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fertile than are heterosexual teleiophiles. Thus, there is no empirical basis for the hypothesis that hebephilia was associated with increased reproductive success in the environment of evolutionary adaptedness. That speculative adaptationist argument against the inclusion of hebephilia in the DSM cannot be sustained [Ref. 4, p 818].

I would like to point out in closing that this factual error does not affect the rest of Fabian's interesting article, which addresses various aspects of hebephilia, the law, and psychiatry.

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Reply

Editor:

I thank Dr. Blanchard for drawing my attention to the error that he has described quite effectively and accurately. Unfortunately, my error was due to misreading his interpretations of another scholar. There was no intention to misclassify him in the wrong camp of scholars who are currently debating these questions in the field.

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