Crip Wisdom Discussion Questions

★ As an “emerging” crip or queer (at whatever age that was), what were your first understandings that your body was non-normative / disabled? How were these experiences informed by race?

★ What were our pleasures as emerging crips / queers? How did we understand play? Understand sexuality? How did we experience freedom and privacy in relation to exploring our sexualities?

★ How did understanding yourself as an “emerging” crip or queer affect your sense of your gender / gender identity? Of other people's gender expressions?

★ How did your body being racialized interact with your experience of your body or your sexuality as a child / young person / emerging crip / queer / genderqueer person?

★ What stories did we tell ourselves to move us toward acceptance/embodying our non-normativity?

★ How have we changed in our relationship with our bodies over time? How does this relate to how society may have changed perceptions of our bodies over time?

★ How do we cope with the physical conditions of bodies as we get older?

★ As we mature, what changes do we notice of our experience of our sexualities, our pleasures, our abilities to please? How does fatigue impact our sexualities? What supports and honors our aging? How does your understanding of death impact your experience of your body?

★ As marginalized people / “othered” bodies, how do we affirm our dignity and our sexual validity to others / our partners?

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