

## October, 1995

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# St. Sybil

St. Sybil yields the floor to her esteemed colleague, the First Woman, Lilith:

## Lilith:

Hi Guys,

I've been thinking about words, the power of words, the power of naming. For instance, "guys" - such a nice friendly word, it lacks the slight taint of silliness that "gals" has; let's not let "guys" be gender specific; I'm talking to all you genders out there. Or all you sexes, as word purists would prefer. Of course, we could use "gals" and say it is all inclusive too, but nah.

Words, wonderful words. And "sex", since it came up (it so often does, doesn't it?). Monogamy or monotony? big difference, isn't there? Free love or promiscuity? I myself, for instance, unconventional, free and unfettered blithe spirit that I am, practice free love; you, you shameless hussy, are promiscuous. That lucky guy over there, he's got someone new every week, he's a real stud; she, on the other hand, sleeps around; what a slut. Uh huh. How about this one: I myself am plump; plump and juicy and round and fully-packed, voluptuous, goddess-like. You, I'm afraid, are fat. Whoooooaaa. He is a bachelor, and has perfect freedom; but she is an old maid, poor thing. He is confident and aggressive, she is a ball-breaking bitch.

Words, words, this is fun. So, all you women, womyn, wimmin, girrrls, etc; let me ask you, why "Lesbian?" Isn't it divisive? Is "Dyke" derogatory? Shouldn't we all call ourselves "gay" (well no, of course not you temporarily-homosexually-impaired straights out there) or is "gay" pallid and co-optive? Do lesbians disappear in the word "gay" in the same way that women disappear in the word "men", when it is supposedly used to encompass all humanity?

And names; for instance, God. Sure, right, "God" is supposed to be gender-neutral, but we call God Father, and Lord, and Him, and He, and talk about His mercy and wrath; and then they try to say that "He" really isn't an old grey-haired guy sitting on a cloud stroking his beard? Well ok, then, for the next millennium or two let's talk about God, She; God the Mother, and She, and Her, and Her love and Her righteous anger; we won't really mean an Earth Mother with wide plump loins and breasts brimming with nurturing milk and long flowing robes and dew-painted toe-nails; it will just be for ease of discourse. If all little girrrrls and grown wimmin develop a rush of self worth and self love and self respect because they are gender-identified with the all-powerful Creator, so be it.

So anyway, all you ladies and gents, gals & guys, watch your language. And until we meet again, take care, take power, and trust joy; and never submit.

Love,

Lilith

## FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 27 - 29 FOUNTAINHEAD

Single Person's annual income	Pre-registration per person	Household Annual income
under \$6,500	\$15	under \$13,300
\$6,500 - \$13,250	\$25	\$13,300 - \$18,000
\$13,250 - \$19,500	\$35	\$18,000 - \$26,000
\$19,500 - \$30,000	\$45	\$26,000 - \$50,000
over \$30,000	\$60	over \$50,000

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# October 1995

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Yom Kippur	5	6	7
8 Central Oklahoma AIDS Walk	9	10	11 National Coming Out Day	12	13	14 1-5 P.M. Carwash at Herland
15 4:30 PM HSR Board Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21 7 P.M. Acadykes potluck Call 377-4718
22	23	24	25 Deadline for Retreat Pre- registration	26	27 <b>Retreat!</b>	28
29 Retreat	30	31				

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## **Fall Retreat**

October 27-29  
Fountainhead State Park

### **Performances By**

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Peggy Johnson

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