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I don't think I could ever go to a psychiatrist.

I have such contempt… well. Now I’m beginning to… I do have great contempt for psychiatrists, I don't know how they stay in business. And it's even more and more reinforced as I do my research on my project. The awful, terrible things these medical people have done to gays over the years. It's just, it's criminal. It really is criminal. It’s awful, the things…

Are you talking about Toronto, or Canada, are you talking about the United States?

I'm talking about the profession.

In general.

Of psychiatry, psychology, and psychoanalysis. Psychoanalysts. And things they have perpetrated as a group of people, in terms of the so-called asinine research that they've been…so-called research, and so-called science. It's all crap. All of it’s crap; they know simply nothing about what they're doing, and they're messing around people's lives. And I think they've done more damage and more destruction than we will ever know, really.

Do you have any examples?

Personal examples…

[pause]

Well, I should have personal examples. I know of certain case examples, things that have happened. For example, a person, one of the clients of the gay counselling centre, was put through this behavior modification thing. You know what that is?

Yes.

Behaviour mod? And now, the behaviour mod took the form of being sort of disgusted with gay sex, but he's never been able to perform in any other way sexually. So now he's taking counseling at the center to get over this, to get at least some sort of satisfaction out of gay sex, if nothing else. And he's trying to get over this hump, of having been conditioned out of gay sexual relationships.

How old is this person?

Oh, I don’t know how old he is; I’m just told of the case. I don't know him personally.

I wondered if the behaviour modification started in the 50s, 60s, 70s?

Well, it was done in the early 70s; I know that much. So that would be 10 years. I don’t know how old he is, but I was told about this situation by one of the counsellors. And I don’t know his name, who he is, or his age. But I was told that as an example.

I should have more examples. Well, I'm familiar with the research that’s been done; of ‘changing,’ you know. The claims that psychoanalyst have made, of changing people's orientation. And absolutely none of it--just absolutely none of it--stands up to any kind of scientific scrutiny. None of it does! Not one word. And yet, this material is distributed all over the place, and everybody's reading it. And it’s in perfectly legitimate journals. Psychiatric journals and so on, that are perfectly legitimate. And people swallow this stuff, and it’s simply erroneous and untrue, and they're making very, very dubious claims to cure treatment and changing people. And they have no business doing this! And many of them are doing it. Til fairly recent times. Less of it now; in the 50s and 60s it was just horrendous, the shit they were writing about. But there’s less of it around now. Although I came across a book recently, written by a psychoanalyst, a psychoanalytic social worker, whose… Same old shit, all over again. I wrote him a letter. I said just exactly what he's saying. Challenged all sorts of statements that he made in the book. I didn’t hear from him. But when you asked me, do I know anybody specifically who's been damaged in that way, by that kind of treatment… I guess I don’t actually know anybody personally. Besides, even if I did, the damage is… if I see a person who’s sort of mixed up, it’d be very hard to attribute his being mixed up to a specific kind of therapy. I’d be making the same mistake as they're making, attributing it to that, wouldn’t I.

Sometimes it's kind of obvious, like with this guy who’s going for help. scary.

Yeah, well, that's sort of a clear cut one.