

LGBTTTINQQAHHLC. An all too frequently believed fallacy about the LGBT - the gay or queer - community is that to be gay is a life choice. **T**he fact is: homosexuals - lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender - do not have a choice in the matter ... they are born that way. **M**any people, especially conservatives, cannot countenance that fact. Others know queers are to be loved and accepted the way they are. **I**mportantly, children may begin to feel their alternative sexual orientation at an age as early as five, four and even three years old.*

L - les·bi·an

a female who is physically, emotionally and/or spiritually attracted to other females

G - gay

a male who is physically, emotionally and/or spiritually attracted to other males

B - bi·sex·u·al

people attracted to persons of both the same and the opposite sex

T - trans·gen·der

a person whose gender identity is different from his or her anatomical sex

T - trans·sex·u·al

a person who has undergone - or is about to undergo - a sex change operation

T - trans·ves·tite

a cross-dresser, a person wearing clothes that are normally associated with the opposite sex

I - in·ter·sex·u·al

people who present a-typical sex characteristics that lie between definitions of male and female

N - non·bi·na·ry

also genderqueer, pansexual; gender identities that are not exclusively masculine or feminine

Q - ques·tion·ing, que·ry·ing

those who question their gender and/or express uncertainty or doubt about their sexual identity

Q - queer

the term for anyone who may identify as being either gender, sexually and/or bodily diverse

A - an·dro·gyne

a person who relates neither to male nor female genders - also: asexual, without sex or sexuality

H - ho·mo·sex·u·al

a person - male or female - who is sexually attracted to members of the same sex

H - her·maph·ro·dite

a person who has both male and female genitals and secondary sex characteristics

L - la·dy·boy

Thai: Kathoey or katoey, a transgender woman or an effeminate gay male in Thailand

C - cis·gen·der, cis·sex·u·al, cis

having a gender that corresponds to the sex one has been assigned at birth; not transgender

** if you are in any way unsure about issues relating to the LGBT community go to my blogs 856, 858 and the appendix*