

Gender and Sex

Some believe that one's gender follows from one's sex. Accepting such, some believe that it is unnatural, "wrong", "sinful", when one adopts a gender different from that associated with their sex, namely man >> male and woman >> female.

Consider:

*The first several years of a child's life are their formative years.
A child experiences self-recognition around 2-3 years age
after which they begin developing a sense of self.*

Charles Darwin, in 1839, is recognized as the first one to discuss self-recognition using a mirror. With self-recognition comes self-awareness. Once one becomes self-aware they begin developing their sense of self.

*We are all born with conscious and subconscious memory, the ability to reason inductively, to have feelings, to recognize differences, that is, A is different than B, and causality, that D happens after C occurs.
A newborn begins learning the first time it is brought to its mother's nipple.
It experiences pleasure and begins developing expectations.*

A child's earliest, closest experiences are with adults. While they may not know the labels they recognize the physical differences between women and men and they are aware of the different feeling they experience in their interactions with them. Early on, a child develops an affinity towards specific traits.

There was a time when children were conditioned during their formative years. They were given toys specific to their sex. Girls were given dolls, encouraged to play house, taught to sew and spent time with their mother in the kitchen. Boys were given toy tools and guns, encouraged to play sports, many played war and spent time with their fathers working in the yard, tuning up cars and fixing things.

It suggests that gender identification occurs as one develops their sense of self during their early formative years.

The greater the population, the more diverse it becomes. The more advanced a civilization is, the more diverse the population becomes.

A gender trait can be identified as primarily male, mostly male, equally common, mostly female and primarily female. If you were to assign a value to them, for example, -2, -1, 0, 1 and 2 respectively then you could calculate a gender value for an individual by listing all the obvious traits of the individual, assign the appropriate value to each and compute the average. I suspect that in large, advanced and diverse civilizations, the distribution would be Gaussian/normal: 2% primarily male, 14% mostly male, 34% leaning towards male, 34% leaning towards female, 14% mostly female and 2% primarily female.

Some believe that one's gender follows from one's sex. Some believe that one's gender confirms their sex. The sex of a person is defined genetically. The gender of a person is a component of their sense of self.

Keep in mind that public bathrooms are designed with the sex of the person in mind. They are labeled Men's or Women's or Ladies or Gents and not Male or Female. Sport leagues are labeled Men's or Woman's and not Male or Female.

It is readily obvious to a casual observer that the differences between a man and a woman goes beyond their sexual appendages. Medically altering a person's appearance does not change the sex of the person. There is a difference between bi-sexuality and homosexuality. History suggests our species is innately bi-sexual.