

Theory and Understanding

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I see theory as elemental. I think that even if we think we're not theorizing, we are. It's just a way of understanding the world. And I think my brain is structured in a way that is just theoretical. It's the way I think. But I don't think that... Again, I always see the limits of certain ways that we put those filters, those theories, in order to try to have a better comprehension of the world. I always see the limits. And also some aspects of being cannot be articulated theoretically, I don't think, at least in written form. I deeply respect art-making as a primary practice, not a secondary practice. And so sometimes one doesn't understand what is going on in another person's - another artist's - work or even your own production. And I think that it's because theorizing is happening but it's not... we haven't recognized it in the world, in a certain kind of way. And I think the power, even if you can't articulate it, of art is that kind of transformative recognition. And it might not adhere to a certain theoretical percept that we understand already, but it's coming into being.