

Introducing myself

Posted by noselfconfidence - 15 Dec 2022 18:33

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Ummm I've been looking at this forum for a while and I finally got myself to become a member of gye and post I saw Someone said that it's healthy to post so I guess I'll try

I'm in my twenties and I'm married and have kids learn half day work other half have very little self confidants I'm the middle child in a big family all my brothers and brother in laws learn all day and are big t.ch. I always felt my farther hates me even though I know it's not true now that I have my own kids but I always thought that way and I built a deep belief with me that I'm not good and my father is embarrassed of me and the only thing that made me calm and happy was to look at bad pictures in my mothers lady magazines and masturbate but today I want to stop But I just can't I watch the worst and my wife which I'm very close to thank you h for that knows abt it but I tell her it's an Old addiction that I have. She begs me to stop for my kids sake I tell her I want to stop for mine and her sake but I just can't. She tried to get me to go to therapy but I'm to embarrassed to meet someone. She recently told me to check out gye so I'm here I saw that someone wrote that new members should post so here I am. He wrote it will feel good to get it out but I actually feel bad ... I hope nobody knows me and u are probably all laughing at me for this weird first post. But I'm trying not to care and I'm really only doing this for my wife anyway she cry's in bed and I know it's because of me but just can't help it so I told her I'll try gye. Whatever

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There is an old Yiddish expression that translates to, "Don't get into a sick bed with a healthy head." I think my healthy head has gotten into a sick bed here and I'm going to extricate myself and go to bed. We will have to agree to disagree on this. Have a good night and a freilichen Chanukah!!

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I'm neither happy nor unhappy. If someone posted that he has the desire to violently assault his wife, that would prompt me to reply exactly as I did in the other case. Stay away from your wife and get help. The difference is when one expresses a general desire for something that does not directly imply harming someone he knows or is in his home.

Anyone who posted a specific desire for something harmful to a specific person that he is “naming” would prompt that kind of response from me whether the target was a child or adult.

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Of course we shouldn't stay silent. But there is no comparison to one who SAYS they WANT to shoot up a school (he wants to do a terrible action) vs someone who doesn't want to do an action that he desires. When i pass a woman on the street, i desire her, but i DO NOT want to act on that desire at all. Do you think "noselfcofidence" posted on a forum filled with 1,000 guys --that he has desires for his child --because he wants to molest his child? Why the heck would he post then? Seems like he was ashamed and looking to reach out, aka he doesn't want to do a terrible action.

And therefore, how can we decide that he's getting turned on because of pedophilia, when it could be OCD? (which is not uncommon) How can tell him that his feelings/desires ARE sick, illegal and he should stay away from his child if we have no clue? And please dont respond with "noone is diagnosing him" because that's not true. Someone with OCD would never be told "stay away from your child" "your desires are illegal and sick" On the contrary, they would be told to pick up their baby and stop being so nervous about harming them.

The equivalency in a case of a school shooter, is like telling a guy that owns a gun and is upset at something that happened at his school, "don't go near your school until your calm, because you may shoot up the school". If everyone that owned a gun and was upset at someone in school would be told "stay home, because maybe you may shoot up your school" then there wouldn't be any children in school. Again same thing as before, A feeling doesn't have any equivalency to wanting to act on the desire. Desires we all have. Wanting to act on our desires the vast vast majority of us don't have.

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Yes I saw it and it was quite shocking.

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But do you agree to the following statement? ----"**We definitely should not rule it out, but can never assume that his arousal will escalate to the point of driving him to act. That would be for a therapist. And the reason its so important, is because telling someone "they must get away from their child can possibly have a very negative impact on him."**

So we should never rule it out, but we should never make assumptions either as it can ruin people.

Love you too, i enjoyed the convo. I hope you did too.

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HB, when I say we should suggest he "rule out the possibility," I am talking about doing that with a therapist. So there is no difference between what we are saying. 100% it is for a professional to determine. However, we should suggest that the person investigate (with a therapist) these feelings. Also, though I do not remember it, I also read the original post before the moderators modified it and it was serious. Do you really think all these people on GYE (who are always so accepting and supportive—and were to this guy until his post in question) would have reacted as we did if the situation didn't warrant it? Think about what you are implying.

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