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★ Congratulate
you on your
wonderful
100th birthday
and to

Dear Dr Benjamin

I am delighted to have this chance
to personally thank you for opening the
world's eyes to the legitimacy of TS'ism.

(at age 22 in 1973) I consumed
every bit of ~~written~~ info on the subject

of TS'ism, trying to understand myself.
~~Your book was a breath of hope and understanding.~~

~~Nowhere did I find mention of a woman~~
~~who felt (as I did) that~~
~~she was a man, who also was~~
~~sexually & socially & sexually attracted to other~~
~~men.~~ It took me an additional 7 years

of personal torment before I was able to
~~accept~~ accept the feelings ⁱⁿ my
heart as legitimate and good, ^{despite} ^{medical ignorance.} Now,

at age 33, I have lived over 4 years ^{very} happily
as a man (with hormones & chest surgery) &
have found a ^{rewarding} place in the gay ~~men's~~ ^{men's} world.

I know this transition was made easier
(if not totally possible) by the lead
championed by you in the compassionate

Treatment of TS's.

I know your 100 years has given you an insight into life few of us have. I am writing the biography of ~~the~~^a daughter of the first Mexican consul in SF who lived 40 of her 66 years as a man (she lived 1869-1936). I wonder if, without benefit of a sympathetic medical profession, I would be able to eke thru each day ~~fearing discovery~~, hiding in shame, rejecting another's touch, fearing intimacy, such as those ^{of us} ^{were} doomed to live Dr. Harry Benjamin.

Surely God has blessed you with your ~~years and your health~~^{health and years}, Dr. Benjamin. And I know why. Your life has made that of many a joy.

With deepest respect
and warmest regards,
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