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Title: The Trauma of Caste: A Dalit Feminist Meditation (Encore)

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Short Description (250 Characters):

In this episode we talk to Dalit American activist Thenmozhi Soundararajan about the well and alive issue of caste-based discrimination and her call to act as she fights for intersectional liberation. Her book “The Trauma of Caste: A Dalit Feminist Meditation on Survivorship, Healing, and Abolition” is an activating beacon of healing and an end to caste-based oppression.

Long Description:

Caste—one of the oldest systems of exclusion in the world—is thriving. Despite the ban on Untouchability 70 years ago, caste impacts 1.9 billion people in the world. Every 15 minutes, a crime is perpetrated against a Dalit person. The average age of death for Dalit women is just 39. And the wreckages of caste are replicated here in the U.S., too—erupting online with rape and death threats, showing up at work, and forcing countless Dalits to live in fear of being outed.

Dalit American activist Thenmozhi Soundararajan puts forth a call to awaken and act, not just for readers in South Asia, but all around the world. She ties Dalit oppression to fights for liberation among Black, Indigenous, Latinx, femme, and Queer communities, examining caste from a feminist, abolitionist, and Dalit Buddhist perspective--and laying bare the grief, trauma, rage, and stolen futures enacted by Brahminical social structures on the caste-oppressed. Incisive and urgent, “The Trauma of Caste” is an activating beacon of healing and liberation, written by one of the world’s most needed voices in the fight to end caste apartheid.

Learn more about the story and find the transcript on radioproject.org.

[Making Contact](#) is an award-winning, nationally syndicated radio show and podcast featuring narrative storytelling and thought-provoking interviews. We cover the most urgent issues of our time and the people on the ground building a more just world.

Featuring:

EPISODE FEATURES: [Thenmozhi Soundararajan](#), the author of “The Trauma of Caste: A Dalit Feminist Meditation on Survivorship, Healing, and Abolition” and a Dalit American artist, organizer, technologist, and theorist. Currently, Thenmozhi is the Executive Director of Equality Labs.

MAKING CONTACT: This episode is hosted by Anita Johnson. It is produced by Anita Johnson, Lucy Kang, Salima Hamirani, and Amy Gastelum. Our executive director is Jina Chung.

For More Information:

[-The Trauma of Caste: A Dalit Feminist Meditation on Survivorship, Healing, and Abolition](#)

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Caption: Book Cover for "The Trauma of Caste"

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