

JOSEPH CAMPBELL'S IDEAS ABOUT ROMANTIC LOVE

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Joseph Campbell, in his Bill Moyers interview about love immediately begins with the troubadours in the 12th century as being responsible for the idea of love that persist in our lives in the West [1]. It is impossible for me to believe that he did not know the profound originality in the formulation of romantic love in Avicenna (980-1037). Father Alexander Denomy's book *The Heresy of Courtly Love* was published in the 1950s. Joseph Campbell is sure to have known about it, and also known that it was Avicenna's profound originality that went against both Islamic and Christian social norms that brought the 12th century troubadours with their outlook. But he was quite careful to give any credit to the great genius of Avicenna, giving the impression that the troubadours had original genius in formulating Western concepts of romantic love. This is typical of the way that Joseph Campbell operated. And he's not exceptional.

Today Bill Gates is up in arms about denying me credit for Four-Sphere Theory and for Universal Human Moral Nature. He blocked a tenure consider for me. He believes Hammurabi was white. He wants credit for my great original genius work to unnamed white people.

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- [1] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMxj2HYLJ8c>