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A LUMINARY PSYCHOLOGIST (RIDDLE)

For me it's just enough to ear you coming close to my door, and I can understand your character and your mood. In a hurry; worried; or more relaxed but maybe pensive and thoughtful. Everyone of you - men, women, children - have a shameful, unmentionable secret to share with me - or at least this is what they think.

And I understand that carrying alone this burden, this fault - I would say this guilt or sin - could be very hard for some of you. But don't be afraid. Come to me anyway, and make yourself comfortable (usually people prefer to sit, I must say). I can understand you, accept and share your efforts and your vents, with the utmost privacy, discretion and confidentiality. If you ask around, everyone will tell you that they are satisfied and recharged when they leave me - somebody more and somebody less - and certainly feel better than when they had come.

And as for me, then, what availability: I welcome and receive anyone individually, without prejudice, and without even needing an appointment, twenty-four hours a day. But if you sometimes find my door closed it's because I'm busy helping someone else; don't be too impatient and have the courtesy to wait your turn quietly, without disturbing others in their session.

Do I accept credit cards? Actually I really don't want even to be payed! But if it is your need: yes, I could accept cards of all types, including credit cards. But most of all toilet paper!

(Signed: a toilet)