1. What do you think caused your sexuality?

2. When and how did you first decide you were a heterosexual?

3. Is it possible your heterosexuality is just a phase that you might grow out of?

4. Is it possible your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of others of the same sex?

5. If you’ve never slept with a person of the same sex and enjoyed it, is it possible that all you need is a good gay lover?

6. To whom have you disclosed your heterosexual tendencies? How did they react?

7. Why do you heterosexuals feel compelled to seduce others into your lifestyle?

8. Why do you insist on flaunting your heterosexuality? Can’t you just be what you are and keep quiet?

9. Would you want your children to be heterosexual, knowing your problems they’d face?

10. A disproportionate majority of child molesters are heterosexuals. Do you consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexual teachers?

11. Even with all the societal support marriage receives, the divorce rate is spiraling. Why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?

12. Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex?
13. Considering the problem of overpopulation, how could the human race survive if everyone was heterosexual like you?

14. Could you trust a heterosexual therapist to be objective? Don’t you fear he/she might be inclined to influence you in the direction of his/her learning?

15. How can you become a whole person if you limit yourself to compulsive, exclusive heterosexuality? Should you at least try to develop your natural, healthy homosexual potential?

16. There seems to be very few happy heterosexuals. Techniques have been developed to help you change if you really want to. Have you considered aversion therapy?

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Imagine being asked these questions about being heterosexual on a regular basis, questions that come from an assumption that your sexual orientation is outside the “norm.” Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and queer people are asked these questions about their sexual orientation often by friends, family, and even perfect strangers who consider heterosexuality to be the only viable sexual orientation, and any other expression of sexuality as strange, odd, sinful, sick, etc. If you consider these questions to be absurd or uncomfortable to answer, then imagine how it must feel to be confronted by these questions almost daily. Questions like these serve only to exclude by asking gay, lesbian, bisexual, and queer people to validate their very existence. It’s ok to be curious, and it is important to ask questions about difference. But before you ask them of a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer person, take some time to do your homework so you can ask informed questions. You can stop by the Gender Equity Resource Center, 202 Cesar Chavez Student Center, to peruse our information sheets on such topics as sexual orientation, dating violence, transgender, and other subjects on gender and sexuality.

Good resources for educating yourself are GenEq’s Sexual Orientation Info Sheet, Transgender Info Sheet, Bisexuality Info Sheet, Queer Info Sheet, Gender/Sex Info Sheet, and Intersex Info Sheet.