

On Empathy

I've had people who disagreed with me philosophically tell me either directly or indirectly that I must not be in a "good place" or at a "good point" in my life. What motivates this? Why do people assume that if someone they knew in the past to think one way, but now thinks differently, there must be something wrong in their life? To do so seems quite disrespectful. Am I wrong to feel disrespected when someone says that to me? My convictions were formed through experience and rational thinking. To assume there's something wrong or broken in my life is to assume that there's something wrong or broken with me. You are free to believe that if you choose, but don't pretend that you've come to that conclusion through an honest evaluation of my philosophical journey. If you do, then perhaps there's something wrong or broken in your life? Some need that has not been met? Some pain that has not been healed? I don't know. And I won't pretend to know. And that's today's two cents.

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