

SOME REFLECTIONS UPON A HUMAN CONDITION

The Male to Female Transexual

I must emphasize that transexualism is **not** an **acquired** trait of personality.

In early life, extending into adulthood, there is a desperate desire to "conform"; to be "normal". It is natural **not** to want to be "on the outside" or "on the fringes" of "natural" society. So outwardly successful are many in this endeavour, that their inevitable "coming clean" simply adds to the general misunderstanding and confusion, not to mention "**fears**" of society.

Society need have no fear. Transexuals simply want to live their lives unobtrusively but totally within the existing social structure; happy in their re-assignment to the gender with which they have always identified.

Transexuals would subscribe, should society so wish, to a system of registration and a vetting of their past lives, in order to obtain a degree of social acceptance. The climate of society should become such that declarations of gender identity can be made without fear or prejudice to the individual but, more importantly, at an **early** stage of their lives.

Society could suggest penalties to be imposed upon those individuals who display a propensity to frequent "changes of mind".

The fears of society must be analysed carefully. The fears of males and females will obviously differ. Those members of society who have **truly** met transexuals and feel that they have some understanding of them, are the ones best qualified to help dispel the myths and fears generally held.

The following are some 'areas' for clarification -

- a) Transexuals are not sophisticated "peeping Toms".
- b) Transexuals are not "pantie pinchers": i.e. they do not steal ladies underwear from washing lines.
- c) In fact, transexuals are not sexual perverts: theirs is a **social** malfunction.
- d) The very nature of the male to female transexual phenomenon should offer reassurance to all women as to the integrity of such "unfortunates" and to the esteem they hold for their 'sisters'.

- e) The appearance of a transexual in the clothing that identifies them in what they feel to be their true gender need not be the traumatic affront that is fondly nurtured.
- f) Given the trust, help and opportunity, a transexual can readily be assimilated into social, family and industrial environs.
- g) Transexuals (m/f) are not rapists; **physical** love of even moderate standards being too demanding (sapping) - if possible at all.
- h) Transexuality is not the same as homosexuality. When they present themselves as females, "in public" or "in private", transexuals ask only for the courtesies and pleasantries of social interchange that men offer women and women offer each other. To be accepted to this degree is sufficient to set the seal of spiritual well-being and mental contentment.
- i) Some transexuals do 'drift' into the homosexual world but this is usually due to unawareness of their true condition. Just as society knows little of transexuality (much less so in the past) so also does it occur that a transexual can reach maturity without knowing anything about transexuality. We all hear of homosexuality! It must not be wondered at that some transexuals and hetero-sexual transvestites feel an identity among homosexuals.

"Identity" means warmth, comfort and security. When 'society' sets its rules so rigidly then some members of that society are finally forced to concede that their identity lies outside of society. Some of those members resent the furtiveness and secrecy enforced upon them. Some 'break' under the strain of duality - whatever their identity! Transexuals seek to eliminate the duality of their lives and to gain peace of mind - content to be at last "within society".

- j) The **mature** male to female transexual has a store of tender love which is only **fully** released when living as an accepted female. Fortunately the divergent nature of "lone" ensures of its release and when given in **full** is often returned in full. Society must benefit from this release of repression.
- k) Transexuals are not paedophiles - once their condition has been identified, accepted and rectified their love and respect for all nature cannot be excelled.

Violation, if it is ever inspired (possibly from utter despair), is only likely to be directed towards **their** own person (i.e. self-hurt).

- l) Transexuals are not necessarily: mentally defective; of low IQ; political or social subversives; or of unstable personality - social condemnation places strains upon transexuals. Those that eventually reach for help

or are reached by help are usually found to be remarkably well balanced personalities, with deep understanding of human nature.

- m) Transexuals are not 'draft dodgers'.

Many have already served their country in the services at an earlier stage in their lives.

Most would volunteer their help should their country find itself in an "emergency" situation - especially should a 'Brigade' of such members of society be contemplated and instigated.

- n) The transexual does not want 'just the best' of a woman's world, despite being able to perceive what represents to them to be the best.

A transexual, like any other member of society, is prepared to **contribute** to the community, when allowed their place.

- o) Relationships - post operative transexuals: identification will then be fulfilled. She will then be female; she will then look forward to acceptance as a female and most importantly, by other females; particularly her neighbours and colleagues at work. She will hope for female friendships and female trust.

Secondly, she will hope for acceptance in a 'mixed' male and female society, firstly in an occupational environment and eventually in a social context.

She would hope to learn to dance again, to enjoy social events, to attend church.

She would hope to reciprocate companionship should it be offered by another and to be able to provide love and comfort whenever needed.

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