

# Core Values

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Over dinner last evening she said things have to change because she can never be happy with our lives being so concentric and I knew she meant that while we share the common core of marriage, she felt she was a small circle and I was a larger one, enveloping her, surrounding her, corralling her and that it was unfair for her life to be completely contained inside of mine and that fact chews on her daily but since this was not the first time we'd had this discussion, I laughed and told her that she had an odd way of looking at us, but last night, for the first time, she warned me that rebuking her feelings of being trapped gave her license to find changes.

