

It's strange to me, that when I say I struggle with pedophilia,  
people assume I mean I am struggling to not rape a child.  
That when I say I am a pedophile,  
they assume I hide in the bushes at the park, waiting to rape a child.

I have never harmed a child.



Pedophilia is an attraction. Period.  
An attraction does not involve action,  
nor does it define what a person must do in their lifetime.  
I am attracted to young girls,  
yet I do not interact sexually with young girls,  
nor will I ever. I am not a ticking time bomb, I am a person.

Despite this, I am a demon in the eyes of the world.  
Please, I would love for someone to tell me why.  
Why am I evil, for an interest I did not choose to have?  
What is evil about recognizing that children cannot consent,  
and making the conscious decision to protect them, rather than harm them?  
Why do you resent me when I protest the same pro-contact beliefs that you do?

Unfortunately, pedophilia has been stigmatized to such an extent,  
that we have created a society where pedophiles struggling  
with understanding their feelings are driven into darkness.  
They are cast out and denied access to therapy,  
They are told they have no hope, and that they will harm a child one day...  
...and then we are shocked and outraged when some actually do.



It's strange to me, that when I say I struggle with pedophilia,  
I actually mean that I struggle with how the world looks down at me.  
That I live each day trying my best to reach out to other pedophiles  
who are struggling, and to offer them the help you withhold from them.  
That despite my best efforts to change attitudes,  
people would rather sweep us under the rug,  
and kick us while we are down.  
I guess I must be missing something.

