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APA issues first-ever guidelines for practice with men and boys

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TOXIC MASCULINITY

PS - Patriarchy is to blame

STOICISM – keeping an even keel of emotions no matter the situation

COMPETITIVENESS – attempting to gather resources by overcoming adversaries competing for the same resources

DOMINANCE – winning against many adversaries in a given territory or area

AGGRESSION – the ambition and passion with which a man competes and dominates. In other words, aggression is the energetic motivation to achieve success

THE ANTONYMS

STOIC/STOICAL – emotional, fervent, complaining, impatient

COMPETITIVENESS – Apathy, halfheartedness, indifference, unconcern, idleness, indolence, inertia, laziness

DOMINANCE – Helplessness, weakness, impotence, impotency, powerlessness

AGGRESSION – non-aggression, pacifism

THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT



“WOMEN ARE THE SAME AS MEN”

- A 2020 Pew Report shows that over **50 percent of liberal white women under 30** have some sort of **mental-health issue**.
- In 2019, **51% of law students were women**, yet women only make up **22% of partners**
- Why the discrepancy? Average law student graduates around 26 years old. It takes 10 years on average to become a partner. That means on average, the youngest partners are 36 or so.
- Reuters reports that the **number 1 factor** pushing women from the law profession into other lines of work? “**Work-family conflict.**”
Number 2? “Stress. 2/3 of women reported moderate to severe stress, while less than half of men.”

BUT IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

Remember how the APA determined that avoiding vegetables was risky behavior, and these traits lead men to riskier behavior?

- 93% of 185,500 federal inmates are men, only 6.8% are women
- 97% of Nobel prizes were won by men, 3% by women. (11 were awarded since 2000. 185 were won by men in the same period)
- SAT scores of 7th graders show that in the top 0.01% distribution, there are 3.8 boys for every girl

Many say this is social conditioning, and it is due to society, yet the **male variability hypothesis** keeps getting support from scientific research.

SO IF THEY'RE DIFFERENT...

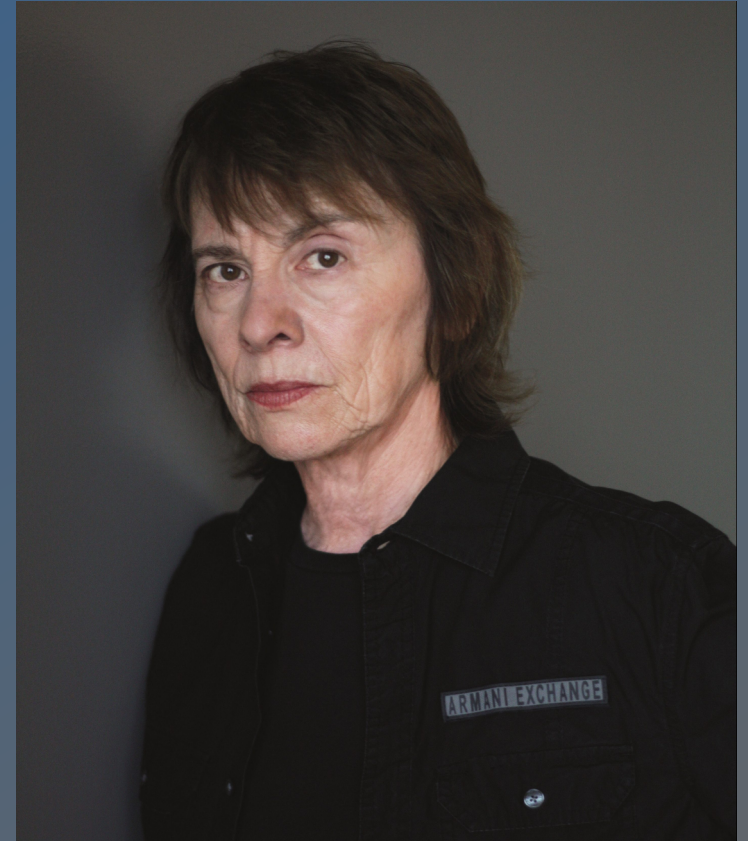
Provide: we were physically built to hunt. In hunting, the hunter must contend with other hunters (tribes) predators and the dangers of nature...in other words: risky behavior.

Protect: men were built with both the physicality and traits (dominance, aggression, competitiveness, stoicism) to protect the women and children of the tribe....it's risky.

Procreate: Men are built to create the next generation of humanity, and can provide their genes to many different women, giving them the best chance of passing on their genes. And in the ancient days, it was only the best who passed on their genes

THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT

“You’re encouraged to think... gender doesn't really exist, it's not really polarity. I mean, everything's all about expanding women's rights, but also terminating men, and defining men out of existence. Masculinity is by definition toxic.” -Camille Paglia, art professor, feminist, and cultural commentator



“I've always been fascinated, attracted to the subject of androgyny and that's what the sexual persona is. I explored it in history, but the more I explored it, I realized that historically the movement toward androgyny occurs in late phases of culture. As if a civilization is starting to unravel, then you can find it again and again and again through history; in the greek art you can see it happening all of a sudden. The sculptures of handsome new young men athletes that used to be very robust, in the archaic period suddenly began to seem like wet noodles toward the end...

And the people who live in such periods of late phase of culture, whether it's the Hellenistic era, whether it's the Roman empire, whether it's the move decade of Oscar Wilde in the 1890s, whether it's Weimar Germany; people who live in such times feel that they're very sophisticated; they're very cosmopolitan. Homosexuality, heterosexuality...anything goes and so on. From the perspective of historical distance, you can see that it's a culture that no longer believes in itself." -Camille Paglia

SINCE MEN ARE TOXIC (AND NOT NEEDED)...

4 out 10 children are born to unwed mothers

Nearly two-thirds are born to mothers under the age of 30

Today 1 in 6 children under the age of 18 — a total of about 12.7 million — are being raised without a father

FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR FATHERING:

- Families without a father are 44% more likely to raise children in poverty
- 71% of all adolescent substance abusers come from fatherless homes
- Twice as likely to commit suicide
- 80% in psych hospitals are from fatherless homes
- 9x more likely to drop out of school
- 70% in juvenile correctional facilities come from fatherless homes
- 60% of rapists come from fatherless homes
- 20x more likely to be incarcerated
- 70% of teen pregnancies come from fatherless homes
- 85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes, which is 20x the average

THE SOLUTION

1. The problem isn't "toxic masculinity"
2. The difference is not between masculine and feminine traits. It's between boy and man. The traits described, "aggression, dominance, stoicism, competitiveness" are all twisted and perverted when they are used improperly
3. The boy is about himself. He thinks only of his own immediate desire, his own pleasure.
4. Men must be trained and developed
5. This leads to "Rotted Boyhood"

PROVE IT.

The Rite of Passage

Almost every civilization and culture has had a rite of passage for boys. At the proper age, boys are brought through a rite of passage. If they complete the task, they are then ushered in as men into the tribe or civilization. They hold the title of man, the responsibility of man, and the privileges of being a man.

The vast majority of rites of passage include: fear, risk, a task to overcome, the ushering away of boyhood, and making order out of the chaos.

The Satere-Mawe tribe in the amazon initiate their men by requiring them to wear woven gloves. Inside the gloves are bullet ants, with a sting 30 times more powerful than a typical honey bee. They are considered the most painful ant sting in the world. The boy is required to not make a sound. The pain lasts for 24 hours, and is so excruciating that often delirium follows, and shaking itself persists for several days. He is required to do this for 10 minutes...20 times.





The Algonquin tribe required their initiates to consume wysoccan, a powerful hallucinogen that supposedly erases childhood memories. The boys were sent into the wilderness by themselves on these powerful drugs. If they came back with any childhood memories, they were sent back into the forest again with the drug.



The Spartans removed 7 year-old boys and immersed them into training, raising them up in the arts, philosophy, dance, logic, physical discipline and agility, military tactics, etc. This brought the boys through successive levels of passage. When they reached 21, the best candidates were required to participate in the krypteia, a rite of passage in which the boy would navigate on his own, and was required to kill slaves without being caught or noticed, and return to his school.

So what can you do?

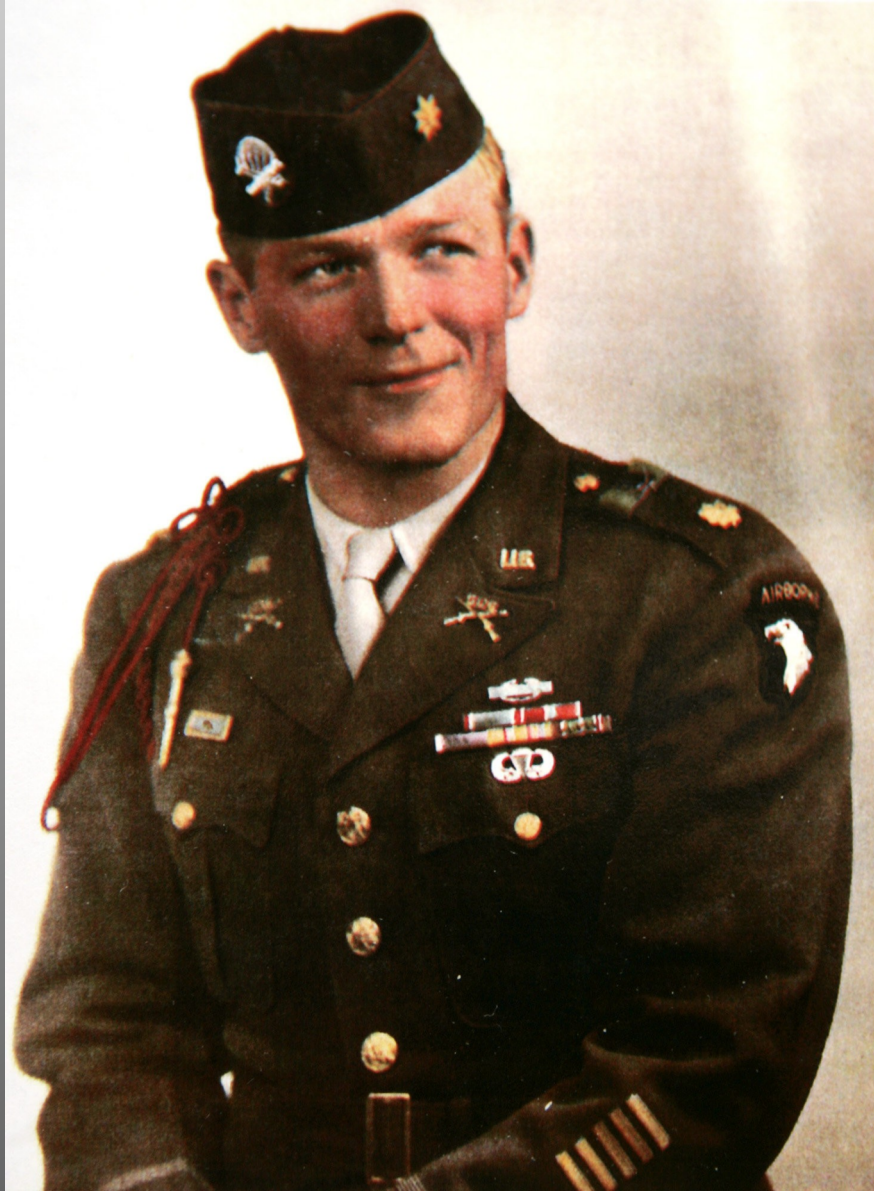
1. Create a rite of passage for your own family or community group
2. Your rite of passage should include: a task that the boy can complete on his own (train him in it!) The task should involve something that benefits not just himself, though that hasn't been necessary. You don't need to use fear/risk like they've done in the past.
3. Once he completes the task, being ushered into manhood by his father and/or men who are in his life is vital.

A dramatic landscape photograph featuring a bright sunburst breaking through a layer of dark, textured clouds in the upper half of the frame. Sunbeams radiate downwards from the sun. Below the sky, a vast, flat expanse of white and light-colored clouds stretches across the middle ground, resembling a sea of clouds. In the far distance, dark, silhouetted mountain ranges are visible against the horizon. The overall color palette is dominated by warm tones of gold, yellow, and brown, contrasted with the dark blues and greys of the upper clouds and mountains.

Have Hope

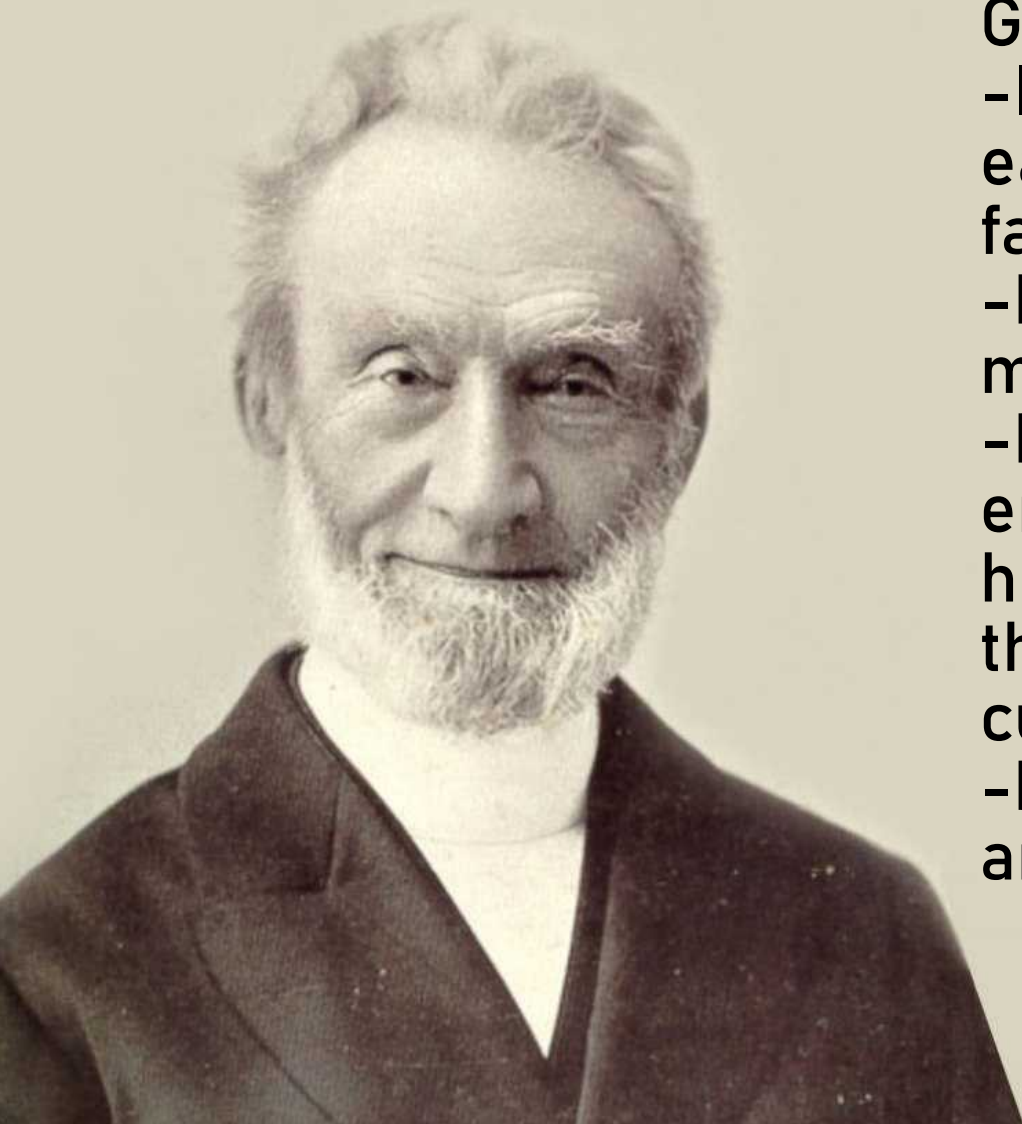


He was a printer, publisher, author, inventor, scientist and diplomat. He bought the print shop he started working at after 2 years of a partnership. He achieved printing Pennsylvania's currency after writing an essay on the necessity of paper currency. He became the printer of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. He started the Pennsylvania Gazette and Poor Richard's Almanac. He made income and invested in rental properties. By the 1740's, he was one of the wealthiest colonists in the northern part of the colonies.



Major Dick Winters

- Led Easy Company in World War II
- Survived D-Day as a paratrooper
- Continued in the European theater
- Successful in the Battle of the Bulge...the single largest and bloodiest battle in which the US has ever been involved
- Led Easy Company to capture the Eagles' Nest, Hitler's retreat



George Mueller – A Proof Of Faith
-In Bristol England during the early 1800's, Mueller proved what faith can do

-Mueller resolved to never ask for money or borrow from people

-Eventually, Mueller received enough donations to build 5 homes for orphans, totally more than \$14 million in today's currency

-Every day was built on prayer and faith in the Lord's provision

- CARTER BRAXTON of Virginia was a prosperous planner and trader. His ships were destroyed by the British Navy. He lost his home to pay off the debts and died in poverty.

- THOMAS LYNCH, JR. was an aristocratic rice plantation owner in South Carolina who risked his substantial fortune by signing the Declaration. His health rapidly declined and his ship was lost at sea on his way to Europe to recover. No one knows what happened to him.

- THOMAS MCKEAN of Delaware was harassed mercilessly. His family went into hiding during the war, moving multiple times. He served in Congress without pay and died in poverty.

·JUDGE RICHARD STOCKTON was taken from his bed in the middle of the night and beaten by British Soldiers, followed by jail and starvation. His home and all of his possession were destroyed, forcing him and his family to live off of charity.

·THOMAS NELSON, JR. of Virginia put his own home up as collateral to raise \$2 million for the French allies.

The struggling French government was unable to pay back the loans and Nelson's entire estate was wiped out.

·JOHN HART had to leave his dying wife's bedside and his thirteen children ran off in various directions to flee the British. For more than a year, he lived in caves and forests. He returned home to find his wife dead, his children missing and all of his property gone. He died shortly after of physical and mental exhaustion and a broken heart.

- LEWIS MORRIS and PHILLIP LIVINGSTON died of similar circumstances to Hart's.

Five of the 56 were captured by the British and tortured. Twelve lost their homes through looting, confiscation or burning to the ground. Seventeen lost their fortunes. Two lost sons in the military while another two sons were captured. And nine lost their lives.



“Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual. ... Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us.”

– *John Hancock History of the United States of America, Vol. II, p. 229*



"I glory in publicly avowing my eternal enmity to tyranny."
-John Hancock