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Dear Rox,

Since you are an associate of Anne Lawrence, I will respectfully temper my opinion of her.

Ann's treatise regarding autogynephilia is simply poor science. The population used is far too small to support the gross generalizations she renders. The population is also void of any cultural diversity. It's her private view; and frankly it isn't supported by anyone else in the medical community.

It is your right, of course, to accept or reject whichever parts of her theory that you wish. I personally reject all of it as nonsense, as it insults the transsexual community and the reader's intelligence.

Anne "borrows" a good deal of information, revises and edits it, then copyrights it in her own name. She infuses everything with her own unique point of view and methodically omits any other point of view.

I doubt she's saved anyone's life. In fact, she's quite possibly hurt more than just a few people.

About a year ago, while researching information that I was writing for an article on electrolysis, I came across some information on the topic at Anne's website. I noticed that there were no cautionary statements as to how electrolysis could lead to the formation of keloids.

Keloids are raised scars that some African Americans experience when the skin undergoes any sort of trauma whether from a needle, a knife or a surgeon's scalpel. They can be very unsightly and disfiguring.

I wrote to Anne, and requested that she add a cautionary statement to warn people with dark complexions as to the possibility of keloids. She wrote back,

stating that the scars could be removed with some silicone gel. That's utter nonsense. I sent her information attesting to the fact that the silicone gel would be ineffective. She neither responded, nor added the cautionary statement.

If you can appreciate and understand my perspective, Anne's lack of any response is both unethical and unprofessional, at best.

As for the sexy feeling a woman experiences when she knows she is looking her best, why should that be any different for a transgender or a transsexual? Or, is it autogynephilic merely to feel good about one's self?

Roberta Angela Dee

>Hi Roberta,  
>While I don't agree with Anne's thoughts on autogynephilia, her website as a  
>resource has  
>effectively saved the lives of countless trannies, giving them much needed  
>information  
>on everything from hormones to surgery.  
>She's done a lot of good with her website (although I wish she'd not 'edit'  
>things so much).  
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>For the record, I do know Anne personally, and have read her work on  
>autogynephilia and have  
>talked it her a bit about it.  
>I feel that most trannies do have autogynephilic feelings at times, just as  
>genetic women can  
>themselves feel sexy or sexually stimulated by the thought of wearing sexy  
>clothing. I believe  
>that autogynephilic feelings are not causal for transexualism, unlike Anne,  
>but are caused by  
>the root transexualism or femaleness of the transexual.  
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