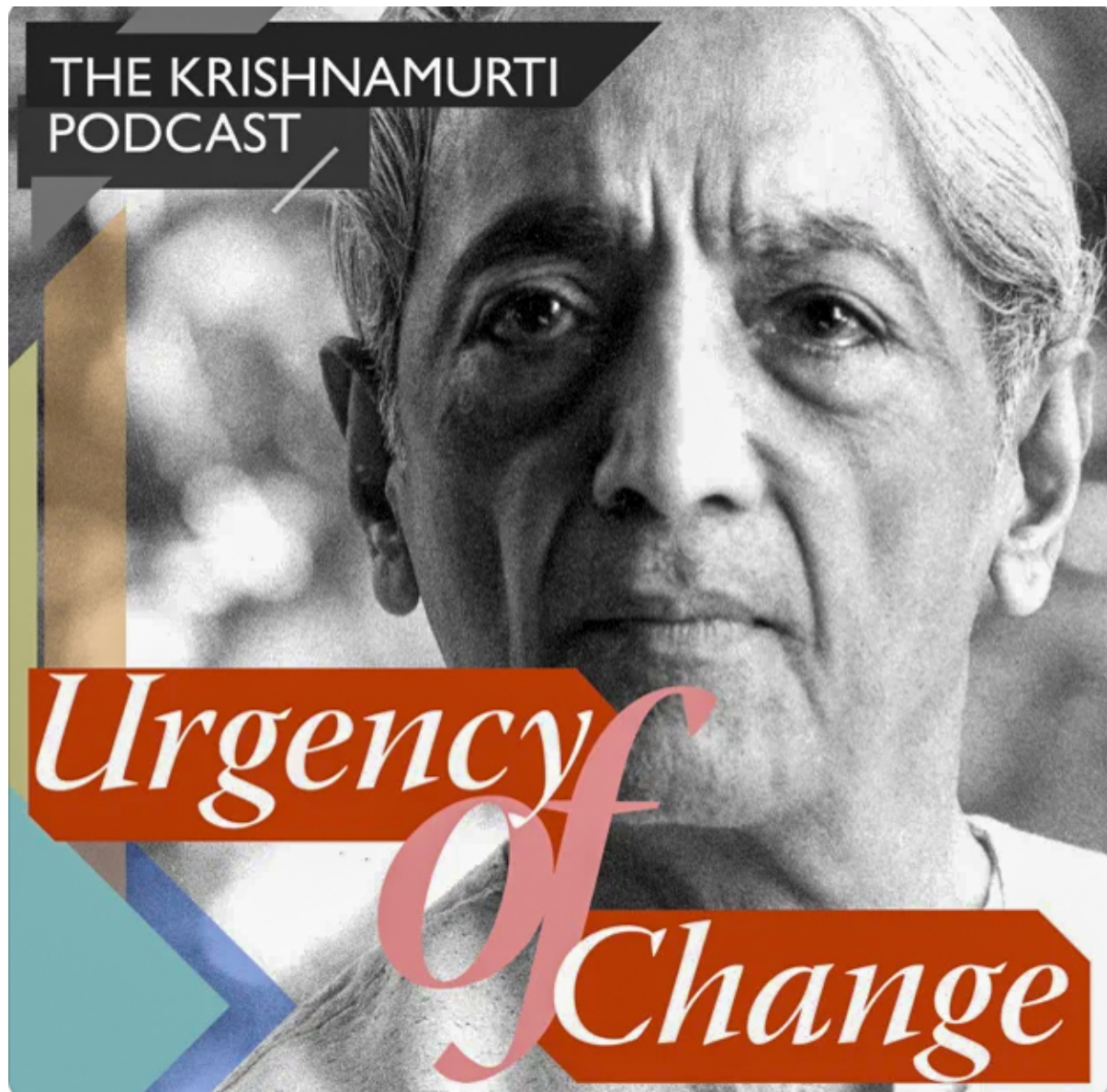
So, can you and I while living, conscious, active, with all our capacities, whatever they be, know what death is? And is death then different from living? To most of us, living is a continuation of that which we think is permanent. Our name, our family, our property, the things in which we have a vested interest economically and spiritually, the virtues that we have cultivated, the things that we have acquired emotionally—all of that we want to continue. And the moment which we call death is a moment of the unknown; therefore, we are frightened, so we try to find a consolation, some kind of comfort; we want to know if there is life after death, and a dozen other things. Those are all irrelevant problems; they are problems for the lazy, for those who do not want to find out what death is while living. So, can you and I find out?"

J. Krishnamurti

Excerpt from *As One Is*

Krishnamurti Podcasts

Commentaries on Living Read by Terence Stamp 6



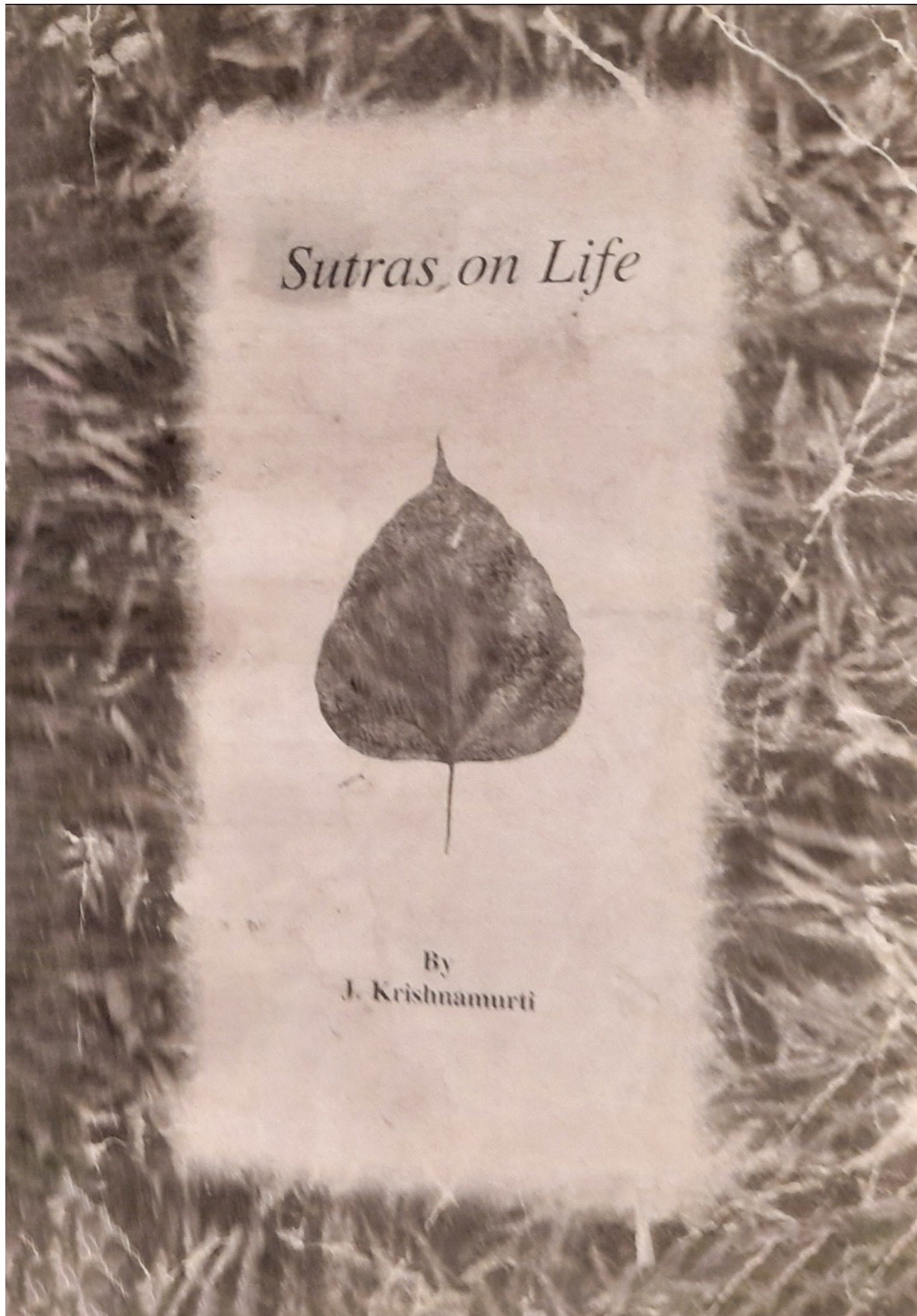
Commentaries on Living is one of Krishnamurti's most well-known and best loved books. In it, he recalls many of the private conversations with those who came to see him. With encouragement from Aldous Huxley these meetings were written down by Krishnamurti and published in 1956. Two further volumes were published in 1958 and 1960. Chapters included in this episode are titled 'The Known and the Unknown', 'The Search for Truth', 'Sensitivity', 'The Individual and Society', 'The Self', and 'Belief'.

Terence Stamp is an Oscar-nominated actor, known for his roles in *The Limey*, *Superman*, *The Collector*, *Wall Street* and many others. It was through working with Fellini that he met and became friends with Krishnamurti. Stamp includes his experiences with Krishnamurti in his recent memoir *The Ocean Fell Into the Drop*.

Listen [here](#).

Sutras on Life

from the Krishnamurti postal lending library (part 1)



"Sutras on Life" has never been published as book. It is a facsimile copy reproduced from an unpublished manuscript entitled "Thoughts on life". The original is in the Henry F Huntington Library and Art gallery,

California.

The following was taken from "News Letter", Ommen, Holland No. 3 July 1934:

"Krishnamurti is preparing a new book which will probably be entitled 'Thoughts on life'. This book will be written by him, and will not be a compilation of talks given by him, or a collection of his thoughts taken from them"

And in issue No. 5 of the "News Letter":

"During Krishnamurti's stay in California he also gave a great deal of time and attention to the preparation of his new book, condensing the several hundred pages of the original manuscript to one hundred pages. He feels that the present manuscript needs still further revision before it can be published"

The editor of "Sutras on life", Krishna Nath, says that the reasons for it remaining unpublished are not clear. And he writes in the preface:

"These pages contain short, pithy, poignant statements of Krishnamurti on fundamental issues of life like, action, peace, energy, conflict, opposites, choice, conformity, imitation, meditation, suppression, ego, experience, ignorance, loneliness, love, beauty, perception, sorrow, and happiness. These are condensed in his own words the words of a modern seer, like those of the ancient, have their own energy, rhythm and fragrance. Hence they are left untouched, These words may not solve the problems of life, but help open up the mystery of life".

Many of the Sutras are but a single sentence. For example:

- *"In search of tranquility, the mind becomes enwrapped in the stillness of death".*
- *"Seek not to develop qualities, but increase the excellence of perception".*
- *"He can have no wants who is in pursuit of truth".*
- *"Mind and heart can only be free from fear not in solitude but in the midst of conflict"*

There will be further coverage of "Sutra on Life" in the next edition of the KANZ Newsletter. Please note that this is a facsimiliy copy, and as it is well travelled, it is rather stained and in poor condition.

There are many books available for free loan from the Krishnamurti

Postal Lending Library. The full list can be found at <https://www.kanz.org.nz/library>.

Auckland Dialogue Meeting

Meetings are held fortnightly on Mondays.

The meeting location has changed and meetings are now being held in New Lynn.

Please contact Brett Nielsen 021 974 960 to obtain meeting details and to advise attendance.

Showings of Krishnamurti videos and group dialogues:

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