

Why am I homosexual / bisexual?

There is no scientific answer to this question. Sexual orientation is the result of a combination of different biological, psychological, social and cultural facts. To be homosexual or heterosexual is regarded thus: some people have attraction to the opposite sex and some have attraction to the same sex. A homosexual or a bisexual will decide if they wish to reveal their sexuality.

Is it a serious insult to call a person “faggot” or “dyke”?

An insult about a part of a person's identity can hurt the individual. Equally a racist or sexist or homophobic insult will result in a feeling of rejection and contribute to strengthening low self-esteem. Racism and homophobia are the same, in that those that reject and strongly disapprove (that dislike people according to race or sexuality) , are in character the antithesis. “Faggot is a serious insult, the same as “nigger”.

Are homosexuals transsexuals?

Transsexuals are people who don't feel well with their biological sex. The body and mind of these people can only be harmonised thanks to physical and hormonal modifications. A sex operation (change) is seen as a necessity that provides the only possibility in harmonising the mental and hormonal. Gender identity and sexual

orientation are not related and the vast majority of homosexuals don't want to change their sex.

Who acts as man in a homosexual couple and who as woman?

Many people believe that in relationships each person is attributed a role: feminine or masculine. However, in a gay or lesbian relationship it doesn't make sense to attribute the female role to one of two men or the male role to one of two women. The partners both have masculine and feminine traits, though as in the heterosexual world, there are various levels of these properties in specific personalities – some people being more masculine than the stereotype and others more feminine.

Why are gays effeminate?

Why are lesbians masculine?

We have stereotype images and ideas about homosexuals, transmitted by the movies and the media. Certainly there are effeminate gays and lesbians with a masculine appearance. But there are many homosexuals that don't differ from heterosexuals in their appearance. There are countless lifestyles and homosexuals live within a very wide parameter of these lifestyles, just as heterosexuals do.

Why do gays and lesbians create their own ghettos?

Historically a ghetto is a place with an involuntary concentration of a group of the population. Therefore we shouldn't call a gay area or town a ghetto. But why do gays and lesbians love to get together in specific places?

Since childhood we all, both homosexuals and heterosexuals, were educated to be heterosexuals and we were presented with a negative image of homosexuals. In order to develop an identity and feel at ease homosexuals have sought comfort in similar-minded populations, where they know they will not be persecuted or insulted just for being homosexual. In recent years these places have increased: shops, bars, discos, associations...etc. These places have been specifically oriented toward the gay and lesbian population. But homosexuals are not exclusively found in a gay and lesbian ambience, because in their daily life they are present in your part of town, at school, in the university, at work...

Can homosexuals have kids?

Homosexuals like everyone else can have children. In Spain thousands of children are educated by families of homosexuals. Hundreds of psychiatric and psychological studies and specialists in childhood issues, from different countries (Canada, USA, France, Spain, Norway, United Kingdom...), come to the same conclusion: children raised

in homosexual families do not have any specific psychological problems regarding sexual identity.

Does religion forbid homosexuality?

The Old Testament only has 2 paragraphs referring to homosexuality. In Leviticus there is a long list of mandates among which can be found “the prohibition of men going to bed together” and “the right to possess slaves if they were bought from a neighbouring country”. Surprisingly today only the mandate referring to homosexuality is still determinant, while the others are no longer taken seriously. Regarding the well known myth of “Sodom and Gomorra”, God destroyed the city of Sodom not because of the homosexuality of the inhabitants but because they tried to rape travellers who asked for hospitality.

In the Koran we cannot find any message referring to sexual relations among people of the same sex. In Muslim societies anal sex is not considered sinful. However, men having passive anal intercourse are condemned as this is incompatible with the traditional male role.

And if you still have other questions...

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