

## THE KEY

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What could be a key applied for? Its main purpose is to lock. However, further issues in terms of locking and unlocking are far more complicated. Whatsoever could be locked and unlocked? Do we have in mind just subjects and spaces or feelings, thoughts and even human beings are also optional? What does the key symbolize actually? The mankind has been using keys of various productions and materials since time out of mind. It is a matter of argument whether the intentions were good or some ill purpose was prevalent. Everything is possible. People lock their homes just to be on the safe side. That makes them feel more secure. The last one also applies to public premises such as hospitals, banks, schools, sanctuaries etc. In these cases the key is almost indispensable. It appears to be time-saving and prevents one from having financial troubles later. The presence of a key in one's pocket makes one always feel happy. No matter if it is old, new, modern or quite simple the important thing is to match. Unfortunately, a key might not always inspire positive emotions. Every day the breaking news is about kidnapped children or raped women. This is namely the toll of the so-called "modern slavery". For such people the key of the flat, they are forced to stay in, embodies their most horrific nightmares. It has become a means for suppression and abuse against human beings. They would wish themselves anything but to see this key again. Even worse, for those people it means torture, despair or threat for their lives. They do not feel just physically disabled but also emotionally defeated. Highly likely it is impossible for them to keep silent about their own thoughts and concerns. There is no justice in this cruelty. It is unacceptable. My vision is somewhat different. In my wildest dreams there is room for another entirely unconventional type of key. It should be able to unlock not only gates but even borders. Thus people all over the world could get closer to each other and have better communication. My type of key should be able to unlock hearts, senses and thoughts, so that people could give vent to their inner desires. Henceforth it should encourage the candid sharing of ideas among humans and lead to a general progress. I wish my magic key inspired people and taught them optimism and good intentions.