



Big Magic, Creative Living Beyond Fear, by Elizabeth Gilbert

Sunday June 7, 2026 from 8:30-4pm [1.5hr lunch]

Athenian Dialogue with [Dawn Michanowicz, Facilitator](#)

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Athenian Dialogue = 3 CMC/MMC points for a total of 6 hours plus breaks

After the dialogue, complete this Assessment to receive 3 CMC/MMC points. To obtain your points, you must be present during the entire dialogue and complete your Assessment within 30 days to DawnMichanowicz@gmail.com. Your assessment is only read by me. Be honest and take some time to answer. **DEADLINE is July 7, 2026.**

1. Liz Gilbert writes, “Creative living is ...living a life drawn driven more strongly by curiosity than by fear.” When have you felt ‘light, joyous...?’ Draw from a personal example and describe what it felt like. Where are you now with this story?
2. The paths and the outcomes of creative living will vary from person to person. It is a path for the brave, where the emotion of *fear* comes to the front. How do you think fear might affect your decision to show your creativity? Offer an example and explain. OR Do you build your identity around fear?
3. Do you ignore the voice inside your head telling yourself you’re being “self-indulgent” or “preposterous?” Can you relate? Elaborate with your answer.
4. “Your life is short and rare and amazing and miraculous....and you want to do interesting things.” What steps would you consider to doing some ‘interesting things’ in YOUR life?
5. What is your “take-away” from today’s dialogue?

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

If necessary, use the back of this form to complete your answers.