

Daniel Gwynn Blog Update

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Subject: "Trying To Belong"

Is it me? What's wrong with me? Why does it seem so difficult for me to find a place to belong? I've constantly asked myself. I've suffered the abuses & criticisms dished out by every friendship I've ever sought. I've endured their shortcomings & bit my tongue in fear of being rejected, and I thought that that's what was required of me to belong. I've been called out of my name, called stupid, ignorant, contrary, anti-social and much worst. I took these criticisms to heart and attempted to change accordingly every time, but it wasn't enough for them because there was always something else. I know that if I had called any of them out of their names like they've done me they'd be ready to fight. I've been called disrespectful, out of pocket & getting full of myself because they've considered me to be beneath them and not on their level to criticize in kind. When I've expressed my dislike of their harsh criticisms I was declared to be soft & sensitive because they were just "Bidding", and it was all out of fun. The hurtful things that were coming out of their mouths didn't sound like fun to me. In these situations, I've often flashed back to the time of my abusive stepfather who would constantly berate & beat me & my mother for his own drug addled amusement. I suffer as if I was that same little boy being berated & abused by my stepfather all over again. I see these rap artist in the "Ultimate Freestyle Friday" battle rapping and I don't see how someone doesn't walk away with bad feelings the way they be mouthing off about a man's woman, mother & some vicious assaults that are out-right threats. And we're sitting around applauding these violent declarations like they've displayed the skills of a true artist.

Although I am much stronger today and learned to fight back or walk away, the scars still has its impact which causes me to retreat & isolate myself. There's so many ways to have fun without bullying & putting people down, so I've chosen to distance myself because it's too much work trying to belong.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Gwynn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping initial 'D'.