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Readers: What Would You Be Happy Never to Hear Again?

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It sounded like a fascinating exercise, so I decided to try it out here. You don't have to be trans to participate. Regardless of what group or groups you belong to or identify with, I would love to hear in the Comments section what questions, phrases, or comments you could happily live the rest of your life without ever hearing again.

As a trans person, my top one would be "You're so brave." A close second is "I would have never guessed (that you were trans)." Don't worry if you've ever said these things to me. I'm not upset. But I would get along just fine if I never heard them again.

And I have one more that has nothing to do with being trans. As an old(er) person, my number one would be "You're not old!" Yes, I am.

I love being old, and I say it quite a bit: "Well, I'm old, so I remember that" or "The good thing about being old is that you don't have to worry about that" or "I'm old, so I didn't grow up with the Internet." Then someone (always much younger) will say, "You're not old!" - as if being old were a bad thing. It's not. It's way better than you think.

So let me be old. You'll like it when you get here, too.

Readers, this post is short because I want to hear from you. What would you be happy never to hear again as long as you live?

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