The Bonding Nature of Humor:
A kaleidoscope of desire, dominance, submission, aggression, shame, and deep affection.

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This salon is a clinical case presentation that highlights the bonding nature of humor within one man’s altering relationships (to it) throughout his lifespan. This case illustration involves a gay man who experienced terrible consequences resulting from his spontaneous self-expressions of humor. While this client developed relationships to gay men during his twenties, his thirties became complex as he tried to voice an altering sense of self. The resulting disruptions impacted his long-held relationships with friends as well as within himself.

What is the relationship between humor and aggression?
How does gender influence the expression of humor and aggression?

“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”
— Oscar Wilde

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