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Most people understand that all the surgery in the world will not make a transsexual woman genetically female. Inverting a penis to look like a vagina does no more to make anyone a woman than is accomplished by providing that individual with a smaller nose or even with breast implants.

Most genetically female women find it laughable that anyone could suggest that altering a penis could ever change a man into a woman. They don't say this to be disrespectful, but only to state what most people already know, that there is more to being a woman than is attainable solely through physiology.

Most postoperative transsexuals live happily as women. However, they were women long before they even had the surgery. They were women in mind, heart and spirit, as are most transgendered women.

Unfortunately, I also know a number of postoperative male-to-female transsexuals who continue to be masculine in terms of their mindset, demeanor and attitude. In my opinion, in spite of SRS, they continue to be men. And it is no surprise that they are the individual who most ardently claim to be women solely because they have had SRS.

At any rate, the reason for this post is not to attack anyone. It is simply to state that there needn't be any division between transgendered women, transsexual women, and genetically female women. My group includes all women, and we get along splendidly.

The only time a problem occurs is when someone insists that they are better than anyone else merely because they have had SRS.

SRS is an important and meaningful step for some women. It is not, however, the only prerequisite to becoming a woman. And once we can all understand that becoming a woman is matter of psychology and not anatomy, we can all get along. Until that time, there will always be those who attempt an artificial hierarchy between transgendered and transsexual women.

It is wise to understand that we need to look beneath the outer shell. Some of us have already accomplished this. Others will never accomplish it. They will always spew hatred and prey on the weak to foster division between various groups and communities of women.

As the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. suggested, judge an individual not by the color of his or her skin (a physical attribute) but by the content of their character (a spiritual attribute).

Don't be concernedf with bitter and hateful people. There is nothing they can teach you, they will never help you, and they will never change their present mindset. Moving on means leaving people like them behind.

With Love,

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