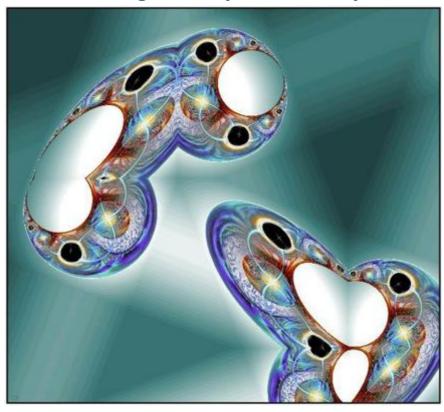
GENDER ISSUES:

Thinking Seriously about Duality



Carlos: (jestfully feigning intoxication) Issthissahhh-genderstaaatement?

Anya: (feigning ignorance) Jees – I dunno. Isn't everythang a geeeender

statement in sum way?

Devani: (half in jest) Or perhaps merely the interaction between Shiva and Parvati?

After all, our small existence is part of a larger divine play, right?

Brice: (shaking his head) What have you folks been drinking? Why can't you be

serious?

Devani: (laughing slightly) Actually, the whole notion of being "serious" is curiously

funny! Should an ant be serious about the insignificant mound it creates? Should a mayfly be serious about its nugatory dance? In the big picture,

how much of our activity merits being "serious"?

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