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# WHEN A TREE FALLS



**Tatjana Rebelle**

Thank you for all my LIFE!!! Would love to connect and just talk of you have any time in the coming weeks!! My email is elli6168@gmail.com.

In solidarity,  
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Submitted by: Kelli Morgan

As a religious watcher of TED talks, this is absolutely one of the most moving talks I have heard. Thank you so much for sharing your story and inspiring us to take action to make a better world.

You are so strong.

Submitted by: Ryn

You are incredible! Thank you for your transparency, Tatjana!

Submitted by: Devon Ginn

Thank you for this powerful reminder for the need to stay vigilant as we confront our role in liberation for ourselves and our community! Your vulnerability and wisdom is a blessing to us all!

Submitted by: Malkah Bird

Thank you so much for sharing your story -- I will be better ally because of your willingness to share

Submitted by: Reta

You are Brave and a beautiful spirit and I receive your insightful words. thank you

Submitted by: Ingrid

Your poetry shines through with every word you share. Thank you.

Your journey was very inspiring and what you told was quite relatable. In this world where we face various kinds of discrimination, racism and abuses, taking a stand for yourself, for others moreover for the truth and equality has become the most necessary thing. I was a person who was unable to take stand for my self..but during this pandemic I have realized how important it is and I am on my journey to seek self reflection. Thank you for such a great topic. You're truly a role model for us.

Submitted by: Subhajyoti Mohanty

I'm going into the military after college because I'm on rotc scholarship. I always bite my tongue to hide my opinions and make it easier to get through the day---I don't mention I'm queer, I don't speak up when people say things I find offensive and incorrect. I am in survival mode. Your talk reminded me of the importance of speaking, of remembering the ways my identities affect both myself and the world around me. Thank you

Thank you for speaking at our When A Tree Fall Conference today. I was very moved by your story. In recent years, I have become more and more involved using my agency for social justice and equity. Your talk helped me aspire higher in this goal, to do more. Furthermore, as a still newly-identifying bisexual man, I found your talk move me to aim for a higher life than the one I'm living. To be fully myself, and to help others be them full selves too. Thank you.

Submitted by: **Brandon Swann**

Hi Tatjana, thank you for sharing your incredibly powerful story. The idea of being silent, making oneself smaller in order not to disrupt the status quo, is so prevalent, and something I really related to and struggle. Hearing you speak was inspiring, and reminded me to speak up for myself and others.

Submitted by: **Suki Sasic**