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Being in your own skin

“Everyone deserves to look and say someone is like them and feel a sense of normalcy. I looked for that, just for one person, for a long time. When I couldn’t find that, I said, ‘Why not me?...Just because you’re having the conversations, doesn’t mean it should be mistaken for taking action in terms of improving culture – to actually be inclusive.’”

---Emma Gee (the only out LGBTQ athlete at BYU)

“So turn to the light, believe in the light, and wait in the light, to receive the promise, for there is neither Jew, nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, that do believe in the Light, and walk in the Light and is obedient to the Light, but they are all one in Christ Jesus.”

----Margaret Fell

“When an individual is protesting society's refusal to acknowledge his dignity as a human being, his very act of protest confers dignity on him.”

---- Bayard Rustin

“Love is one of the true mysteries...the truest and deepest of all. To love is never wrong. It may be disastrous; it may never be possible; it may be the deepest agony. But it is never wrong...Never be ashamed of your love. The only thing to be ashamed of is denying your love. That is what makes the shadow grow within your heart; that is the darkening of the Light. And we all have many loves.”

----Alison Croggon

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Queries

1. How does being comfortable in my own skin correspond to being available to God and others?
2. How can acknowledging an authentic love bring me closer to the Light? When do I question the validity of different expressions of love, and why?
3. How do I call forth dignity in myself and others through my acts of protest against human oppression?
4. In what ways is it important to recognize that inclusion is something offered by privilege rather than being established as normal? What am I doing to shift this limitation in the culture around me?