

# The Lesbian And Society

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The homosexual woman - the Lesbian - is one of the loneliest human beings in the world.

To be or not to be - is the question in every Lesbian's mind. To be one's natural self, or even to exist at all, for to be a Lesbian is bad enough (according to some) but to be completely ignored by society, as though one did not exist is far worse.

Society closes its mind when it comes to "Lesbians"; some ignorant people cannot even bring themselves to actually say the word. They just do not want to know or think about it - as for discussing Lesbianism, that is out of the question. It is for this reason that the public are so ignorant about Lesbianism, and much more shocked by it, than by male homosexuality. Some heterosexual women find homosexual men to be quite charming. Some say that Queen Victoria refused to accept homosexuality in women; but it was far more likely that the heterosexual men in the House of Lords refused to accept the fact, and were adverse to mentioning the word "Lesbian" in the Queen's presence. These men did in fact do the Lesbian a favour since they do not exist, there are no laws relating to female homosexuality. Lesbianism is not illegal.

For reasons - which must be obvious - I am prevented from using my real name, relatives and friends have to be protected from the public, and I wish to retain my profession.

This book is written with two aims in view, firstly to assist in some small way, those Lesbians who are locked within themselves, unable to communicate with other Lesbians, living a life of loneliness; and secondly to enable parents to assist their homosexual daughters in every way possible, instead of making matters worse due to their own ignorance.

My reasons for including, later, something on forms of heterosexual male behaviour in a book about female homosexuality, are firstly, the fact

which is now well known in medical circles, that this type of sexual and social behaviour is one of the many causes which forces a child to develop the homosexual side of her/his inherent bisexuality, since no child in its right mind would want to marry or be like this kind of man. He is their nearest example of how a man should behave towards his wife and society. Unfortunately he exists in half the male population of the world, hence the vast increase in divorces over the past years. Women are no longer prepared to accept what's handed out to them, they are taking the trouble to educate themselves about the facts of life, and their own sexual abilities. In many ways women have only themselves to blame, for allowing themselves to be used as servants, and for allowing their sons to grow into egoistic little monsters, unable to look after themselves, because they consider menial tasks beneath their dignity, and expect their women to wait on them. My second reason is because many Lesbians, who consider themselves to be tough "butch" types, base their behaviour in public and towards their female partners on this type of heterosexual man - their father, who may possibly have been a three 'S' man - Self, Sex, and Stomach being his main interests in life.

It is unfortunate that the type of heterosexual man I will be describing is very unlikely to read this book - if he can read - and even then he will flick straight to the chapter on sex, and then throw it away. All Lesbians should realize, and of course many millions do, that not all men are brutes, some are thinkers and are capable of love, tenderness and extreme kindness towards women; this of course depends a great deal on how their mothers have brought them up, and as to how their fathers have treated their mothers in front of them. To be a man is easy - but to be a "gentle"man, especially when under provocation, requires self control, discipline and practice. A "gentle"man can be found in all walks of life, although it is difficult for a man to achieve this in certain groups of society, where gentleness towards one's fellow man is regarded as a form of weakness.

Lesbians, who go through life hating half the world's population because they are men, do not give themselves a chance to achieve very much, in a male dominated society. Those who do try to be "gentle"women, without being too effeminate, or taking on the female role to excess, discover that the world is not against them and they do succeed in their careers.

The word homosexual is derived from the Greek prefix "homos" which

means "the same as". The word homo sapien<sup>3</sup> refers to the human being, not just man ... but the human; this includes woman, which some men are inclined to forget.

Female homosexuality is described as lesbianism, sapphism, or tribadism - but to some ignorant people it is not homosexuality, that is a purely male prerogative; although they are also called insulting names such as poofter, faggot and many other derogatory terms.

Sappho, who was an Ancient Greek poetess, lived in about 613 B.C. on the beautiful little island of Lesbos in the Aegean Sea. She was a Lesbian, and formed a literary group for women with similar sexual preferences. The Ancient Greeks were bisexual - not homosexual as many seem to think.

The word Tribadism is derived from the Greek "to rub". This word is not very appropriate, since in both the homosexual and the heterosexual forms of love making, the woman's sexual satisfaction comes from the rubbing of the clitoris, and not from the insertion of the penis. The insertion of the penis into the vagina is for the purpose of reproduction; Mother Nature included sexual satisfaction for the majority of heterosexual men, and an amazingly few females. Some estimate that as high as 70 per cent of the women in the world have never had a proper orgasm, and do not know that they are capable of having one.

Many heterosexual males have written at great lengths about male homosexuality, but no mention has been made about the female, since it does not exist according to some muddled thinking people. There are medical books which contain medical histories about Lesbians who have had mental breakdowns. Why should a homosexual mental breakdown be any different from a heterosexual, both are usually caused by the same type of problem, sex, loss of a loved one or financial difficulties, although the Lesbian has the added mental stress of being unaccepted by society, her family and her religion, these three cause terrible internal conflicts and tensions.

herself, and enable her to accept her homosexuality. Unfortunately there are still a large number of medical practitioners and psychoanalysts who experiment on homosexuals with drugs and electric shocks. This is one way of keeping one's consulting room full of patients, since there is no cure for homosexuality. If the same treatment was made violent or prolonged enough one could give a happily married heterosexual woman a violent aversion to heterosexual intercourse. Is this a cure for heterosexuality - or merely a way of frightening her against her previous sexual behaviour. Aversion therapy is not a cure, it is merely a violent repressive conditioning of sexual instinct. Cures have been claimed, but it is doubtful as to whether the patient was a true Lesbian.

To be regarded as "queer", evil, filthy, or the creation of the devil is bound to have an effect on any human mind, especially when there is no one with whom one can discuss Lesbianism.

There is no literature to enlighten one, as to why one is what one is, or feels the way one does. Novels such as Radcliffe Hall's "Well of Loneliness" may have been well written, but it ended as they all do, in the same despondently tragic fashion. None bring to light the fact that many Lesbians have lived happily together all their lives. Lesbians can be happy if they make an effort to understand their homosexuality and not carry it as a burden; this is difficult with so much against one, but it is possible.

The loss of a loved one is something every Lesbian has suffered. Their suffering has to be in silence, some cannot tell those who are nearest to them - their parents, who have given them their lives, food, clothes, toys and other necessities - but not true love and understanding. These parents have closed their minds against their own child, they could not be bothered to find out as to why their daughter is off her food, as to why she seems to be unwell. And if they were told the repercussions would resound around the world. They would ask such questions as "Why have you done this to us, we have given you everything you need?" What these selfish parents forget is that their child did not ask to be born a Lesbian, neither did they do very much to prevent her developing into one during her infancy. Love without complete understanding cannot be true love. Everyone recognises and sympathizes with the jilted lover or the widowed partner as long as they are heterosexual.

There are still hundreds of homosexual women who are unable to accept what they are. They are unable to discuss their problems, even with other

Lesbians. If they are religious and conscientious mental stresses will develop, causing sickness, nervous breakdowns and sometimes suicide; add to this the loss of a loved one and serious depressive illness will follow. At this stage the doctor and psychoanalyst are called in; with electric shocks and drugs, plus selfish ignorant well meaning parents, matters become worse for the grieving Lesbian. She is subjected to nothing less than sheer mental cruelty by those who are supposed to love her. "You should try to go out more dear - find yourself a nice young man, and start to think about getting married and settling down with your own children" is a typical remark made by parents to their Lesbian daughters. If by this time the Lesbian has not ended up in a mental home, she will have taken to drink or drugs, as so many homosexuals do, to drown their problems, even for a short time. Some sensible Lesbians leave home, and start living their own lives, seek out others with similar problems and "come out" into the friendly homosexual world. Homosexuals are inclined to drift to larger cities, where they can live unnoticed by relatives, neighbours and friends. There are greater opportunities of meeting others, work is more easily available, and life takes on a different hue.

The feeling of guilt, which a large proportion of Lesbians suffer from, is created due to the ignorance of the medical profession, certain members of our so-called Christian society, and the parents of Lesbians, many of whom refuse to accept the Lesbian as a human being, created by God, - although some pious people think it was by the devil. "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged." Puritanical pious people are too quick at quoting the Bible when it comes to the subject of homosexuality. They forget that pious men like themselves wrote the Bible, the Ten Commandments and many of the wonderful philosophies, on how to live one's life, treat and LOVE one's neighbour. This includes homosexuals, who are human beings, and have a right to be treated as such.

Some ignorant heterosexual men, and there are many to be found in all walks of life, cannot accept that a woman can actually get complete sexual satisfaction without a penis being involved. They forget that the vagina is there purely for reproduction, not for a woman's sexual satisfaction. Both sexes, female and male, can get complete sexual satisfaction without the vagina being involved. These men can only accept all this as a personal

challenge; if they could only get hold of a Lesbian and make love to her, then everything would be alright. What they forget is that over half the prostitutes in the world are Lesbians, and that when they have finished their work they go home to their girl to be properly sexually satisfied - to have a real true orgasm - and not have to pretend that they have had one to satisfy their client, as so many heterosexual wives have to do as well. This type of ignorant heterosexual male is to be found in such safe institutions as the church, government offices and the armed forces; they will not accept the fact that Adam and Eve sprang from the imagination of some pot-bellied male sitting in the desert chipping hieroglyphics out of a stone tablet. Thank God all heterosexual men are not like this - otherwise Lesbians would still be burnt at the stake as witches.

Before the Christian era, Jews, homosexuals and other minority groups were accepted by society. The pious Christians have persecuted all these groups ever since their own persecution ceased. Lesbians were burnt at the stake as witches while male homosexuals were tied around the base to act as "faggots" to kindle the Christian fires. If Jesus came back to us again, he would be socially crucified, by the same type of pious thinking heterosexual men. Many ask the question, "Why did Jesus have men around him all the time, was he in fact a homosexual? Why did he not get married, and if he did, why is there no mention of it in the Bible?" Celibacy is a deviation from what is considered to be normal, when one is considering the sexual preferences of a homo sapien; and yet celibates are not included in the list of sexual anomalies and perversions.

The prurient curiosity of certain heterosexual males makes them wonder just how do Lesbians make love? Most have the quite erroneous belief that a dildo or artificial phallus is frequently used by Lesbians. This is incorrect; a large proportion of Lesbians have never seen a dildo, many have never even heard of them. What these men forget is that the penis is not God's gift to woman, it is merely for the purpose of reproduction. If a woman does not wish to have children, she need not marry a man to obtain sexual satisfaction, only to achieve social status in a male-dominated society. What goes into her body, and what comes out of it is entirely up to her, she has every right to decide for herself. Apart from the laws relating to buggery, incest, carnal knowledge, rape and a few minor ones known only by the legal profession, a heterosexual male can do what he likes with his own body. A surprisingly large number of heterosexual men commit buggery, incest and

carnal knowledge within the walls of their own homes; and yet society accepts them because they are heterosexual and married to a member of the opposite sex. In Roman Catholic countries, where the use of contraceptives are forbidden by law, and therefore unobtainable, anal intercourse (buggery) is widespread, especially amongst the poorer people.

To be continued in next edition of "Lesbianon".