

The following is a Facebook chat between Cynthia Barrientos and Laurent Weichberger on June 9, 2010:

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9:34pm Cynthia

Dear Beloved Baba! Yes...I love stories.

9:34pm Laurent

I had a dream the other night.

9:34pm Cynthia

Yes

9:35pm Laurent

In the dream I read an article by (or about Baba) with a photo of Baba, and a quote, short, where Baba was explaining, "I am need."

I woke up. The message was resounding in me. It is subtle and powerful. It was an affirmation.

9:35pm Cynthia

Hmmmm... I am need.

9:35pm Laurent

And unusual in grammar. I am need. Exactly. It grows on you.

I knew when I woke what he meant entirely. It is many layered.

9:36pm Cynthia

Tell me more.

9:36pm Laurent

It has to do with relationship with Baba. And the feeling of need. As opposed to want or desire. He was contrasting himself with desire, but honoring our need. He is that need itself. The more I contemplate it the deeper it goes.

9:37pm Cynthia

Ahhhhh... YES! "I am need" makes perfect sense.

9:37pm Laurent

We have a need. Each one has a need (or needs), and desires and wants, etc.

9:37pm Cynthia

That's what's happening to me at this moment... the deepening...

9:37pm Laurent

That is why I share it. He self identified with need in my dream. It was astounding, and still is. We say we need Baba. Some say, I say...

9:38pm Cynthia
Yes.

9:38pm Laurent
He was telling me, he is also that need itself. Profound.

9:38pm Cynthia
Yes.

9:38pm Laurent
But not the want. Not the desire. The need. Amazing.

9:38pm Cynthia
So happy you are sharing this with me before I sleep.

9:38pm Laurent
He wanted me to know the difference between wanting, desiring, and needing. He was approving the need, and became the need for me. And what I need. Both and more. Mystical affirmation. Simple on one level, but deep. But, he seemed to allow and approve of interim need(s). In any case he was identifying with Need (encapsulating all needs) the way I read and felt him.

9:42pm Cynthia
NEED in all caps. Acronym... Now Ends Every Desire.

9:43pm Laurent
Hmmm. I like that. Need is connected to separation. Realization is needless.

9:44pm Cynthia
Need is connected to separation?

9:44pm Laurent
Of course.

9:44pm Cynthia
Separation from illusion?

9:45pm Laurent
God in Beyond-Beyond is needless (but unconscious of being needless). God in creation is waking up and has needs. God in Realization is infinitely conscious of being needless, and thus experiences Bliss. Need is a fuel to arrive at Realization. We need the realization that there is no separation.

9:45pm Cynthia
Ah... now I got it.

9:45pm Laurent
Yeah. Deep right?

9:46pm Cynthia
Way.

9:46pm Laurent
Yah. And all in three small words.

9:47pm Cynthia
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9:47pm Laurent
"I am need."

9:48pm Cynthia
I had forgotten about "I am."

9:48pm Laurent
"I am" is the key to this. Without it, it is not deep. :)

9:49pm Cynthia
Got it... Oooooo... I just noticed it's almost 10:00... past my bed time.
Happy to have stayed up for this. G'night dear brother.

9:53pm Laurent
G'night sistah.

9:53pm Cynthia
Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai! Ordered... sleeping now.

10:04pm Laurent
Zzzzzz. Sleep well.