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AN “ELLE” INTERVIEW



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1. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GET FROM THIS LIFE?

We exist! And knowing that this existence is not only something physical; our soul, our feelings, our emotions, in short knowing the abstract things we possess within us that radiate to the universe; in a way using our light to brighten ourselves, and so our environment, and so our World, creating happiness...

Being in an inner journey against the distractions of the daily life yet persist to continue to this inner journey...

With more love, to happiness, the joy of being alive, and being able to feel ourselves as a whole with the most universal feeling that everything in existence gives you...

Just like I hear the whisper of the music of the universe and the existence; just like a child humming a melody... so beautiful.

And I want to hear that more alive, and deeper, and deeper within my soul.

I imagine what a beautiful thing would be for everyone (especially children) to hear this purist humanistic music within their souls.

I think this is what I expect to get from this life.

Having this kind of problem is, against all the handicaps, a wonderful feeling.



2. WHEN DID YOUR AWARENESS TOWARDS ANIMALS, CHILDREN, NATURE, "IN SHORT" TOWARDS UNIVERSE START?

From the moment in my childhood that I first acknowledged the world. Didn't matter what it was, I felt in me that I loved to love anything and everything.

Children, animals, people... or anything that belongs to the nature... to love is to love.

This was the first thing I recognized about life.

I realized that everything in the existence is a part of the same sun, of the same breath, of the same soil, of the same hope, and of the same love.

3. WHAT IS THE PHILOSOPHICAL SIDE OF THINGS THAT YOU DO?

I guess this will be the shortest answer: Loving to love! Having passion to love!

Living with positive feelings and emotions as much as possible, integrating these into this life and this universe.

4. WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY DOING?

I brought as many dogs as possible from town of Babaeski and Babaeski wasteyard to Kirklareli province as the result of the physical and mental fight that I gave during the last 4 years (believe me, it felt like 40 to me). And in the last 1 year of this period I had full help from the closest friend in this fight. Due to my job being in Kirklareli, we tried and still trying to provide a clean, peaceful, and happier life for them in Kirklareli.



In this life where even a single life is precious, I try to be the life for those lives as much as I can be.

In a way, like in the story of "Starfish"... Unfortunately, we still need many things, many...

We are trying to supply and get donation for many different things like the need for pet food to building materials.

All these troubles a side, one thing that give me hope and happiness is that I have little bit more time to myself finally.

This was always like this; I always listened to my inner child. I feel the same feelings I felt back then.

I try to be creative just like I used to be in my free-time.

Back in the high school years, I started to think about going to college for "Child Development" and as well as "Theater Criticism and Dramaturgy".

They are very similar things in the end. It wasn't in my fortune. And I always tried to be creative in these areas.

Just like in the old days, I tried to create things about my solid dreams and all my work is making me happier than ever.

I try to be creative in many different ways by writing, reading, thinking, listening, watching, dreaming, and struggling. I try to create things that will influence adults and children to shape this universe towards love.

5. WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL AND WHY?

Most dominant one was my grandfather.

The name of my grandfather was Mehmet Kadioğlu. We were always together through my childhood, until he passed away.

Every day, I felt that he loved anything about existence and anything about life in his heart.

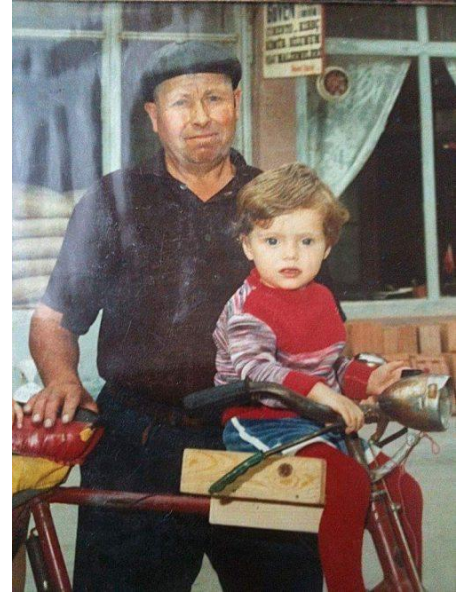
I see the existence in his hands which were working for his family, holding a shovel, hands that were like the soil.

I saw those same hands touching flowers; I saw them petting the head of the dog named "Sedi" which was a stray dog at some point.

I saw him becoming the happiness to "Sedi". I watched him crying his eyes out when "Sedi" passed away after living a long and happy life.

I saw with every sentence coming out of his mouth that how polite; understanding; sharing; loyal; how much of a good friend; a spouse; a father was he.

Whether his eyes were shining from happiness or they were full of sadness; I saw the love coming out of them; I saw the humane light.



6. WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A "GOOD PERSON"?

Actually, this is the simplest but the hardest thing. (it is simple and that is why I am having time understanding why it is so hard). You have a life. You understand the value of it. Therefore, do not do anything that you would not want happened to you or to other livings. It is that simple! You know what it is like when it hurts; do not hurt others. At least ones you have cried, felt unhappy, experienced unfairness in this life.

So, do not do any of these to other living things. At least once you smiled and felt happy; make others smile, make them happy. At least once you experienced the crushing feeling of loneliness within your soul; be someone to someone who is alone.

Do these and make yourself happy. Just know and live with knowing that all the existential emotions that you possess are also existing in every living in the universe.

I guess "a good person" is a person who possesses these emotions. This is the question that looks like the hardest to answer but the answer is actually the simplest one in this life and maybe also in this interview.

7. WHAT DOES "LOVE" MEAN FOR YOU?

Love is in the foundation of our existence; it is substantial for existence. Generally, we identify love in things about daily relationships and everyday life. I think, love and the essence of love is much deeper sense that should not be limited to being defined by everyday quantities. It is the most beautiful power that is within us. And it is the most beautiful thing the universe has been waiting for us without getting tired of. I think that real love is a feeling that grows in people and becomes more enchanting from day to day. It is something that will expand outward but expand into us.

Of course, every scale of love is beautiful. To love a person in everyday life, to build a love bond with an animal, love of nature, to be sharing, to love children, to be fair, many things like these are love. How beautiful; it is about human, about life.

But what is the main love that feeds all these beautiful feelings? What is the holistic love we will feel without being divided into various categories? We must be like the universe, like the life-giving heart of nature. Since the sun exists, despite everything, it rises every day, to give us life.

Was there ever a day that the sun did not send its light to the world, a day that the sun was not the hope again? Has the "land" ever given up on that motherly duty? Is there anything, any living that the wind or the air was not the breath for them? This is the love of the universe for us, despite everything. It is the embrace of the universe with its sun, its land, its breath, and everything else it has. It is the opening of your heart to everything. And we existed from the essence which created the universe. Our heart must be just like that. In fact, deep down like this.

Such a sensation is the seed of the creation of a universal emotion in the face of love which allows a person to love himself or herself. Love, trying to live in the moment, a sense that created by those moments in the universe to make itself a part of everything. And so is to be free.

Love never fades away. The only thing that will disappear is the bodies. Our love will exist forever.



8. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE IN THE WORLD?

First, we must start changing ourselves. What I'm talking about is something never ending and going to eternity. It is the necessity of the human being to overcome itself and its long way to go from generation to generation. Feelings of anger, hatred, grudge, revenge, destructive behaviors, polarization tendency, jealousy, self-centered, selfish emotions, ossified negative thinking forms, a way

that prevents you from living in the past, or feeling anxiety for a future that has not existed yet, the more we feel the anxiety, the more we cannot live the moment, and we need to go away as far as possible from this kind of thoughts and gain our freedom. Love is in this freedom.

These are the most fundamental obstacles for people's dreams of changing themselves and the world. Expanding your heart and soul to love is the first step in the hope of changing the world. Changing the world into love is the mutual universal responsibility for every person. The humankind must overcome himself. Must realize its love.

From the depths of its soul, it should lovingly free its love. This is a beautiful thing. I think this is what I want to change on Earth. To be able to make people feel that way... to be "hope". We are part of a whole being articulated with love. Everything... everything that exists. The universe, the world, each of us, ourselves, every living thing and everything desperately needs it. With love...

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