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I've had the urge lately to get another tat. And it was going to be something little, just my initial on each arm in some fancy writing. I wanted to get more creative than that, something explosive that represents how I feel at this moment in my life. But honestly, I don't know how I feel right now and since I'm all over the board, nothing is sticking with me.

My ultimate favorite tattoos are the ones you have to read. I just love learning what people are trying to scream to the world. There's so much revelation in them. I want some cool saying on my arm in some foreign language, it's just I never know what I want to say on a continual basis. Or, some of the sayings I like are too long or would be ridiculous to have strewn across my solar plexus, could you imagine.

There are the typical tattoos of some relevant person's name (known or unknown). Pretty boring. But a name done in some foreign script, that's cool, like Bulgarian writing. I've seen the Serenity Prayer across someone's arm. And I remember the person telling me that they were going through some transformation process in their life and wanted to get away from drugs and alcohol. Actually seemed a bit much. A friend of mine has I Am Present in Indian, dope. Someone else I know has FTW (fuck the world) on her back, and that's pretty much how I felt all through my 20's, but not so much now.

I love writings on the wall, writings on the body – it speaks so loudly. Just because we feel like it, we can get a tattoo that says how we feel and what's important to us. I'm going on about this topic because yesterday my cousin got a tattoo and we were supposed to do it together. I had been thinking about not just doing my initials but adding some quote in a foreign language and she went and did it. My impulsive cousin couldn't wait. She said it was something she had to do right then, one of those days.

"Dum Spiro Spero" in red ink. "While I breathe, I hope". It's always some story. It's always about needing that change in life. For my cousin, she gets a tattoo every time she is exiting a major phase in her life. Maybe it's not enough that we say we want something different in our lives, but we must remind ourselves through art on our body, that we can share with others, forever, and remember, forever, when and why we got our tattoo.

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