

Shemale Documentary or Christian Hit Piece?

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Abstract

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I was very hopeful about this film, but after a few minutes, I found some really disturbing content.

Amanda: “Men are like attracted to, you know, somebody transgender because they have best of both worlds. You know, they’re woman with something extra, which I was telling them when they ask me, you know. And, once you get cut off, then you’re not special anymore. You’re just another woman.

And I don’t know, some people, or most of the people I heard that has had sex change are not like happy. They are not happy. I mean, because you know, you can’t feel anything. This is like a hole there.

And yes, you know, your husband can be thinking that you’re a woman, and you know, everybody else thinks you’re a woman, but then, you know what was there, and you know, and you know it doesn’t feel like it used to or whatever. But then I hear that it doesn’t make you complete.”

Imani: “Yeah, some people want it, some people don’t want it. Because you don’t have a feeling, you know, you don’t get the feeling, so a lot of people don’t want it, because what’s the use of it. A lot of people just like it because, you know, they get that, you know, they can...you know.”
[emphasis mine]

<http://video.google.com/googleplayer.swf?docId=-13365223372875502>

This is either a subtle hit piece by the religious right or a fetish piece by a ladyboy chaser. Either way, it’s definitely a smack in the face of transsexuals and chocked full of misinformation.

Is there a grade worse than “F-“? If so, this movie gets it.

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