

That which I am about to say is in response this document written about myself by cherriwhitewing

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I will say first and foremost; I take full responsibility for the pain and anguish I have inflicted upon a person I claimed to care for. This statement shall not act as a form of defense of any kind, for the effects of my actions are undeniable.

All I can say is that at the time, I interpreted the event very differently, and in my own mind, had thought nothing amiss in the many months that followed, until the matter was brought to my attention by my wife. Cherri's account of what happened was just as much a shock to me as it was to my wife.

It was made abundantly clear that I had grossly misjudged the situation in its entirety, and in doing so made a grievous error in judgment and had been completely unaware of what horrible effects I was committing at the time. And in learning of this, I have been awash with guilt and shame ever since, and has served as a nightmarish wake up call to a tremendous lack of self awareness of my own behaviors. The result being something utterly criminal that I did not think myself capable of ever committing in my life.

Regardless of how I perceived the events at the time, which I believed to be a genuine intimate expression, I would not invalidate Cherri's feelings on the matter. Her words come from a place of hurt, and I want more than anyone to hope that in making these events and feelings known, that she may finally begin to heal.

While I will attest I had no malice in my intent, the fact is in doing so, I have betrayed a great deal of trust through a horrific lapse in my judgment. Cherri's trust, my friend's trust, and my community's trust. I will understand that there will be many people reading these accounts that will no longer wish to associate with me, or my content, a fact which I have accepted as all but a certainty, and I would begrudge no-one to choose to do so.

from the very moment I was made aware of this ordeal, I have acted as diligently and swiftly to right what I can with what resources I had available to me, for both myself and to others close to me, and those who have graciously seen fit to guide me through this situation of my unintended making.

It is only now clear to me that I allowed the public attention and my own libido to poorly influence my judgment for far longer than I myself realized before now, and thus allowed my ego to run rampant and unchecked for too long, and it is my responsibility to rectify this callous mistake.

At the behest of my wife and a friend willing to assist me through this difficult time, I have been speaking to a therapist in the time I have been away, and though I am aware that

betterhelp is not the most reputable source, it was the only one afforded to me at the time and the best suggestion I had from those wishing to help me, and I am learning ways to be more aware of my behaviors, addressing and removing the bad ones, and learning to process what I have done to those I hurt and accepting the consequences.

With these events, I have become aware that I have not the understanding or responsibility to continue relationships of this sort ever again, and have already communicated with others that I no longer wish to identify as or engage with polyamoros relationships.

I have sworn off the use of the male supplements I had been sporadically taking, not knowing the ill effects they could cause my body and my mind. My naivety towards such supplements put myself and others at great risk and I am thankful to have been educated on the harm they can do.

I have taken steps to remove myself from environments of sexually explicit material in social spaces.

I have removed assets that were designed to inflate my ego, and devising methods to create a healthier space both for myself and those around me.

As I said in the beginning, I do not wish to defend the actions I committed, only to say that they were done through a misguided lens of my own ignorance and immaturity. And while I do not expect sympathy or forgiveness from either those involved, or those becoming aware of it through these statements, I ask only that you make your own decisions on whether you wish to continue to be associated with me, based on both of our statements, and that I accept whatever I have coming to me as a result.

Whether I have my friends or not, I will be trying to do better in my own way and time, and stress once more I wish only the best for those that I have hurt, and that they one day heal.