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„Haven't you ever asked yourself why it is that human beings lack this thing? They beget children, they have sex, tenderness, a quality of sharing something together in companionship, in friendship, in fellowship, but this thing - why is it they haven't got it? Haven't you ever wondered lazily on occasion when you are walking by yourself in a filthy street or sitting in a bus or are on holiday by the seaside or walking in a wood with a lot of birds, trees, streams and wild animals - hasn't it ever come upon you to ask why it is that man, who has lived for millions and millions of years, has not got this thing, this extraordinary unfading flower? Why is it that you, as a human being, who are so capable, so clever, so cunning, so competitive, who have such marvellous technology, who go to the skies and under the earth and beneath the sea, and invent extraordinary electronic brains - why is it that you haven't got this one thing which matters? I don't know whether you have ever seriously faced this issue of why your heart is empty.”

From: Jiddu Krishnamurti: Freedom from the Known - Chapter 16.

Simone Gilges (1973, Bonn) lives and works in Berlin. Her work has been shown in the following institutions and galleries: Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt; CAPC, Bordeaux; Badischer Kunstverein, Karlsruhe; Chelsea Art Museum, New York; Studio Voltaire, London; Künstlerhaus Stuttgart, Stuttgart; Wilhelm-Lehmbruck Museum, Duisburg; Foxy Production, New York; Galerie Giti Nourbakhsch, Berlin; KM Galerie, Berlin.

Simone Gilges is also a founding member of artist group Honey-Suckle Company.

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