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Subject: Your blog post for YTCP

Hi Jamie.

So now you know I am the blogger for YTCP. I am not "out" so I appreciate your keeping my secret.

I have copied 4thwave on this email to keep her in the loop. We have discussed some of this generally, but I am not intending to speak for her.

First, THANK YOU. Thank you for writing such a wonderful piece. Thank you for working so hard on the post. And most of all, thank you for risking your self by speaking out.

4thwavenow and I both felt that your post was very strong and will make an important impact. 4thwave called it a "righteous screed," as I recall. We are slower than we wanted to be in posting it only because 4thwave's computer crashed when she was working on edits.

Please be patient with us! We will get it up soon. 4th didn't think it needed too much in the way of edits, and I agree.

The one thing I might want to do if it's okay with you is to add a little preamble. I have a slight concern about nonbinary as an alternative to M and F because of where I see it going.

I want to you know that, after reading your blog post, I have a profound appreciation for what you were doing when you took on becoming the first legally nonbinary person, and I agree it could be incredibly beneficial if it gives people a way out that doesn't involve harm to the body.

Personally, my views on gender are informed in part by the writings of Carl Jung. He believed that every man has an inner feminine part of himself, and every woman has an inner masculine. He felt that these were distinct "splinter personalities," and saw them as so important that he named them "anima" and "animus" -- the Latin word for soul.

I think it is exactly these contrasexual energies that Jung intuited that inform many of the third gender designations we see in other cultures, and I agree it is healthy to have a culture that is accepting of these.

My concern about nb in the current climate is that WPATH is pushing a medical pathway for nonbinary people. It is clear to me that the DSM V gender dysphoria diagnostic criteria were written in such a way as to leave open the possibility of medical transition for nb folks (Magdalen Burns did video on this). In addition, I was at USPATH in February. (I would appreciate it if you didn't broadcast this.) I attended a presentation on treatment of nonbinary people that was all about hormones and surgery.

Finally, my last concern is that it seems to me that most of the young people identifying as nb are teen girls -- I suspect they are trying to be anything other than female. :(

The sick thing is, you created the legal designation as an alternative to help people avoid medical intervention. I'm afraid WPATH is using it to broaden the number of people eligible for medical intervention.

So I hope it is clear that I greatly respect and admire what you have done. At the same time, I have concerns about what WPATH and others are doing with it. I am hoping I can address this in a preamble of sorts. Does that sounds okay to you?

Please feel free to let us/me know your thoughts, and thank you again!

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