

63 Genders

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I've been Meme'd! This page was written over a decade ago and has recently gone viral via social media with the #63Genders hashtag. However, it has outdated and/or wrong terminology and is in the process of being rewritten with updated terminology. To address the most common feedback I've gotten on the page, I've added to this section with some more timely and expanded information based on the latest scientific research.

Trigger Warnings

- Basic ideas that are not actually as simple as you think they are
- People who may be different than you
- Tolerance
- Sesquipedalian words
- Sarcasm
- Apache Attack Helicopters
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Let's talk about Sex, baby

Man: "Sex and Gender are the same thing!"

Woman: "So do you want to have Gender with me?"

There are typically two described sexes, Male and Female. That sounds pretty simple and obvious, right? However, you still need to define by what criteria you define something as Male or Female. If you say "Male is a person with a penis" and "female is someone with a vagina" there are people who have both penises AND vaginas in the same naturally occurring body. There are also people with indeterminate genders, such as micro-penises, macro-clitorises, no vagina and no penis and other not-frequently-occurring but still natural combinations. Likewise if you substitute "ovaries" or "uterus" for "vagina" in the definition. Google "[intersex](#)" for all the information you may want to find. Maybe you want to define "sex" genetically as "Male has an XY chromosome pair" and "Female has an XX chromosome pair" that still does not account for other chromosomal arrangements that appear naturally, though less frequently, in nature, such as X, Y, XXY, XXYY, XXX, XXXX and XXXXX. You can also have people with XX chromosomes who physically present as male (XX males) or vice versa (XY females). For a starting reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XY_sex-determination_system

Humans, as well as some other organisms, can have a chromosomal arrangement that is contrary to their phenotypic sex; for example, XX males or XY females (see androgen insensitivity syndrome). Additionally, an abnormal number of sexchromosomes (aneuploidy) may be present, such as Turner's syndrome, in which a single X chromosome is present, and Klinefelter's syndrome, in which two X chromosomes and a Y chromosome are present, XYY syndrome and XXYY syndrome. Other less common chromosomal arrangements include: triple X syndrome, 48, XXXX, and 49, XXXXX.

You can not simply dismiss these less-common genetic combinations as “not counting” because they don't fit into the commonly held oversimplification of human sexuality. Even classifying them as abnormal, disorders or mutations does not remove the fact that they exist and are deserving of consideration in an overall view of sexuality and genetics.

Nature also creates Chimeras and Mosaics, which are individuals with multiple sets of DNA in different parts of their bodies. Examples include the case of a Human Male+Female Chimera, strikingly obvious as well as common naturally occurring chimeras and mosaic that you probably never knew, such as calico and tortoiseshell cats (such as this rare male tortoiseshell calico cat) and almost any twin cattle has some mixing of two different sets of DNA, the most apparent version being Freemartins.

If you are a woman who has been pregnant, you may now be a chimera as well, as male DNA (from fetal cells) have been repeatedly found in women's bodies after pregnancy. If you have received an organ transplant, you are now a chimera, as you have both your own original DNA and the DNA of the donated organ as part of your body. The most striking form of chimera is the

The most striking form of chimera is the Bilateral Gynandromorph, which displays it's obvious male and female attributes right down the middle. To even further complicate things, there is also asexual reproduction, which, being neither male nor female, could be considered a third sex (not-male and not-female). There is also so recent research that there may be other sexes in more complex social insect societies: A major evolutionary transition to more than two sexes?



And here's a seven-sexed organism: Zoologger: The hairy beast with seven fuzzy sexes. Its seven sexes are rather prosaically named I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII. An individual of a given sex can mate with individuals of any except its own, so there are 21 possible sexual orientations.

There is also a fungus with over 28,000 sexes. There are a number of animals which exhibit both male and female traits, contain both sets of genitals and a number of animals can completely change to the opposite sex depending on environmental conditions.

Gender: Not just Sex

I am using the definition of Gender as shown on Wikipedia:

Gender is the range of characteristics pertaining to, and differentiating between, masculinity and femininity. Depending on the context, these characteristics may include biological sex (i.e. the state of being male, female or an intersex variation which may complicate sex assignment), sex-based social structures (including gender roles and other social roles), or gender identity. Some cultures have specific gender roles that can be considered distinct from male and female, such as the hijra (chhaka) of India and Pakistan.

This definition of Gender is frequently used in scholarly work, as a Google Scholar search for “gender vs sex” will demonstrate.

Here’s some random discussion of sex and gender in other animals:

- <http://humoncomics.com/archive/animal-lives>
- <http://boards.straightdope.com/sdmb/showthread.php?t=180007>
- <http://voices.nationalgeographic.com/2013/09/22/7-gender-bending-animals/>
- <http://www.upworthy.com/17-photos-of-animals-that-prove-theres-nothing-natural-about-traditional-gender-roles>

Search around for “multiple sexes” and similar keywords for more, if you’re interested. And now back to the original post...

SUMMARY

Due to different combinations of Male and Female attributes, people tend to naturally gravitate to using either Yin or Yang energy depending on their gender. However, “gender” is a much broader array of attributes than most people realize. Through the practice and use of using both Yin and Yang energies, you can increase the power and flexibility of your magical workings.

LECTURE

Much conflict in modern social development is centered around the concept of there being two genders and that “allowed” combinations of those two. If there were more than just two genders, this conflict would not be nearly as polarized as it is today.

Well, you’re in luck, because I say there are a lot more than two genders. I say that even in a fairly simple system of identifying genders, there are at least Sixty-Three (63) gender combinations, because gender is more specific than simply the genitalia attached to your body, which is normally referred to define your “sex”.

To examine Gender (as opposed to Sex) I use a more specific definition than is typically used. Gender is broken down into three aspects based on the **Physical, Personality and Preferences** that the individual person exhibits. Each of these categories is then further broken down into three options:

Each of these categories is then further broken down into three options: **Male, Female and Androgynous**. From these combinations of attributes, a person's gender can be identified with much more precision than previously available.

The **Physical** aspect is the most obvious:

The typical Male body, the typical Female body, and the Androgynous body, which may display a fairly even mix of attributes of both Male and Female physical genders. An Androgynous physical aspect is, in its most extreme form the Intersexual (replacing the out-of-date term "Hermaphrodite"), which has both male and female genitalia, and in its other extreme as a person with no genitalia at all. In its most common form, it is a person with either male or female genitalia that is not easily distinguishable as being either male or female without intense scrutiny. If you look at someone and can't tell if they're male or female, that is a Physically Androgynous person. There are also rare cases of people born with either both male and female genitalia or none at all. These would also be classified under the Androgynous physical aspect. An Androgynous physical attribute is now often referred to as being "Intersexual".

The **Personality** aspect is descriptive of their typical behavior in life, either typically male pursuits (Male Personality) and interests, typically female ones (Female Personality) , or an unusually even mix of both (Androgynous Personality). The

The **Preference** aspect is descriptive of is how they express themselves emotionally, romantically, and/or sexually. Specifically, are they sexually and/or emotionally attracted to men, women or both (or possibly neither).

Here is a breakdown listing each combination of Physical, Personality and Preferential groups:

Key:

Phys = Physical Aspect,

Pers= Personality Aspect,

Pref = Preference Aspect

M = Male, having male reproductive organs/genitalia

F = Female, having female reproductive organs/genitalia

H = Hermaphrodite (Intersexual) having both or neither male and female reproductive organs/genitalia

AS = Asexual / Non-sexual (not shown on this chart)

A = Androgynous, near-equivalent traits of male and female

AM / Andromale = Physically Androgynous w/ Male Genitalia

AF / Androfemal = Physically Androgynous w/ Female Genitalia

HA / Androdite = Physically Androgynous Hermaphrodite

HM / Hermaphromale = Hermaphrodite with Male features / appearance

HF / Hermaphrofemal = Hermaphrodite with Female features / appearance

Masculine = "Typically" Male, as determined by the surrounding culture

Feminine = “Typically” Female, as determined by the surrounding culture

Androgine = Exhibits Androgynous Behavior (near -equally Male and Female), as determined by the surrounding culture

#	Phys	Pers	Pref	Description
1	M	M	M	Masculine Homosexual Man
2	M	M	F	Masculine Heterosexual Man
3	M	M	A	Masculine Bisexual Man
4	M	F	M	Feminine Homosexual Man
5	M	F	F	Feminine Heterosexual Man
6	M	F	A	Feminine Bisexual Man
7	M	A	M	Androgine Homosexual Man
8	M	A	F	Androgine Heterosexual Man
9	M	A	A	Androgine Bisexual Man
10	F	M	M	Masculine Heterosexual Woman
11	F	M	F	Masculine Homosexual Woman
12	F	M	A	Masculine Bisexual Woman
13	F	F	M	Feminine Heterosexual Woman
14	F	F	F	Feminine Homosexual Woman
15	F	F	A	Feminine Bisexual Woman
16	F	A	M	Androgine Heterosexual Woman
17	F	A	F	Androgine Homosexual Woman
18	F	A	A	Androgine Bisexual Woman
19	AM	M	M	Masculine Homosexual Andromale
20	AF	M	M	Masculine Heterosexual Androfemal
21	HA	M	M	Masculine Male-Attracted Androdite
22	HM	M	M	Masculine Male-Attracted Hermaphromale
23	HF	M	M	Masculine Male-Attracted Hermaphrofemal
24	AM	M	F	Masculine Heterosexual Andromale
25	AF	M	F	Masculine Homosexual Androfemal
26	HA	M	F	Masculine Female-Attracted Androdite
27	HM	M	F	Masculine Female-Attracted Hermaphromale
28	HF	M	F	Masculine Female-Attracted Hermaphrofemal
29	AM	M	A	Masculine Bisexual Andromale
30	AF	M	F	Masculine Bisexual Androfemal

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31	HA	M	F	Masculine Bisexual Androdite
32	HM	M	F	Masculine Bisexual Hermaphromale
33	HF	M	F	Masculine Bisexual Hermaphrofemal
34	AM	F	M	Feminine Homosexual Andromale
35	AF	F	M	Feminine Heterosexual Androfemal
36	HA	F	M	Feminine Male-Attracted Androdite
37	HM	F	M	Feminine Male-Attracted Hermaphromale
38	HF	F	M	Feminine Male-Attracted Hermaphrofemal
39	AM	F	F	Feminine Heterosexual Andromale
40	AF	F	F	Feminine Homosexual Androfemal
41	HA	F	F	Feminine Female-Attracted Androdite
42	HM	F	F	Feminine Female-Attracted Hermaphromale
43	HF	F	F	Feminine Female-Attracted Hermaphrofemal
44	AM	F	A	Feminine Bisexual Andromale
45	AF	F	A	Feminine Bisexual Androfemal
46	HA	F	A	Feminine Bisexual Androdite
47	HM	F	A	Feminine Bisexual Hermaphromale
48	HF	F	A	Feminine Bisexual Hermaphrofemal
49	AM	A	M	Androgine Homosexual Andromale
50	AF	A	M	Androgine Heterosexual Androfemal
51	HA	A	M	Androgine Male-Attracted Androdite
52	HM	A	M	Androgine Male-Attracted Hermaphromale
53	HF	A	M	Androgine Male-Attracted Hermaphrofemal
54	AM	A	F	Androgine Heterosexual Andromale
55	AF	A	F	Androgine Homosexual Androfemal
56	HA	A	F	Androgine Female-Attracted Androdite
57	HM	A	F	Androgine Female-Attracted Hermaphromale
58	HF	A	F	Androgine Female-Attracted Hermaphrofemal
59	AM	A	A	Androgine Bisexual Andromale
60	AF	A	A	Androgine Bisexual Androfemal
61	HA	A	A	Androgine Bisexual Androdite
62	HM	A	A	Androgine Bisexual Hermaphromale
63	HF	A	A	Androgine Bisexual Hermaphrofemal

This is the simplest and most “accessible” version of the Gender categories as I have broken it down. However, there are some expansions that would make it more complete, but would lose some value in the added complexity. I will be putting up a another chart in the future that will include an additional “asexual” category.

I have not been able to find any examples of asexuality in human physicality, personality, though a complete lack of attraction to others may constitute an asexual personality type.

Additionally, the Preferences category is simplified, including only options for Male, Female and Androgenous. To be complete, I would also break out the Preference category to have separate options for each of the 63 genders defined (any gender may be attracted to any other gender). However, this would end up with a chart with nearly 4000 genders, which, while technically accurate and complete, would be rather large for this page.

As you can see, this view of Gender provides much more flexibility in providing labels (when you want to use them). It also illustrates that there is a gender diversity, even within the typical narrow view of “two genders”.

It is my hope that this might help in some way making discrimination based on gender less of a problem.

It is easy to discriminate when there are only two possible gender options in your world-view.

However, when you consider that there are many more than that, it makes the whole idea of discrimination against one group or another a bit sillier and more arbitrary-seeming.

Apache Attack Helicopters (Helisexuals)

Because this is the meme-filled internet, and we want to be inclusive, I felt I should address the recent rise in [Apache Attack Helicopter helisexuality](#) online with an additional entry.



Apache Attack Helicopter (helisexual)

Regardless of if you believe helisexuality is caused by nature, nurture or both, ultimately they don't choose to need sweater-vest shredding rotors and awkward underarm Hellfire missile launchers. It is who they are.



Despite being thoroughly debunked by the very person who invented "helisexual conversion therapy" for this (who later came out as a helisexual, himself), some whack-job proponents still claim that this can be "cured" by spending 366 consecutive days without internet access and removing all ceiling fans from your house.



According to almost every example I've seen, these people are simply afraid of helisexuals, typically because they themselves are attracted to the erotic whoosh of whirling composite blades, but are unable to admit it to themselves.

Not comfortable in their own fuselage (skin), they project this fear onto others and then (ironically) attack other Apache attack helicopters in projected internalized self-loathing. If they can come to a place of accepting their own helisexuality, their lives will be much more enjoyable and those around them will no longer have to bear the brunt of their unwarranted, misdirected missile attacks.

Sorry for the long post. Here's a potato.



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