

Episode 9: The privilege of contemplation | A conversation with Anthea Butler

"The word 'contemplative' at this moment is a word that says 'privilege.' It means that you have time, and most people don't have time."

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In this episode, Anthea Butler tells me about the ways in which contemplation can often insinuate privilege, and reminds me of the everyday ways in which we can yield to contemplation and activism: "We tend to think about contemplation or activism on a big scale, I think we have to think about them as the everyday quotidian things that we do that can engender hope."

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