

**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*