

## **Ambisextrous in a Right-Handed World:**

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Remember the dark ages (the 50's?) when, because most people were right-handed, left-handedness and being ambidextrous were considered deviant or wrong? Left-handed and ambidextrous kids were forced to write right-handed in school because right-handedness was considered normal, therefore correct. Now, everyone looks back on this as being very silly, narrow-minded and destructive. Children are now encouraged to write with any hand they are comfortable with: right, left or right sometimes, left sometimes. Think of human sexuality the same way.

The human brain tends to regard with suspicion anything different from what it's used to and the majority decides what's normal. Since heterosexuality is normal to heterosexual people and they are in the majority, "straight society" thinks of heterosexuality as normal and "correct" and being attracted to the same sex as deviant (ie: deviating from normal)...therefore automatically "wrong."

In a similar way, since most people are monosexual (only attracted to one gender ie: gay and straight people) and being attracted to only one gender is normal for them, monosexuals have a tendency to think bisexuality is deviant...therefore automatically "wrong." Or that bisexuality doesn't exist. Or that we're just slutty. Or that we're really gay. Or that we're really straight. That we should pick a side already!

Someday, our society is going to look back on this and realize that condemning gay and bisexual people and expecting them to change to heterosexual is just as silly as condemning left-handed and ambidextrous people used to be and expecting them to deny what was natural to them, forcing them to conform to right-handedness.

And hopefully someday, monosexual society (gay and straight people) will understand and accept that even though *they* are not attracted to people of more than one gender, some of us truly are. And that's a good thing.

Think of us as romantically and sexually ambidextrous or bilingual, or bi-national.

Bisexual people shouldn't have to apologize for having the gift of being able to be attracted to or love people of any gender. Non-bisexual people may see it in a negative light, but to me it is a wonderful thing. We have the ability to appreciate people of any gender in all ways. I feel it is, in a way, a very spiritual perspective to be able to see closer to the soul of both men and women (and for many of us, transgender people) without the barrier of monosexuality. It's almost like having a superpower or spiritual ability that you were just born with and that monosexual people are unable to experience. It's not their fault...they were born that way.