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On A Black Feminist Anarchism

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In her 1983 literary work *In Search Of Our Mothers' Gardens* Alice Walker described a womanist as;

A woman who loves another woman, sexually and/or non-sexually, she appreciates and prefers woman's culture women's emotional flexibility – she's committed to the survival and the wholeness of an entire people, she's not a separatist except periodically for health – she loves the spirit, she loves the struggle, she loves herself, regardless

I have a really complicated relationship with political theory particularly as someone who studied political science as an undergraduate, my relationship to political theory especially to the kind of horribly white supremacist values of rationality and objectivity. As generally a knee-jerk reaction to the whiteness and the US-centricity of it. With regards to anarchism specifically I often feel alienated to the theory because of the non white and non western globality of the politics of the ideology that has all of a sudden been turned into this “white” politic.

Anarchistic values of horizontalism, of mutual aid of voluntary participation of non, extra or markably anti-state organisation existed prior to Pier Joseph Proudhon self description of anarchist in the mid 1800s or William Godwins in the 1790s and I say this in the same vein as that Russell Means of the American Indian Movement sought to resist being Europeanized he said that;

Like capitalism, Marxism is right smack in the middle of european tradition and the hegelian dialectic is a secularising theory that is even further despiritualized and despiritualizes humanity that we also end up seeing in industrialization and Marx's materialism.

I want to share a confession that's made me a bit unpopular in different anarchist communities that I've tried to involve myself in. I don't read canonical anarchist

