

# **Social Justice Watch 0108**

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If, to question 1, you get Yes!  
then, well, done I guess

If you get "I Guess?" or "Yes?"

then ask yourself

2. Why am I a \_\_\_\_\_?

3. Is it really true, that being  
those things necessarily make

you a \_\_\_\_\_?

4. Is it true that everyone who  
has those qualities is a \_\_\_\_\_?



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(usually the final answer for "no" is "because I don't want to be a woman" or "That identity doesn't feel right to me" or "I want to be something else")



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Repeat these for each thing, even if you feel confident about one of them already, just as a fun thought exercise. It's not that there's a Correct Identity these questions will Logically Unearth but rather that the point of this is to shake you from internalized assumptions



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It makes you confront that  
there's no particular reason you  
Have To Be any gender in  
particular except whichever one  
will make you happiest, that you  
want to present as, and gets you  
to consider what that might be.



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I love all of heather's questions  
from the thread I QRT'd too.

I think the big question to me is  
just, regardless of anything else,  
is the point is to be happier, so,  
just experiment and see what  
makes you happier, worry about  
labels later



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for my aforementioned ex-boyfriend, he did all sorts of contemplative exercises, thought about what way of being made him happiest, and concluded all of those traits, to him, comfortably aligned with what it means to be a man sans toxic masculinity. so he chose to be a man



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he also started thinking more about like, what kind of man he wanted to be, started to look to other queer men who were less gender conforming for inspiration, took better care of his hair and changed how he presented. it was like he was slowly transitioning from man to man



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It was super interesting to watch as the Trans Partner, seeing essentially a cis person go through the same journey of becoming happier with himself and discovering gender euphoria.... from the gender he happened to be assigned at birth! it was neat!



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So you know, cis people, think  
about your gender!!!!!! It'll make  
you happier!!



**Susan (screaming at the ali... ...**  
@mis\_cue

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I'm a cishet person who does this once or twice a year, just to check in with myself. I love it bc it helps me clearly understand what makes me happy about me and what I need to tweak to achieve it. And it really helps me think broadly and empathetically about others!

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The argument that women should be forced to give birth so childless couples can have babies is beyond gross. That is literally the point of "The Handmaid's Tale": Women are reduced to incubators who serve no other purpose than growing babies. I'm sorry for childless couples who want a baby but can't. But forcible conscription of someone else's body isn't the answer. And that's all you're saying with the whole "you don't need abortion, since there's adoption" gambit.

Forced pregnancy and childbirth are reproductive slavery and reproductive colonialism. [source](#)

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Jolene  
@Rukkkyg

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"Women mature faster than men" is one of the most violent and abusive rhetorics used to excuse the behaviors of men and punish women/girls.

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**Sandy Jorgenson**  
@sandsmamablog

I don't know who needs to hear this, but there's nothing pro-life about standing against abortion. Call it what it is: anti-choice, pro-forced birth.

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“Slut’ is attacking women for their right to say yes. ‘Friend Zone’ is attacking women for their right to say no.”

- ***And “bitch” is attacking women for their right to call you on it*** (via [creatingquietmind](#))

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[REDACTED] When my mom had my sister when she was 16, the doctor gave her an episiotomy without asking/telling her and didnt use any kind of pain relief. Mom was told "you shouldn't have gotten pregnant, kiddo"

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DEAR LITTLE BOY,

I HOPE YOU GROW TO KNOW THAT...

- YOU CAN FEEL EMOTIONS OTHER THAN ANGER.
- CRYING IS NOT "GIRLY."
- SHOWING KINDNESS + TENDERNESS IS NOT WEAK.
- YOU CAN ASK FOR HELP.
- YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO HAVE IT ALL TOGETHER.
- YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AGGRESSIVE OR FORCEFUL TO GET WHAT YOU WANT.
- YOU CAN BE STRONG AND TENDER AT THE SAME TIME.



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"A translator always makes choices."

Classical Dr Emily Wilson is the first woman to translate The Odyssey into English - and she found that many men before her added sexist or misogynist terms that never existed in the original Greek.

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 **Shawn Barker** @Shawny\_B\_good · 1d ▾  
So, translating with a different ad hoc agenda is better? It seems that in order to make a proper translation, it takes a linguist/historian/literary scholar to make it work properly as artful, and truthful to the time it was written.

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and what is “translate truthful to the time it was written” even supposed to mean like there’s no way a translation now in the US could be read the same way it was a couple thousand years ago in Greece when english didn’t even exist yet

Yep, in the original Odyssey, in the scene where Telemachus murders the slaves who were “sullied by” Penelope’s suiters, he refers to them with a word that roughly just means “the female ones”, however most translations will use words like “whores”, “sluts” and “creatures”, these were all choices of the translators. The original text did not refer to them that way. Dr. Wilson refers to them instead as “girls”, to highlight their age and the brutality of the action.

She also fixed all the times the previous male translators dodged around the existence of slaves in the text. Where they call slaves anything but slaves (housemaid, nurse, cook, ect.) Dr. Wilson’s translation correctly calls them slaves as in the original texts. It’s really a great translation, it doesn’t soften anything, and lays bare the reality of the story.

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One thing she did too, was she refused to make the descriptions of the women in the story more palatable to modern western beauty standards. The original text, for example, describes Penelope's hands as "thick". Most male translators change this to "steady" but Dr. Wilson's translation calls them "firm, muscular hands" to correctly portray the original intent, that Penelope, as a character who weaves every day and every night undoes her weavings, has strong hands, as weaving does make one's hands more muscular, and that was clearly what was originally intended to be said given the context of her character and the weavings.

Of Odysseus himself, the original epic calls him "polytropos" poly, meaning many, and tropos, meaning turn. Some male translators used this to say the story itself had twists and turns, others ignored the word completely to write in a way that made Odysseus seem as though a straight up hero, a man "skilled in all ways of contending", but Dr. Wilson uses it to mean "complicated", because Odysseus isn't a straight up hero, he does some really shitty things.

So her translation got a lot of men very very mad, because they said that her being a woman has caused her to translate with bias since her translation is so different to others. She pointed out that perhaps people should have suggested that bias in the inaccurate men's translations.

Anyway, go read Dr. Wilson's version of The Odyssey. It's very good.

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@radianbutch

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here's to the people who's trauma did not give them thick skin. the ones who became more sensitive and insecure, who cry more easily, who get overwhelmed at small things. i'm so tired of the narrative that trauma makes you tough and untouchable. we're survivors, not superheroes.

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sammy

@sammylynn\_

Let's stop romanticizing the bodies we had when we were 16. We were literally children. We are adults now. We have hips, our boobs have been around for longer than 4 years, we are meant to have more fat on our bodies, cellulite is inevitable. Your peak is now, love yourself ✨

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“Black Lives Matter” cannot be a fad. We need it to be a fact.

We need Congress to legislate in defense of Black Lives. [source](#)

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Protests continue in Belarus. It's freezing cold, police forces are ruthless in arresting people, but protests emerge spontaneously and decentralized. [source](#)

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