

The Good News

It's important for you to know that parasitism is not something to be feared. We have learned to think with horror at the idea of another inhabiting our body, or rather that body which we think of with such possession. We like to think we are in control of our minds, and that it would be mournful, less authentic, if something, like an advertisement or a thread-like vermin was responsible for orienting our desires and thoughts. But the caterpillar whose body becomes a translucent sock filled with the wriggling larvae of parasitic wasps, this caterpillar understands the Mystery. After the wasp larvae burst through the body, patching the stigmata with hastily spat threads, the caterpillar begins to wind the coccoon once intended for himself into a maternal fortress for the wasp babies. He protects them from enemies with his last remaining strength, draping his soft voluptuous body over their cocoon.

When you have learned this kind of radical sharing, you will find yourself so much more at ease. All of your allergies, your shingles, your autoimmune diseases will evaporate in the acceptance of a communal habitat. Reproduction will no longer a lengthy female burden and ritual to be manipulated and pressured into. The idea of gender will be transformed. No longer will you be limited to breed with your "own kind". People really can "marry" their pets. All your dreams can come true. We are happier together without spaciousness, without the illusion of boundaries that keep us from touching, probing, penetrating each other, more deeply than ever before. Please spread the good news.

Yours truly,

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