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Most of my understanding of the feelings I have had from a young age were brought home to me when I started reading the works of Robert Heinlein.

I had always felt uncomfortable in one to one relationship and had been through all the cheating and swinging stages and still I felt unfulfilled - it was as if something was missing.

After reading many of Heinlein's books I began to see there was an alternative to monogamy and then sought out more information on the subject - which has led me to where I am today.

If I were to quote one piece of Heinlein that describes my "meaning" of Polyamory - I guess it would have to be the following from "The Moon is a Harsh Mistress"

Pease Note:- I apply the wording "line marriage" as equating to polyamory in my day to day life...

"They arise as, as marriage customs always do, from economic necessities of the circumstances. And our circumstances are very different from those here on Earth. Take the line type of marriage which my colleague has been praising. and justifiably, I assure you despite his personal bias I am a bachelor and have no bias. Line Marriage is the strongest possible device for conserving capital and insuring the welfare of children the two basic societal functions for marriage everywhere in an environment in which there is no security, neither for capital nor for children, other than that devised by individuals. Somehow human beings always cope with their environment. Line Marriage is a remarkably successful invention to that end."

Read into that what you will and move some words around but it is something that has always brought home to me the need for some viable alternatives to monogomy...