

When I Have Nothing, Who Am I?



this is a photo of me at la verna monastery after I lost everything I had with me on the first night of the trip
this dress & the dress I wore to the airport were the only things I wore all week. it was a beautiful experience


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Projects

2025 has been a year of deep introspection, contemplation, exploration & integration for me.


My priorities are different. I am different.

I have grown up.


In numerology, 2025 is considered a "9 year" because the digits add up to 9 ($2+0+2+5=9$). This signifies a year of completion, transformation, and releasing what no longer serves you, preparing for new beginnings in the following year. It's a time for reflection, letting go of old patterns, and embracing personal growth. 

Here's a more detailed look:


Completion and Endings:

The number 9 represents the conclusion of a cycle, urging you to reflect on the past nine years, tie up loose ends, and finalize projects. 


Transformation:

It's a period of deep spiritual and emotional growth, encouraging you to release old habits and embrace personal evolution. 


Release:

This is a time to let go of what no longer serves you, whether it's old patterns, relationships, or limiting beliefs, making space for new growth and abundance. 


Humanitarian Energy:

The number 9 is also associated with selflessness, compassion, and service to others, suggesting a focus on the greater good. 

Spiritual Alignment:

This year encourages you to align your subconscious with new beginnings and to integrate the lessons learned from the previous years. 

Inner Guidance:

The Hermit in tarot, associated with the number 9, suggests seeking inner guidance, reflection, and enlightenment. 

I'm writing this document in the knowledge that only the right people will see it.

If you are reading this, that's you.

What have I been working on?

Telling & living my truth, all the time.

Getting into [deeper & deeper] alignment.

My own spiritual connection with God & the divine.

My own healing & liberation. Serving & honouring my own spiritual power.

It's not that I wasn't doing these things before, and...

There's a time & a place for extreme focus on different things. This is my year for extreme focus on this. This is my year for extreme focus on me.

I've let go of everything else.

And it's been... easier than I expected.

It's been... more freeing than I expected.

With every death comes rebirth.

With every death comes the newfound enabling & creation of life.

And I am more alive than ever before. Because I am so much more real.

This has been a year of deep shadow work for me. Looking into where I have & have not been in integrity. Where I have & have not been self-abandoning. Where I have & have not been playing small. And exploring what these words even mean in the context of my life.

It hasn't been easy, and that's okay with me.

I love ease, but not when it comes at the expense of love, love, peace, courage, integrity & liberation. I love ease, and I care about all of those things more.

I believe that we teach with the clarity of our example. I'm here to practice what I preach.

I like writing here.

There's a peace & groundedness that doesn't feel present with Substack posts, which feel more pretentious for me. I like that you can self-select into reading this. I like that this is casual,

available, intimate, free.

I've changed a lot, and I like the way I've changed. I like the ways I've been changing. I feel deeply at home in my own skin. And I am able to be in discomfort in a whole new way. I am able to be with the process in a whole new way. And that feels really beautiful for me.

Where am I now?

What a great question.

I'm watching what's next emerge. I'm watching myself emerge. I'm softening. I'm learning how to love again.

I'm curious. I'm scared. I'm alive.

I'm learning how to share vulnerability without shrinking.

I have a secret: I don't like most people.

And I'm not interested in most people. Most people don't interest me.

Not deeply.

I'm not talking about how I feel when I'm around you or how much I enjoy your company (although sure, that too... at least sometimes!). I'm talking about resonance. I'm talking about reciprocity. I'm talking about creation. I'm talking about legacy.

I'm talking about intimacy.

I'm talking about the level of mutual interest, commitment, capacity & devotion that's required to build something real together in any context.

Because ["if everyone's special \[to you\], then no one is."](#)

I really value the people who can meet me.

I really value the people who can match me.

In intensity, potency, drive, clarity, and **HEART** most of all.

These are my people.

These are the people I am ride-or-die for.

And I love that for us all.

I take relationships really seriously.
I take what I do [with my life] really seriously.

I surround myself with people who do the same because it's fun, sexy & enlivening for me— and because doing so nourishes & honours my own heart & soul from the inside-out.

Whether or not there is a certain type of legacy [as a result of a relationship/endeavour] doesn't matter to me.

What does matter to me is that we go into the relationship/endeavour with the spirit of the relationship/endeavour mattering, and commit to that through the twists & turns of life.

We are human— ever-changing, ever-growing, ever-transforming & ever-unpredictable.

We are allowed to change our minds, commitments, priorities. And, the way we do endings is as if not more important as the way we do beginnings.

I aspire to be around more people who take this as seriously as me. And, I require it.

These are the kinds of people I'm interested in building real, deep, meaningful long-term relationships— strategic partnerships— with.

My biggest priority in 2025 has been & continues to be friendship.

With self, with other/s, with life itself.

Kinship. Communion. Belonging.

This is the kind of love that, for me, all else is built upon.



This is what I want & care about more than anything else.

Desires (2025)

I want a job that gives me visa sponsorship to work in the USA, based in SF or NYC.

There are two reasons why I decided not to move forward with starting a company in California to scale my work to a US audience:

1. I wanted to do it with a partner, and when it became clear that this wasn't going to happen, my heart wasn't in it anymore.

The company I was going to start was really his vision, not mine— and I say that with so much love. I gave it to him because I wanted him to do something with it; because I wanted to see what he would do with it; because I loved his heart, mind & soul and respected & admired his business acumen; because I was inspired by the way he saw me & what he saw in me.

Setting up & running a company in California is a lot of work. I already have a company in the UK. I don't need to do more things for the sake of it. I don't need to do XYZ to prove myself. And I know myself well enough to know that there is zero point in committing to an externally "glamorous" or "exciting" path for the sake of it. Even if I could be successful at it, it doesn't fulfill me.

2. I want to be part of something bigger than myself. I want to do things in partnership with people. I want opportunities to grow. I get bored by the sound of my own voice.

My ideal relationship with work is one of devotional service. I want to give to, be stretched by, pour into a vessel that's larger than me. I'm a [4/1 Generator](#) in Human Design, and my incarnation cross is the [Juxtaposition Cross of Caring](#). I have a lot of energy. I have a lot to give. It isn't about me.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why do you want to live & work in the USA?

My heart is there. My people are there. It feels like home to me.

What kind of job do you want?

Answer one:

This might sound crazy to say, and I'm not picky.

I don't care.

I will do the work.

I will be effective.

[This was the basis of my early career.](#) I can do it again.

My biggest priority here is being able to legally live & work in SF or NYC.

I want whatever job will give me that. I need a job that comes with visa sponsorship, which already implies an appropriate level of financial remuneration, seriousness, seniority & responsibility.

And I love how clear I am on what's most important to me here.

Working with great people > everything else for me. I trust that the Hard/Challenging/Meaningful Problems will come just by existing— and that they can come in many forms! 🤪

Answer two:

A job that stretches me.

A job that allows me to actualise my potential in service to others.

A job that allows me to expand my capacity for greatness.

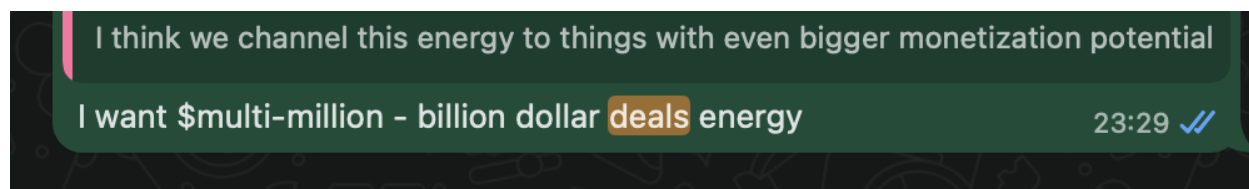
A job that expands what I believe to be possible for myself & the world.

A job that encourages & inspires my ambition.

A job with a lot of focus on people, strategy, business development, and long-term relationship building.

A job that allows me to travel, meet people, and be an external-facing representative of the company I work for while being me.

Answer three:



Why do I want to be based in SF or NYC?

I love both cities.

They're very different, and in very different ways, they both feel like me.

I can see myself being able to be happy in either. I have a small bias towards SF because that's where I've spent the most time recently, and I like how close-knit & quirky it is.

That said, I'm a Londoner. Energetically, New York is my home-from-home.

I have many magical memories in both. I want to settle down here 💕

Why do I need visa sponsorship?

I'm British, and I want to be able to legally work & stay in the USA for longer than short-term tourist or business trips 🌹

What am I really good at?

All things human relationships (and strategic partnerships), unsurprisingly!



If you're interested in working with me, DM me on X (@rachelclif) or [email me](#) 😊

Who I Was Before

I want to include a link to the 2024 version of this document, so you can get a sense of my journey & transformation. [Here it is](#) ♥

My early life experiences: [2014](#) (edited in a way that doesn't quite reflect my voice) and [2020](#) (recorded in 2019)

What My Soul Feels Like

Here are a few links to things I've written that get to the heart of who I am & how I live my life, so you can get a better sense of me-as-me through time.

1. See the world through my eyes ([written version](#))
2. See the world through my eyes ([visual version](#))
3. How I stopped being afraid of men ([thread of threads](#))
4. [My public journal](#)

My Energy In Pictures

All of these photos are originals I took 😊





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Promote



pure beauty (is where the wild things are)



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A few mementos from my adventures over the years:

1. [India](#)
2. [Italy](#)
3. [Bhutan](#)

4. [Home](#)
5. [Balkans](#)
6. [Costa Rica](#)
7. [California](#)
8. [India](#)
9. [Nepal](#)
10. [India](#)
11. [NYC](#)
12. [Home](#)
13. [Caribbean](#)
14. [Home](#)
15. [India](#)
16. [Baby Self](#)
17. [Actual Baby Self](#)
18. [NYC](#)
19. [Home](#)
20. [San Francisco](#)
21. [Secret Location](#)
22. [California](#)
23. [India](#)
24. [NYC](#)
25. [California](#)
26. [Italy](#)
27. [Bhutan](#)
28. [India](#)
29. [London](#)

Links

I've decided to experiment with making this document the catch-all place to learn more about me 😊

1. [Learn more about my work](#) (2025 edition)
2. [Testimonials for my work](#)
3. [Read my Substack](#)
4. [Read poetry & meditations I've written](#)