

The Lesbian and Society by Sybil Sappho

Some Lesbians abhor the idea of having something pushed up inside them, they will not even use "tampas" for this reason. The idea of heterosexual intercourse is quite revolting, the penis is not exactly a thing of beauty to a large majority of women. Many of them hate the idea of walking around with something inside them, which they do not particularly desire, which mis-shapes their bodies, makes them feel ill, and unable to carry on their lives in a normal manner for nine months. It is considered to be selfish to express these internal feelings; a woman should be delighted to be incapacitated and made to feel ill. Many women develop feelings of resentment against their husbands, and if they have homosexual tendencies will refuse sexual intercourse during and after their pregnancy. Their doctor, usually a heterosexual male, is unable to give constructive advice; he prescribes a drug which invariably succeeds in making his patient feel drowsy. But things do not improve, the partnership/marriage starts to fall apart and the man takes to drink.

Despite the widespread belief to the contrary, Lesbians do not fear men, they are not penis worshippers, and phallic symbols do not impress them.

While young boys are worrying about their virility, penis size, masturbation and wet dreams, the future Lesbian "Tom-boy" is worrying about breast development and monthly periods, both of which come as a shock to her pride, and if not handled properly by her parents can cause considerable mental anguish. She hates the idea of developing into a woman, her breasts and monthly periods are nature's insult - why should she have to put up with these inconveniences, when her playmates and companions of the opposite sex do not? Boys start to tease her, punch her developing breasts, which causes considerable pain, her friends and companions for a number of years start to jeer at her, and make such remarks as "No you cannot come, you're a sissy girl". All this plus school examinations can prove too much for the teenage mind. The homosexual girl starts to think of herself as an outcast, unloved and unwanted. At this age they start to fall in love with members of their own sex, especially anyone who is kind and friendly towards them. The symptoms are easily recognised in a young homosexual girl, the seeds of her homosexuality were planted

years ago, and to consider that a doctor or psychoanalyst can change her overnight is sheer madness, and will cause depressive illness or a complete nervous breakdown. The right psychoanalyst can help her to understand herself; her parents can help her to concentrate more on her favourite subject at school, encourage her to work hard because it is essential to have a good career if she is going to be independent. Physical activities are essential and she should be encouraged to join a hockey club, cricket club (womens) or participate in any other form of sport; but the most essential of all is for the Lesbian to feel loved by her parents, and if she can discuss her feelings with her mother, she will develop into a worthy person, who will be of value to society, instead of a burden.

The adult Lesbian is not easily recognised, unless she chooses to appear masculine, and these are in the minority; most live decent, dull lives, and fit into the society around them at home and work, just as any heterosexual woman does. They can be intelligent, stupid, stable, unstable, artistic, inartistic, upper, middle or lower class, just as any heterosexual woman can be. The main differences between a homosexual and heterosexual woman are their outlooks with regard to their role in society as dictated by the heterosexual male, and their sexual preferences. Lesbians do not accept the role which heterosexual Man has chosen for Woman to perform in society.

On an average there is one homosexual in every large family, several at one's work, living in the same street, or in one's club. It is thought, by those who have made a study of the subject, that 4 to 6 percent of the population are homosexual, and that it is as common amongst women as it is amongst men. This means that roughly every woman ^{in 20} is a Lesbian. The feeling that there is something shameful, dirty or sinful about what one "is" - is to destroy the full development of the personality, of the ability to relax, to be happy, spontaneous and free; because internal tensions and conflicts eat away the soul. It is this which causes the high percentage of nervous breakdowns, alcoholism, drug addiction and finally suicides, to be found amongst Lesbians.

If they are married to a heterosexual man, and many do get married, under the false impression that marriage is a cure for homosexuality, doctors, relatives and friends are unable to understand their symptoms. On the surface these women seem to have everything they need - a good husband (who never satisfies her sexually), lovely children (who were not really asked for) and

a beautiful home which traps them within its walls, and no-one with whom they can truthfully discuss their problems. Lonely souls, crying out for help, surrounded by ignorance and so-called Christian ethics. Homosexuals should not be forced by society to marry heterosexuals, they are not compatible unless of course the heterosexual is aware that her/his partner to be is a homosexual, and is prepared to allow homosexual relationships to continue after the marriage. This does in fact take place in a surprisingly large proportion of mixed marriages, where unfortunately the heterosexual partner is unaware that her/his partner has a deeper relationship outside the marriage.

There are many Lesbians who do not have nervous breakdowns, are not alcoholics, drug addicts or commit suicide - but the tensions are still there. Many Lesbians married to heterosexual men are happy, they love their children, their husbands are not excessively over-sexed or bossy, and may even have homosexual tendencies themselves. These men are sensible enough to treat their wives as companions, and not helpless idiots, who have to spend their entire lives doing menial work. Household and other unpleasant chores are shared and so are their business ventures - two heads are better than one, and this type of set-up ususally does very well indeed. Of course this does not mean to say that every intelligent businesslike woman is a Lesbian; neither are all "bossy" women homosexuals. The true Lesbian is inclined to be unsure of herself in "square" (heterosexual) company, but quite naturally there are exceptions - it takes all kinds to make this world of ours.

Unfortunately a large number of heterosexual marriages are based on the so-called passiveness of the woman, she is expected literally to lie down and take it all without any complaint. In the past this is exactly what she was forced to do. Nowadays a woman with any common sense will not allow herself to be treated like a door mat with "welcome" written across her, she will start her marriage as she intends it to continue, as a partnership, sharing everything, including the unpleasant chores.

It must be realized that some husbands think it is their right to spend a large proportion of their spare time drinking with the boys; this is a form of mental homosexuality - which can lead to physical bisexuality. This type of heterosexual man is very intolerant towards the obvious homosexual female or male, and yet his very absence from home could be the cause of his daughters or sons homosexuality. He is the type of man who specialises in

poking fun at women - whom he is quite incapable of satisfying sexually. Providing he has an orgasm, and his wife is pregnant, he considers that his marriage is quite normal; the fact that his wife is receiving no sexual satisfaction is of no concern to him.

There are very few parents and even fewer schools who try to instruct young girls and boys about female sexual satisfaction, and that a man's responsibility is far more than just making his wife pregnant, and grudgingly giving her the housekeeping money once a week. A marriage in which a man abuses his wife's body sexually and physically, and thinks only of the three "S's" - Self, Sex and Stomach, is a hot bed for the development of the homosexual instead of the heterosexual side of a child's inherent bisexuality. I will explain later on a child's development into homosexual or heterosexual according to environment and many other factors.

An amazingly large proportion of heterosexual men have at some time during their lives had homosexual relationships; some of these men develop guilt complexes, hate homosexuals, over-act their male role in society, repress their inherent bisexuality, and spend their spare time proving their virility, baiting and abusing homosexuals on every possible occasion.

Society only hears about the homosexual, when she/he needs medical assistance due to a nervous breakdown, or has committed some anti-social act due to a feeling of frustration, despair, and loneliness which has caused disarrangement.

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