

Appendix D: A Question of Perspective

These are examples of common questions asked of homosexuals. The authors have turned them into a heterosexual context. As you read through the questionnaire, what are some of your reactions? (This questionnaire is for all people lesbian, gay, bisexual, or straight.)

1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
2. When and how did you first decide you were a heterosexual?
3. Is it possible your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of others of the same sex?
4. With all the problems heterosexuals face, would you want your child to be heterosexual?
5. If you've never slept with a person of the same sex, how do you know you wouldn't prefer it?
6. To whom have you disclosed your heterosexual tendencies?
7. Your heterosexuality doesn't bother me as long as you don't try to force it on me. Why do heterosexuals feel compelled to pressure others into their life-style?
8. Why do you insist on flaunting your heterosexuality? Why can't you be comfortable enough with who you are, so you don't have to keep putting it in everyone's face?
9. 90% of child molesters are heterosexual. Do you really consider it safe to expose your children to a heterosexual teacher?
10. Heterosexuals are noted for assigning themselves narrowly restricted stereotyped sex-roles. Why do you cling to such unhealthy role-playing?
11. How can you enjoy a fully satisfying sexual experience or deep emotional rapport with a person of the opposite sex, when the obvious physical, biological, and temperamental difference between you are so vast? How can men possibly understand what pleases a woman sexually or vice-versa?
12. Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex? (e.g. Playboy channel)
13. With all the societal support marriage receives, the divorce rate is spiralling. Why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?
14. Considering the mass overpopulation of the world, how do you justify being heterosexual?
15. There seem to be very few happy heterosexuals. Techniques have been developed that can help you change if you really wanted to. Have you considered therapy?
16. Do heterosexuals hate others of their own sex? Is that why you are heterosexual?
17. Why are heterosexuals so promiscuous?
18. Why do you make a point of attributing heterosexuality to famous people? Is it to justify your own heterosexuality?
19. Could you really trust a heterosexual therapist to be objective and unbiased? Don't you fear she might be inclined to influence you in the direction of her own ideas?

(Adapted Dr. M. Tucker & S. Young and Lesbians Working to End Violence in Lesbian Relationships)