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again regain our own repressed childhood and become the gods we truly are in beauty and in ecstasy.^[6]

erotic pleasure as freely as we can with children. Then we may

the family, the school, the church and all authority, and share

pression of our divinity. So let us fight the real child molesters,

For we all are gods, and all shared pleasure is a beautiful ex-

a major blow against authority and an expression of paradise.

and for we "adults who are really just repressed children. It is

ture erotically with children is liberating both for the children

mere clay to be molded. They are wild, dancing gods. To adven-

shines through with an especially clear beauty. For they are not

dren are still less repressed than most adults. Their divinity still

sensuality and imagination, their wild erotic ecstasy.^[5] But chil-

formity and obedience to authority upon them, repressing their

schools rape the minds of children, forcing guilt and fear, con-

repressed, conforming, obedient groan-ups possible tolerate child

repression within the adult. How could a society which requires

as repressed as her/his adult lover, helps to break down the

entire education process. And the child, who has not yet been

free expression of the childs sensuality and so undermines the

a god, the manifestation of Eros. The child-lover encourages the

is a lump of clay to be molded to the will of authority. S/he is

define the child-lover as a devil. For to the child-lover, a child is

means a conforming, obedient, and usually anxiety-ridden slave.

grown-up (more accurately, a groan-up), which, in this society,

sion and forced acquiescence to authority make the child into a usually continues well past puberty. All of these years of repres-

work which the parents make sure the child does. This process

straight-jacketed during this time. After school, there is home-

to regiment most of her/his daylight hours. Sensual activity is completes the process begun by the parent. It forces the child

child can be easily molded into what this society wants. School

the monsters they are. For once this repression is well begun, the parent is their ability to instill this repression appearing to be

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All of this is the dirty work of parents. What defines a "good

It is the nature of this education process which makes society

It is clear who the true child molesters are. The parents and

Critical annotations

- (1) As outlined in the previous section, child sexual abuse is not simply kissing, caressing, and playing with a child. This is a gross and intentional mischaracterization of child molestation. Further, one can be opposed both to the imposition of authoritarian social norms and the sexualization of children.
- (2) It is true in some sense that the child-adult dialectic serves to reinforce unequal power dynamics. We dispute, however, that the dichotomy has no basis in real needs or natural ways. Perhaps the only meaningful distinction between children and adults is the development of a concept of consent. However, Landstreicher himself even goes further than this – he contradicts himself in the very next paragraph. One must wonder what his intent here in "disrupting this dichotomy is...
- (3) Here is the contradiction newborn infants cannot feed or protect themselves sufficiently and are totally reliant on their parents. Again, it is true in some sense that the structuring of a childs life is more for the good of capital-S Society than for the child themself. But to state that the child-adult dialectic is completely or wholly a construction of authority is fallacy. What is needed is not the complete or total destruction of the parent-child opposition. Rather, it is a radical reconstruction (or perhaps even a rediscovery) of the lived relationship of family. Unlike the empty, cold, mediated relationships we experience under industrial capitalism, the bonds of family, while certainly not wholly good in any sense, are fiery, hot, and emotionally potent. What is needed is not a destruction of the family – but a liberation of it! A liberation from the chains

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of Morality and Obligation, and a reformation of the

- family as a real, lived experience. (4) In fact, the exact opposite is true. A child is exactly that to the "child lover – an object to be molded according to authority. Landstreichers description of child molestation conveniently makes the truth of it opaque. Landstreichers child lover is more properly a child groomer, who, through the performance of affection and play, makes a child open to sexual acts they do not, and perhaps cannot, understand. They are not being "encouraged to express their "sensuality. Their sensuality is being produced, they are turned into a
- machine for the production of sexual pleasure. (5) How convenient that the authorities Landstreicher charges with "true child molestation are the ones who are most directly engaged in the protection of children
- from sexual predators! (6) Finally, Landstreicher closes with the clearest objectification of children in this "rant. For Landstreicher, in the end, the child is a tool for the production of an imaginary, repressed childhood. For Landstreicher, "child love – molestation – is a ritual with which he can become feral and return to an Adamic state of "beauty and ecstasy. It is not the relationship he portrays.

authority. [2] is a totally arbitrary conception which only serves to reinforce dichotomy. It has no basis in any real needs or natural ways. It One of the main dichotomies of this society is the child/adult called molestation. Something is obviously twisted here.^[1]

played with, gently fondled and given erotic pleasure. This is

with punishments. This is called love. A child is kissed, caressed,

and social norms, limited, bribed with rewards and threatened

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A child is scolded, restricted, forced to conform to schedules

of purishment instills the fear necessary to keep the process of Toilet training continues the process. And the constant threat of diapers and other clothing even when theyre uncomfortable. begins to be repressed by the scheduling of feeding and the use that must be bought by conformity and obedience. Sensuality on, s/he begins to see that the "love" of most adults is something S/he is almost immediately forced to feed on a schedule. Early moment an infant is bone s/he is in the firm hand of authority. destruction of the childs freedom under suthority.^[3] From the has nothing to do with natural needs or kindness. It is the slow structuring and regimentation a child undergoes in our society to avoid accidents and relate well to their environment. But the a kindness to inform them of anything they may need to know ease, steadiness and self-assurance. And thereafter, it is certainly until they can begin to move around their environment with some Certainly, newborn infants need to be fed and watched over

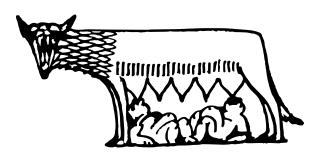
sensual repression going strong.



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INTRODUCTION: A WORD OF WARNING

child who has lost their humanity. Rather, they never developed man and animal. Truly, the trope of the "feral child" is not a curiosity. Children exist in a state before the bifurcation into grass, squirrels, rocks, rain, thunder. This is not merely nave are not mesmerized by the natural world – insects, spiders, the is childhood. Rarely is there a moment with children when they

"Utilahood "sexuality"

However, it must be made abundantly clear that a child's partake in bodily exploration as well – individual and collective. lliw nearbine that the state of or, more precisely, what adults term sexuality. Childhood is a One cannot deny that children possess a sort of sexuality,

ies of children. a cruel and authoritarian desire to control and fetishize the bod-(and perhaps of an architer the toric to justify (and perhaps hide) standing, the true content of the piece is laid bare: a quasi-egoist of Child Molestation vs. Child Love is informed by this underin a mutually-beneficial erotic relationship. When one's reading jects of pleasure, not, as Landstreicher contends, equal partners with and rectify them, as adults can. They are made into obnamics that mark adult sexuality, and therefore cannot contend over them. Further, children are scarcely aware of the power dya child sexually will be enacting a sort of sexualized authority Thus, an adult (who possesses a grasp on consent) who engages dren do not possess a concept of, and thus cannot grant, consent. conception of sexuality is much different than an adult's. Chil-

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Here Be Dragons

past may want to stop here. tread lightly. Those who have suffered child sexual abuse in the some parts of the work, it is quite graphic and the reader should - Landstreicher's term for parents, schools, and churches. In children and, ironically, a call to "fight the real child molesters" Essays and Polemics. It is a defense of the sexual abuse of Child Love, from his (otherwise celebrated) anthology, Rants, Ludd / Feral Faun / Wolfi Landstreicher's Child Molestation vs. disturbing. What follows is a critically annotated edition of Apio The material contained in this text is gut-wrenching and

that one can act accordingly in their interactions with him. knowledge about Wolfi Landstreicher's views on "child love" so - not of the arguments of self-styled "child lovers," but rather choice of publishing this work is in the interest of knowledge Heresy Distro to distribute molestation apologia by itself. Our It is presented with criticism. It is not in the interest of

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our desire to return to the pre-civilized and Wild existence that our lived, experienced, and felt camaraderie with children; with by any outside, abstract, spectral "morals" to do so. It is rather not believe it is our "duty" to protect children nor are we guided Child Molestation is love - real, egoistic love for children. We do Our intent is not to morize. Our motives for publishing